

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, April 2, 2013
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dick Pecor, Directors: Craig Kieny, Mike Rogers, Christine Shepard, and Lincoln White. Student Board Member: Jordan Isham. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business & Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; and Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall, and Amy Minor. There were approximately 50 members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Dick Pecor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Dick Pecor led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2013

Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2013, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

There was no citizen participation.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Superintendent Larry Waters presented to the board and community the proposed vision calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

Board Chair Dick Pecor recognized Amy Minor, Colchester High School Principal, for receiving the VT Principal of the Year Award.

VI. Review of Special Education Process, Management and Funding

Superintendent Larry Waters asked the board to delay this agenda item to the next board meeting.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to table the discussion of Special Education until April 9, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. FY'14 Budget Reductions

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the first and second round of reductions to the board and community members.

Several members of the community (including staff, parents, and students) expressed their concerns and thoughts about the proposed reductions.

No reductions were approved at this time.

VIII. Approval of Colchester School District Support Staff Handbook (non-union)

Superintendent Larry Waters asked the board to delay this agenda item to the next board meeting.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to table the discussion of the Support Staff Handbook until a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters recognized two noteworthy teachers, Cheryl Benjamin and Mary Ann Kadish, who have announced their retirement. Each provided many years of quality service to Colchester School District.

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for April 2, 2013.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: April 2, 2013

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Co-Curricular	Jesus	Calderon-Batioja	New Hire	Boys Tennis Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	David Sharkey		Yes
Co-Curricular	Anne	Gorrigan	New Hire	Rugby Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Amber Leventry		Yes
Co-Curricular	Michelle	LaBounty	New Hire	Softball "B" Coach		CMS	Notice of Hire	Roger Thompson		Yes
Teacher	Cheryl	Benjamin	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	PPS	Approval for end of employment			Yes
Teacher	Mary Ann	Kadish	End of Employment	Librarian/Media Specialist	1.0 FTE	PPS	Approval for end of employment			Yes
Teacher	Katherine	McGrain	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for end of employment			Yes
Teacher	David	Miller	New Hire	Spanish Teacher, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	CMS	Approval for hire	Meghan Tiernan Fisher		Yes

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for April 2, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Additional Budget Reductions
- Report on Assessments from Each School
- Review of Green Mountain Stars Program and Improvement Plan

XI. Executive Session: Student Discipline Matter

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 9:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to enter executive session at 9:35 p.m. for a student discipline matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to exit executive session at 9:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

XII. Adjournment

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Christine Shepard
Board Clerk