

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Cafeteria
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, December 6, 2011
5:00 p.m. (Special Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (Special Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a special session on Tuesday, October 6, 2011 at Colchester High School. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Cormier, Christine Shepard, and Paul Smith. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; and Colchester High School Principal, Amy Minor.

The special session began at 5:00 p.m. with dinner in the CHS Cafeteria. At 5:30 p.m. Board members were given a guided tour of Colchester High School's facilities (i.e., library, kitchen, theater, science labs, etc.). The purpose of the tour was to review the list of improvements needed for upkeep of the building. Following the tour, Board members reconvened in the CHS library for the general session meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Cormier, Christine Shepard, and Paul Smith. Student Board Member: Emily Berry. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, and Amy Minor. Absent: Principals Dawn Gruss and Jim Marshall. 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: November 15, 2011

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the minutes for November 15, 2011, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Superintendent Larry Waters recognized the absence of two principals from the meeting. Principal Dawn Gruss was attending a concert at CMS and Principal Jim Marshall was ill.

VI. Hear Projected Allocation for Consolidated Federal Programs Grant

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli provided an overview of expected allocations for the CFP Grant. This grant provides funding for Title I and IIA. Title I funds remedial reading and math and Title IIA funds class size reductions and coordinators. The funds are impacted by the district's status under AYP accountability with regard to Supplemental Education Services and professional development set asides. A discussion and questions followed.

VII. CHS Enrollment 2011-2012

Principal Amy Minor reviewed information related to enrollment patterns at Colchester High School. She noted three factors impacting this report: CHS ensures that students in the Green House (9th & 10th grades) have smaller classes; all science classrooms must adhere to VOSHA guidelines and standards for class size to ensure safety in a laboratory environment; and, Vermont School Quality Standards state that class rolls of an English language arts teacher shall not exceed 100 students. Principal Minor reviewed each department's average class size, CHS enrollment projections, and tuition student enrollment from Grand Isle County.

VIII. FY'13 Baseline Budget-Second Draft Report

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb presented the second round of reductions to the FY'13 baseline budget. Currently, the second baseline budget has an increase of \$1,058,025 or 3.31% from last year. He highlighted different expenditures for Objects related to salaries and benefits. The upcoming report will provide projections for all other Objects.

IX. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: December 6, 2011**

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
12/06/11	Support Staff	Joseph	Badger	New Hire	Custodian	40 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	David Boucher		Yes
12/06/11	Support Staff	Emily	Coburn	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	MBS	Notice of Hire	New Position	Student Need	Yes
12/06/11	Support Staff	Marina	Dosch	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	UMS	Notice of Hire	Lisa Golding		Yes
12/06/11	Support Staff	Amy	Latulippe	Transfer	Intensive Needs Interventionist/Para-SPED	17.5/16.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Mary Stedman		Yes
12/06/11	Support Staff	Mary	Paquette	New Hire	Technology Assistant	40 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Justin Smith		Yes
12/06/11	Support Staff	Eli	See	End of Employment	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
12/06/11	Support Staff	Lyz	Stapleton	Transfer	Intensive Needs Interventionist/Para-SPED	17.5/16.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Mary Stedman		Yes

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for December 6, 2011, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Superintendent's Recommended Budget
- Report on Colchester Alternative Program
- Public Input in Budget FY' 13
- Instructional Day for 2012-2013
- Athletics Handbook and Eligibility
- Bullying and Harassment Policies
- Action Plans K-12
- Revenues & Fund Balance
- New Approach to Drug Policy Violations
- Hiring Plan for Next Year

XI. Adjournment

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith, to adjourn general session and move to Executive session at 7:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes
Reporting Secretary

Dirk Reith
Board Chair