

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Steve Cormier, Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers and Christine Shepard. 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, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall and Amy Minor. There were 40 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: March 13, 2012

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the minutes for March 13, 2012, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Chairman Dirk Reith congratulated CHS Lakers winter sports teams and their success.

VI. Approval of Contract Renewal for Administrators

Superintendent Waters provided information regarding administrator contracts and their renewals for 2012-2013. Many of the administrators are in their second year of a two year contract and do not require a renewal recommendation. He encouraged the board to accept the four administrator recommendations up for renewal.

Director Dick Pecor moved to accept and approve the recommendation to renew contracts for administrators as provided by the Superintendent of Schools for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of the Colchester Education Support Staff Union Agreement 2012-15

Chairman Dirk Reith removed himself and handed the gavel to Vice Chairman Dick Pecor for the approval of the Colchester Education Support Staff Union Agreement 2012-15. The board had no questions.

Director Steve Cormier moved to accept and approve the Colchester Education Support Staff Union Agreement for 2012-2015 as presented, seconded by Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Review of District/School Grant Applications for 2011-12

Superintendent Waters provided information regarding the application of grants at the local, state and national level throughout the district. Currently, the district has been awarded over \$12,000 in grants, but has a great number pending approval from companies and foundations. The effort to apply for grants demonstrates the district's effort to find additional funding for our educational programs and initiatives.

IX. Discussion of the FY'13 Budget Vote

Superintendent Waters presented information regarding the FY'13 budget. Chairman Dirk Reith opened the floor to the community for questions, concerns and ideas to the community. A lengthy discussion followed including community and board members, as well as administrators and students. The majority of community members asked the board to reduce the budget. While there were others who supported the 3.46% increase and advocated the current budget be sent back to a vote.

Chairman Reith proposed to move \$200,000, meant to repair the CHS track, to revenue thus reducing the overall state aid and tax rate. At this time, the board expressed their desire not to cut teaching positions.

At this point, Dick Pecor read a pre-written proposal to the board and community members. In response to the budget failure, he proposed closing Colchester High School in the next five to ten years. If this were to occur, the district would tuition students to other local districts. He hopes this proposal will prompt further discussion with community & board members. At this point, no decision has been made regarding next steps.

X. Approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Water presented the following personnel consent agenda:

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: March 20, 2012

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
03/20/12	Teacher	Alysse	Anton	End of Employment	French Teacher	0.4 FTE	CHS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
03/20/12	Teacher	Erin	Brady	Leave of Absence	Humanities Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Requesting a 0.4 FTE LOA for the 2012-2013 school year			Yes
03/20/12	Teacher	Cecilia	Miga	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher	0.8 FTE	CHS	Requesting a 0.2 FTE LOA for the 2012-2013 school year			Yes
03/20/12	Support Staff	Marion	Thompson	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for March 20, 2012, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Harassment Policies
- Action Plans K-12
- New Approach to Drug Policy Violations
- Andros Adventure 2013

XII. Adjournment

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Chairman Steve Cormier, to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Steve Cormier
Board Clerk