

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, October 19, 2010
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 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; 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 and Chris Antonicci. Absent: Student Board Member: Tom Yasewicz. There were 20 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: October 5 and 12, 2010

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the amended minutes for October 5 and 12, 2010, seconded by Director John Zenie. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

The board resolved its support for Lake Champlain Access Television. Superintendent Larry Waters sent out an invitation to the community seeking volunteers to serve on the Core Planning Team. These community members will be able to provide their thoughts and ideas on the new vision and mission. Principal Carolyn Dickinson reported on the new CMS schedule. Individual schedules will be going out to students and families for review. The new format is easier to read. The upcoming NEASC schedule was presented to the board. The board is invited to participate on Sunday October 24, 2010 starting with the panel presentation at 1:15 p.m. Board Members will be interviewed by the visiting committee at 4:15 p.m.

VI. Hear and Act on First Reading of Truancy Policy

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the first reading of the Truancy Policy. Students will be declared truant if he/she has any absence from school for more than twenty days. Procedures are in place if students miss more than five, ten, fifteen and twenty days respectively. The District uses its discretion with individual students and families.

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to act on the first reading of the truancy policy. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Year-To-Date Financial Review – September 2010

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb reported on the total budget, forecasted revenue and expense figures for the period ending September 2010. Revenue and expenditures are tracking as expected.

VIII. Review of Professional FTE Charts for 2010-11

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the Professional FTE charts for 2010-2011. Due to funding changes and reallocations, the District will be impacted. The total district FTE will be modified as funding sources change. A discussion followed.

IX. Special Education Service Plan Review

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz reviewed the service plan for the following school year. The audit played a role in the service plan concerning schedules for staff, internal audits and the shift in staffing costs. Throughout the year the District will continue to review services, look at cost effective strategies and work with building administrators.

X. Medicaid Service Plan/Budget

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz reviewed the Medicaid service budget. The total projected budget for FY '11 is \$340,354.64.

XI. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

No approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda was needed.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Baseline budget
- Bill Smith
- CHS enrollment review

XIII. Executive Session – Discuss Negotiations

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 8:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to exit executive session at 9:49 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk