

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Central Office  
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 1, 2012  
6:00 p.m. (Executive Session)  
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an executive session board meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in the Central Office. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Steve Cormier, Dick Pecor, and Mike Rogers. Superintendent Larry Waters, Principal Amy Minor, and Assistant Principal Tim Emery.

### MINUTES (Executive Session)

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the executive session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Director Steve Cormier moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to enter executive session at 6:01 p.m. for a student discipline hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, second by Director Mike Rogers to exit executive session at 6:49 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, second by Steve Cormier to support the administration's recommendation with regard to a student discipline matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mike Rogers moved, second by Director Steve Cormier to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. and reconvene the Board meeting in the Colchester High School Media Center. Motion passed unanimously.

### MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Cormier, and Mike Rogers. 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: Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall, Chris Antonicci and Amy Minor. Missing: Board Director Christine Shepard. There were 5 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: April 17, 2012**

Director Mike Rogers moved to approve the minutes for April 17, 2012, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Citizen Participation**

No citizen participation.

### **V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence**

Superintendent Waters reported CHS and PPS did not receive the grant for the Bentley Award Program. However, both CHS and PPS will receive one iPad and a gift card for \$100 which is about another \$1,000 worth of funds and equipment coming in between the two schools. The total amount of money received from competitive grants this year is nearly \$50,000.

Director Dick Pecor read the outcome of the town and school budget votes. Both articles passed!

### **VI. Transportation Contract with Mountain Transit**

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb reviewed the current contract with Mt. Transit which is set to expire at the end of the current school year. John Sharrow, manager of Mt. Transit, discussed the possibility of renewing the contract, expanding programs for the drivers, and updated safety procedures for students. When updated information is available for a possible contract, it will be provided to the board for a future discussion and decision.

### **VII. Approval of Copier Lease**

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb reviewed information regarding the approval to enter into a thirty-six month capital lease with Gorham Leasing Group for the purchase of copiers. The current lease for 22 copiers is nearing maturity. By purchasing and installing the copiers, the district had the opportunity to reduce its service rate considerably thus providing the district with annual savings of \$9,473.20 or \$28,419.60 over the lease term. The underlying cost of the equipment being leased is \$314,000. The district will enter this purchase arrangement through buying off from the "State Contract"; therefore, a formal bid process is not necessary.

Chairman Dirk Reith recused himself from the vote on the approval of the copier lease.

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the lease transaction as presented and authorize the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents to make this happen, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. Approval of the Andros Island Field Trip**

Principal Minor introduced CHS teacher and Andros chaperone, Heather Baron. Every two years the Science Department offers a field trip to Andros Island in the Bahamas for twelve students over April Break. The focus of the trip is to explore the ecology of the island environment as well as its culture. The trip will cost students about \$2,800 per student. Due to the fact that this is an international trip, the school board is required to review the details and determine if the trip is warranted.

Director Mike Rogers moved to approve the field trip to Andros Island, Bahamas, for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Personnel Consent Agenda**

Superintendent Waters presented the following personnel consent agenda for May 1, 2012.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Date: May 1, 2012**

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
05/01/12	Support Staff	Kecia	Gaboriault	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	LOA for 11/12	MBS	Notice of End of Employment		Was on 1 year leave for 11/12. Isn't returning for 12/13	Yes
05/01/12	Administrator	Dawn	Gruss	New Hire	Principal	1.0 FTE	CMS	Approval for Hire		Current employee in this position. Was on a one-year interim contract for 11/12	Yes

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for May 1, 2012, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Possible Future Agenda Items**

- Action Plans K-12
- Transportation Contract Renewal
- Curriculum Comparison with Area High Schools
- Professional Development Plan 2012-2013

**XI. Adjournment**

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith, to adjourn at 7: 43 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

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Rachel Howes  
Reporting Secretary

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Steve Cormier  
Board Clerk