

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, October 18, 2011
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 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; 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 38 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: October 4, 6 & 12, 2011

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the minutes for October 4, 6 & 12, 2011, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

The CHS men's soccer team lost their game to BHS, but is headed into playoffs with momentum. The women's soccer team is also in good standing.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Superintendent Larry Waters presented information regarding a cabin which was built, without permission, on District property. It is clear someone has been living there. Superintendent Waters does not feel this person poses any danger to CSD students. The Colchester Police believe they know who it is and are taking appropriate steps to move forward.

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb addressed the current status of providing wireless internet access in the schools. Additionally, he reviewed the year-to-date financial review for September 2011.

VI. Act # 62 Prekindergarten Education

Carolyn Riley, owner and director of Carolyn's Red Balloon, addressed the board regarding its decision not to participate in Act 62. Currently, fifteen Colchester students qualify for the partnership within her program. Information regarding child brain development, Act 62 and private funders through the Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative (VCPC) was provided. The district will need to render a decision regarding possible partnership within 30 days. Current parents of students in her center offered their support of Act 62.

A lengthy discussion followed including board and community members, as well as administrators.

VII. Hear and Act on the Second Reading of the Restraint/Seclusion Policy

Superintendent Waters presented the board with a second reading of the Restraint/Seclusion Policy. Currently, there is a process for reporting a physical restraint and/or seclusion to Central Office. When the Policy is complete, the district's attorney will review the draft and ensure compliance.

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the Second Reading of the Restraint/Seclusion Policy, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NECAP Science Report

Director of Curriculum and Development, Gwen Carmolli provided an overview of the district's science NECAP scores for grades 4, 8 & 11. The district continues to perform higher than the state average (grades 4 & 8). CHS made significant progress with their scores.

IX. FY'13 Budget Calendar

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb provided an overview of the budget calendar for Fiscal year 2013. He is looking for feedback from the board which will then be incorporated into the calendar. Additional meeting times are possible. He is offering to provide all budget information electronically.

X. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: October 18, 2011**

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
10/18/11	Support Staff	Katie	Barber	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
10/18/11	Support Staff	David	Boucher, SR	End of Employment	Custodian	40	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
10/18/11	Teacher	Dean	Baker	New Hire	LTS - Science	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval for hire	LTS for D. Scheuch		Yes
10/18/11	Teacher	Cecilia	Miga	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher	.60 FTE	CHS	Approval for Leave of Absence 1/9/12-1/23/11			Yes

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for October 18, 2011, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS)
- Fall Board Retreat
- Strategic Plan – Part II
- Important Dates: October 19 Mediation with CEA

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Dirk Reith moved, seconded by Director Steve Cormier, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk