

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Paul Smith, John Zenie and Mike Rogers; Student Board Member: Tom Yasewicz; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Special Education Director, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Amy Minor, Carolyn Dickinson, Julie Benay, James Marshall, Chris Antonicci. There were 14 member of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Dirk Reith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Reorganization: Election of Officers

Superintendent Larry Waters accepted the nomination of Dirk Reith as Board Chairman from Paul Smith, seconded by Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Paul Smith nominated Dick Pecor as Vice Chairman, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chairman Dirk Reith nominated Paul Smith as Board Clerk, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes: February 15 & 16, 2011

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the minutes for February 15 & 16, 2011, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Citizen Participation

A community member encouraged board members to use Netbooks or laptops to save on the amount of paper used for each meeting. Additionally, she would like the board to model for students what to expect when leaving the high school. At this time, due to technology restrictions non-school issued laptops are unable to use the wireless network in the library. Board members share the desire to reduce the amount of paper and use laptops at the meetings.

VI. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Directors Steve Cormier and Christine Shepard thanked the Colchester voters for supporting their desire to become members. Chairman Dirk Reith thanked the voters for passing the 2011-2012 budget. Superintendent Larry Waters announced the designation of the Colchester Sun as

the CSD Official Newspaper for legal notices. Director Paul Smith acknowledged his disappointment with the Colchester Sun for the lack of coverage for the school board position races.

VII. Teacher Contract Renewal Process and Recommendations

Superintendent Larry Waters presented information on the teacher contract renewal process and recommendations. At this time, administrators are determining whether probationary teachers will be renewed. In a new process, a list of teachers being recommended for renewal will be provided to the board. The board will view teachers recommended for non-renewal through the Personnel Consent Agenda.

VIII. Presentation on District Math and Literacy Coordinator Positions

Director of Curriculum Gwen Carmolli presented information regarding district math and literacy coordinator positions. These positions work with classroom teachers; attend grade level, faculty and content meetings; provide a district connection to buildings; and analyze data. The purpose of these positions is to maintain assessment information, build consistency between classrooms & schools, improve student performance, and meet AYP. The next steps for these positions are to coordinate K-12, develop pre-assessments, provide trainings, improve student achievement and make AYP. A discussion followed involving community and board members regarding the need and funding for these positions.

IX. Approval of Purchase of Odyssey Mathematics Program for CHS

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented information regarding the Odyssey Mathematics Program at CHS for students requiring direct instruction as well as differentiating for special education students in inclusive math classrooms. The funding sources will be from our federal ARRA dollars.

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the purchase of the Odyssey Mathematics Program for \$17,950.00, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: March 8, 2011

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
03/08/11	Support Staff	Emily	Burdick	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	Meredith	Feinberg	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of hire	Philip Shuman		Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	Rose	Gabbett	End of Employment	Food Service Worker	20 hrs	PPS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	Ivy	Knipes	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS/CHS	Notice of hire	New position		Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	MaryBeth	Nuovo	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of hire	Stephanie Ricker		Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	Megan	Peercy	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPEECH	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	Jessie	Peters	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
03/08/11	Support Staff	Mary	Stedman	New Hire	Intensive Needs Interventionist	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of hire	New position		Yes

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for March 8, 2011, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Board Retreat on March 26, 2011
- Board Directed Items from New Members
- Annual School Reports from Principals
- Update on Vision Process
- Board/Administrator Retreat

XII. Adjournment

Director Steve Cormier moved, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk