

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, May 17, 2011
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith, Directors: Steve Cormier, Christine Shepard and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Special Education Director, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Carolyn Dickinson, James Marshall and Amy Minor. There were 6 members of the community in attendance.

MINUTES (General Session)

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. Approval of Minutes: April 30, May 3 & 4, 2011

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the minutes for April 30, May 3 & 4, 2011, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

A citizen presented the completed Vision Summit posters. They are ready to be hung and she encouraged community and board members to become involved in the Vision Process.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Principal Amy Minor reported on the upcoming Science NECAP exams being administered to the eleventh grade students. Students in ninth and tenth grade will be involved in a career exploration morning. Principal Minor announced that the business owner of Flatbread will be the 2011 commencement speaker. Principal Jim Marshall and Superintendent Waters reported on the current kindergarten numbers for Fall 2011. Superintendent Waters reported on the progress of the Heritage Project and the Education Committee. Chairman Dirk Reith congratulated the CHS baseball and softball programs on their community service to fill sandbags. Additionally, he congratulated Principal Amy Minor upon receiving a positive NEASC report.

VI. Social Cognition Program Review

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz introduced Deb Hamlin, Social Cognition Coordinator in the district. Deb Hamlin reported on the progress and training received this year for the program, Social Thinking by Michelle Garcia Winner. Kerry Plunkett, a first grade teacher, shared her experiences with the Social Thinking program and its impact on her students and classroom. Additionally, she shared positive thoughts from her first graders on the program.

The position was funded with ARRA funds in order to build capacity. A discussion followed including community and board members.

VII. Required Actions for Year 1 School Improvement for Colchester Middle School and Year 1 Corrective Action for Malletts Bay School

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed required action as presented by the VT Department of Education. CMS was identified as year 1 School Improvement. Required actions included: School Improvement Teams; Written notice to all parents of the schools identification by September 1, 2011; Provide enrolled students the option to transfer to another public school; Development of an improvement plan in consultation with the supervisory union, parents, school staff and outside experts.

Malletts Bay School is identified as year 1 Corrective Action. Required actions include School Improvement requirements as well as six possible Corrective Actions. Malletts Bay School must implement one of the corrective actions.

Director Christine Shepard moved to authorize the board chair to sign the letters of agreement indicating our acknowledgement of the status of each school and requirements, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Second and Final Reading of the Fiscal and Business Management Policy

Business Manager George Trieb presented the final reading of the Fiscal and Business Management policy. The new changes were recommended by the auditors with no further changes suggested.

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the second and final reading of the Fiscal and Business Management Policy as written, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Medicaid Allocations for Fiscal Year 2012

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented the Medicaid Allocations for Fiscal Year 2012. Currently, the district is expecting fewer reimbursements for the following year. The Activity Bus for CMS & CHS students continues to be questionable. Director Lutz is responsible for the reinvestment of Medicaid funds. A discussion followed.

X. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: May 17, 2011

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
05/17/11	Teacher	Andrew	Rousseau	Resignation	Music Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Board Approval for end of employment			Yes
05/17/11	Teacher	Laura	Sommariva	New Hire	Math Teacher - One Year Only	1.0 FTE	CHS	Board Approval for hire			Yes
05/17/11	Teacher	Gretchen	Wilson	New Hire	French Teacher	.40 FTE	CHS	Board Approval for hire	Rhonda Paquet		Yes
05/17/11	Support Staff	Steve	Chamberlain	Transfer	Custodian	40 hrs	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Deb Pratt		Yes
05/17/11	Support Staff	Deb	Pratt	Transfer	Custodian	40 hrs	CHS	Notice of Transfer	Jeffrey Real		Yes
05/17/11	Support Staff	Jeffrey	Real	New Hire	Lead Custodian	40 hrs	MBS	Notice of Transfer	David Boucher		Yes
05/17/11	Support Staff	Beth	Tibbits	End of Employment	Paraeducator	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
05/17/11	Support Staff	Melinda	Young	End of Employment	Autism Interventionist	32.5 hrs	PPS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
05/17/11	Support Staff	Patricia	Miller	End of Employment	Food Service Worker	31.25 hrs	CHS	Notice of end of employment			Yes

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the personnel consent agenda, as amended, for May 17, 2011, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- School Reports (June 1st Meeting)
- Virtual High School program Review (June 2nd Meeting)
- NEASC Report (June 1st Meeting)
- Update on CMS Schedule 2011 (June 1st Meeting)
- Vision Meeting – June 15 & 16
- Consolidated School Programs Grant
- IDEA-B & Title I Assurances (June 2nd Meeting)
- Debt Obligation & Tax Anticipation Approval (June 2nd Meeting)
- Tech Valley Visit by CHS (June 2nd Meeting)

XII. Adjournment

Director Steve Cormier moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard to adjourn general session at 8:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk