

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Central Office Conference Room
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
5:00 p.m. (Executive Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an executive session board meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in the Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Paul Smith and John Zenie; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb.

MINUTES (Executive Session)

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the executive session meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session: Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Board Chair Dirk Reith to enter executive session at 5:31 p.m. for the purpose of hearing and discussing negotiations. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Board Chair Dirk Reith to adjourn executive session at 6:51 p.m. and reconvene the Board meeting in the Colchester High School Library. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 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. Absent: Principal Chris Antonicci. There were 3 members 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. Approval of Minutes: October 30, November 2 and 9, 2010

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the minutes for October 30, November 2 and 9, 2010, seconded by Director Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

Lincoln White, a CMS parent, commented on the success of the new schedule. He feels the teachers and staff have created a smooth transition and wanted to recognize this fact. He has concerns around 25 minute periods and would like to encourage the board to consider class time and its effect if the district decides to extend the school day.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Gwen Carmolli provided an update with the Student Councilors committee. This group is creating a mission statement for the district as well as programs/curriculum. The Social Studies committee continues to look at the state standards and common core to create curriculum.

VI. Colchester High School Class Enrollment Report 2010-2011

Principal Amy Minor presented the enrollment report for 2010-2011. Enrollment patterns for classes each year determine if the high school continues to support programs with small numbers. The average class size in Green House Science – 22.5; Green House Math – 20; Green House Humanities – 20; Blue House Science – 20; Blue House Math – 21; Blue House English – 21; Blue House Social Studies – 24. As enrollment declines, the high school will need to offer fewer sections of courses. A discussion followed including board and community members.

VII. Discipline Policy–Third Reading

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the final reading of the Discipline Policy. This policy will go into effect September 2011.

Director Dick Pecor moved to accept the Discipline Policy as a final reading, seconded by Board Chair Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. FY'12 Baseline Budget–Second Draft Report

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb reviewed the second draft of the 2012 Baseline Budget. He anticipates an increase in the budget by about 1.5% or \$475,000. He reviewed specific line items and fielded respective questions. The goal is to continue to try and achieve a level funded budget for the 2011-2012 year. A discussion followed.

IX. School Board Technology Priorities for FY'12

Superintendent Larry Waters addressed the board's interest in discussing how to implement additional Science, Technology and Mathematics courses throughout the district. A conversation followed concerning VHS, technology expansion and capabilities in each building and technology in the community. The board supports exploring technology opportunities and moving forward with this discussion.

X. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: November 16, 2010

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
11/16/10	Support Staff	Jeffrey	Andrews	End of Employment	Custodian	40.0 hrs	CHS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
11/16/10	Support Staff	Carol	Dennis	Transfer	Custodian	40.0 hrs	CHS	Notice of transfer	Jeff Andrews		Yes
11/16/10	Support Staff	Robert	Fredette	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of hire	Jacqueline Hughes		Yes
11/16/10	Support Staff	Virginia	Friedman	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
11/16/10	Support Staff	Jan	Maltby	New Hire	Paraeducator - 504	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of hire	New position		Yes
11/16/10	Support Staff	Nancy	Mock	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	PPS	Notice of hire	New position		Yes
11/16/10	Co-Curricular	Jeff	Barton	New Hire	Open Basketball		CMS	Notice of hire			Yes
11/16/10	Co-Curricular	Megan	Peercy	New Hire	Girls "A" Basketball		CMS	Notice of hire			Yes

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for November 16, 2010, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- S.T.E.M information
- Maintenance
- Class Size Policy
- Act 146 – Challenge for Change
- FY '12 Budget Hearing: December 13, 2010 – CHS Cafeteria

XII. Adjournment

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk