

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, September 6, 2011
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Christ Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall, and Amy Minor. There were 9 members 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: August 16, 25 & 26, 2011

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the minutes, for August 16, 25 & 26, 2011, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Principals Chris Antonicci and Jim Marshall reported on first days running smoothly. Principal Julie Benay reported on a coin drive by MBS students in response to Tropical Storm Irene. Principal Dawn Gruss reported on the upbeat feeling among faculty and students at CMS along with a smooth Smart Start. Principal Amy Minor reported a strong in-service and smooth first days of classes. On September 15, 2011, at the CHS library, State Treasurer Beth Pearce will announce a new statewide financial literacy initiative.

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz reported on new special education software throughout the district. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli commented on the progress on the school counseling committee as well as schools preparing for NECAP testing. Business and Operations Manager George Trieb said he enjoys the beginning of the school year, as his staff works very hard over the summer to ensure each school is ready to open in the fall. Superintendent Larry Waters commented on the ease of the district getting back into the swing of things.

Board Chairman Dirk Reith wants to look at the option of each board member using iPads during meetings as opposed to the hardcopy packets. Central Office will compare monetary costs, time in preparing packets, and other resources. The board agreed in moving forward to gather information regarding this matter.

Director Dick Pecor recognized the devastation of communities in Vermont who were affected by Tropical Storm Irene. He thanked the MBS students for their efforts in reaching out to other communities.

VI. Hear and Act on First Reading of Wellness Policy

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the current Wellness Policy which includes Goals for Nutrition Education, Physical Activity & School Based Activities. A lengthy discussion concerning the Wellness Policy and its guidelines followed including board, administrator and community members.

Superintendent Waters will modify the Wellness Policy based upon board recommendations. Superintendent Waters will modify the Policy Guidelines based upon board recommendations.

Director Dick Pecor moved to authorize the First Reading of the Wellness Policy, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Enrollment Update for 2011-12

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the enrollment numbers for the School year 2011-12. The numbers are strong for kindergarten students at both PPS and UMS as well as tuition students from Grand Isle Supervisory Union. The decline in enrollment seems to be leveling and the community continues to provide strong enrollment.

VIII. Salary Breakage Report

Superintendent Waters reviewed the Salary Breakage Report including FY'12 Teacher Compensation Comparisons. Under each school, the actual FTE's and Salary are compared with the budget. FTE's are over budget by 3.77 and Salary is under budget by \$24, 313.

IX. CMS School Improvement Plan – Year One

Director Dick Pecor moved to table the CMS School Improvement Plan to the next board meeting September 20, 2011, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Approval of Colchester High School Sign

Business and Operation Manager George Trieb proposed the purchase of a new sign at the entrance to Laker Lane. It would be an electronic, LED sign with the ability to change the message from the high school. The message itself, as well as the time of change, would be respectful of the amount of traffic on Blakely Road and Laker Lane.

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the purchase and installation of the sign and authorize the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents to make this happen, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Approval of Wireless Project

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb proposed to re-cable CHS as well as to install the necessary access points and tools to allow management of the wireless system for all schools. The proposal provides three estimates to re-cable CHS. In regards to managing the wireless access in all buildings, various points would be installed in all buildings allowing CSD to manage these connection points from CHS. Additionally, the proposal provided several estimates to provide the wireless access service. The funding for this project will come from the IT budget and E-rate.

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents to make this happen, seconded by Board Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: September 6, 2011

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
09/06/11	Administrator	Dovid	Yagoda	Transfer	Assistant Principal (One-Year Only)	1.0 FTE	CMS	Notice of Hire			Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Sandra	Boyd	New Hire	Custodian	40.0 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Jeff Real		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Sarah	Crapo	New Hire	Paraeducator - Title I	22.0 hrs	UMS	Notice of Hire	John Carter		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Michelle	Dion	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Amy Latulippe		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Johannes	Garrett	New Hire	Computer Lab Monitor	13.0 hrs	MBS	Notice of Hire	AnnaMary Lauricella		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Chris	King	New Hire	Computer Lab Monitor	40.0 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Deb Thayer		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Amy	Latulippe	Transfer	Paraeducator-504	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Elizabeth Stapleton		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Becky	Loftus	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	UMS	Notice of Hire	Julie Smith		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Jan	Maltby	End of Employment	Paraeducator-504	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Heather	Matthews	End of Employment	Computer Lab Monitor	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Cheryl	Moore	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Cindel Verge		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Kimberly	O'Brien	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Ellen O'Neil		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Sandy	Shepard	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Kevin Kennett		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Michael	Thomsen	New Hire	Paraeducator-504	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Heather Enyingi		Yes
09/06/11	Support Staff	Rebecca	Viens	New Hire	Paraeducator-SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Meredith Feinberg		Yes
09/06/11	Teacher	Alysse	Anton	New Hire	French Teacher	0.4 FTE	CHS	Approval for Hire	Rhonda Paquet		Yes
09/06/11	Teacher	Amanda	Schoen	New Hire	Long-Term Substitute, Guidance	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval for hire	Claire Cantwell-Jones		Yes
09/06/11	Teacher	Carol	Smith	Team Leader	Science Teacher		CMS	Approval for Hire			Yes
09/06/11	Teacher	Dovid	Yagoda	Leave of Absence	Planning Room Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Approval of LOA		Filling the Assist Principal	Yes

Director Pecor moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for September 6, 2011, seconded by Director Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- CMS School Improvement Plan – Year One
- Vision Strategic Plan Overview
- I.T. Project Update
- FY' 11 Budget Review
- Capital Reserve Update
- Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS)
- District Technology Committee

XIV. Adjournment

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Steve Cormier to adjourn general session at 9:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk