

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 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 14 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. Citizen Participation

A member from S.O.S (Support Our Schools) said the committee is preparing *Letters to the Editor* for *The Colchester Sun* and attending school events to encourage individuals to register to vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2013

Director Lincoln White moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Superintendent Larry Waters shared the Class of 2012 VSAC In-School Senior Survey with the board and community.

Superintendent Waters announced that the American flag would be at half-staff until April 20 in recognition of the Boston Marathon incident.

Malletts Bay School (MBS) and Colchester Middle School (CMS) are holding an Open House on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. This Open House is designed to help transition incoming third graders to MBS (start time 5:30 PM) and incoming sixth graders to CMS (start time 6:30 PM).

VI. Colchester High School "Student Area Resource Card"

Deborah Deschamps, Nurse Supervisor, presented the Student Area Resource Card developed by Colchester High School. The card includes contact information regarding the outside agencies that CHS works with to help support students and families.

VII. Final Superintendent's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

Superintendent Larry Waters presented a \$415,666 budget reduction to the board and community members. Overall, this would be a 5.42% budget increase and an 8.67% tax increase for a total budget of \$34,497,846.

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to adopt a budget of \$34,497,846 necessary for the support of the Colchester School District for the year beginning July 1, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to notify and warn to meet at the Colchester High School Library/Media Center, 131 Laker Lane (off Blakely Road), in said Town on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 7:00 PM to provide budget information to the Colchester community. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Roles of School Board, Individual Members, Administrators in Budget Communication

The School Board discussed what members could communicate as individuals as opposed to School Board opinion regarding the budget. Members can express personal opinions but may not represent the will of the board.

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

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb reviewed the Support Staff (non-union) Handbook. This handbook is designed to summarize the policies, procedures, and benefits of the district. The district reserves the right to modify, terminate, or change any or all such policies, procedures, and benefits at any time.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the Support Staff Handbook (non-union). Motion passed unanimously.

X. Approval of Declaration of Official Intent/Reimbursement Resolution (CHS Bond)

Under the Internal Revenue Code, the proceeds of tax exempt debt can be used to reimburse an issuer for advanced preliminary project costs only if there is in place an official notice of intent to do so. That is purpose of the Declaration of Official Intent/Reimbursement Resolution.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to approve the Declaration of Official Intent/Reimbursement Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Personnel Consent Agenda

There was no Personnel Consent Agenda.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Report on Assessments from each School
- Review of Green Mountain Stars Program and Improvement Plan
- Approval of Expenditures for School Safety Improvements
- Maintenance Items
- Per Pupil Spending vs. State NECAP

XIII. Adjournment

*Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.*

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Christine Shepard
Board Clerk