

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, January 3, 2012
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Steve Cormier, Dick Pecor, Christine Shepard, and Paul Smith. Student Board Member: Emily Berry. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli. Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall and Amy Minor. Absent: Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. There was 1 member 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: December 20, 2011

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the minutes for December 20, 2011, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

There was no citizen participation.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Superintendent Waters reviewed the scheduling of school for Monday, January 2, 2012. This was a federal holiday; however, CSD did not observe it as such. The rationale for this decision is that students are most apt to be attentive on the Monday after the holiday rather than the Thursday before. There are optional days to deviate from the calendar.

Additionally, he noted the CMS principal position posted on SchoolSpring.

Director Paul Smith addressed the community and board stating he will not be running for his position again. Board Chair Dirk Reith thanked Paul Smith for his dedication and noted his commitment and service to the community.

VI. Approval of Announced Tuition for 2012-13

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb announced the upcoming tuition rate for 2012-2013. This rate is based upon the district's overall proposed FY 2013 budget. By law CSD is required to set the tuition rate before January 15th each year. The announced tuition for elementary grades is \$10,500 and secondary grades is \$11,250.

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the announced tuition rate for the 2012-2013 school year at \$10,500 for elementary grades (K-6) and \$11,250 for secondary grades (7-12), seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval for Purchase of New Special Education Van

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb recommended the purchase of a New Special Education Van. The current van, a 2001 Dodge Caravan, has 168,175 miles and is in below-average condition. There are funds allocated in the current budget for the purchase of a new Caravan. Mr. Trieb provided a competitive quote for a new Caravan from Goss Dodge.

Director Paul Smith moved to accept the recommendation to purchase a replacement van for Special Education transportation and to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents to make this happen, seconded by Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Review of Superintendent's Recommended Budget FY'13 and Revenues

Superintendent Waters reviewed his recommended budget for FY'13 and revenues. This was an overview of the recommended budget from the December 20th meeting. The total revenue percent change is an increase of 2.89% and a dollar change of \$922,484. Business and Operations Manager George Trieb reviewed the Fund Balance, Regular Tuition, Interest Earnings, Facility Rentals, etc. The total local percent change is a 4.95% increase with a \$72,500 dollar change.

Superintendent Waters continues to support further exploration in integrating technology in our instructional programs across the district. He will draft a report outlining the district's needs, goals and instruction outcomes as well as the cost associated with it. The approximate cost is \$180,000. Additionally, he proposed a new Technology Integration Specialist position starting July 1, 2012. This position will assist and support teachers in integrating technology directly in to the classroom.

Director Paul Smith addressed concerns regarding Act 62. The board will need to decide whether or not to participate in the program soon. He feels the first year is most costly and the following years are paid for by the State. Additionally, he has philosophical concerns regarding eligibility for the families who receive the stipend. A lengthy discussion followed regarding a possible cap to the program; families who receive the stipend, qualifications for the program, Head Start (income eligible, high quality instruction), etc.

Superintendent Waters reported that the board will be provided with further information regarding the Head Start Program.

IX. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: January 3, 2012 - REVISED

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
01/03/12	Support Staff	Elizabeth	Canal	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	28.75 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Thomas Boyd		Yes
01/03/12	Support Staff	Joseph	Badger	Transfer	Custodian	40 hrs	MBS	Notice of Transfer	Karen Pelletier		Yes
01/03/12	Support Staff	Karen	Pelletier	Transfer	Custodian	40 hrs	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Joseph Badger		Yes

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the personnel consent agenda, as amended, for January 3, 2012, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Tax Rate and Income Tax Sensitivity
- NECAP results in Reading/Math – Fall 2011
- Bullying and Harassment Policies
- Action Plans K-12
- New Approach to Drug Policy Violations
- Search and Seizure Policy Update
- Andros Field Trip for 2013
- CAP Recommendation (follow-up)
- ACA Negotiations
- Head Start Program

XI. Adjournment

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk