

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, July 17, 2012
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor and Christine Shepard. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Absent: Board Director Mike Rogers; Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall and Amy Minor. There were 2 members of the community in attendance and 6 candidates for an open school board position.

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: June 19, 2012

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the minutes for June 19, 2012, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

None.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

None.

VI. Interviews for School Board Director Position (Open Forum)

Superintendent Larry Waters announced that the following community members have applied for the vacant position on the school board: Jeffrey Callane, Mary Goodridge Miller, Patricia Hulbert, Craig Kieny, Christian Mock and Lincoln White. Each candidate provided the board with a brief overview of their background and their personal vision for the school district. Board members asked the candidates a series of questions. At the conclusion of the interview process, the board thanked the candidates for their interest in serving on the school board. Following the regular meeting, the board will enter into executive session to discuss the candidates and select a new member.

VII. Approval of Meal/Drink Prices – FY'13

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb asked the board to consider an increase in meal and drink prices. Mr. Trieb supplied the board with a memo outlining the primary reasons for this request, along with the proposed changes in prices. This year our food service program lost money and we can no longer keep prices steady. He noted that the food service program has not had an increase in meal prices since 2008.

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the recommended FY' 13 meal and drink prices as presented by the Business and Operations Manager, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Approval for Installation of HVAC System

Colchester High School is in desperate need of updating and overhauling the heating and ventilation system, especially for many of the second floor classrooms. Business and Operations Manager George Trieb presented information regarding the process and the timeline necessary for completing the work prior to the start of the 2012-2013 school year. He also discussed possible funding sources for the project.

Chairman Dirk Reith moved to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to take the appropriate actions to complete the bid process for renovations required to the HVAC system at Colchester High School, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Approval for Purchase for Information Technology Equipment

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb requested the board approve his request to purchase 141 HP Probook 4530s laptop computers and 2 Dell EqualLogic PS4100X's storage devices. This computer purchase is part of the district's annual replacement; the storage device purchase is part of the district's backup and recovery plan. The district solicited bids from three vendors. Mr. Trieb provided board members with a copy of the bids and detailed information related to the number of computers and cost by building.

Director Christine Shepard moved to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to purchase IT equipment as outlined in his July 12, 2011 memo, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following personnel consent agenda for July 17, 2012.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: July 17, 2012

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
07/17/12	Individual Contract	Heather	Kelly	New Hire	Behavior Specialist	1.0 FTE	MBS/UMS/PPS	Notice of Hire	Leslie Noble		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Sandra	Boyd	Transfer	Custodian	40 hrs	MBS	Notice of Transfer		Reallocation of current staff member	Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Niki	Burnetti	New Hire	Intensive Needs/Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Jackie Hughes/ Rebecca Veins		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	John	Carter	New Hire	Paraeducator - ELL	32.5 hrs	MBS/UMS/PPS	Notice of Hire	Rebecca Roe		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Wendy	Colgrove	New Hire	Food Service Worker	10.5 hrs	DW	Notice of Hire	Elaine Graves		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Bernard	Germain	End of Employment	School Courier	15.0 hrs	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Elaine	Graves	End of Employment	Food Service Worker	20 hrs	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Mary	Herrmann	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Jody Wright		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Jennifer	Jacobson	New Hire	Paraeducator - Head Start	19.5 hrs	MBS	Notice of Hire	New Position		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Laura	LaBonte	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist - Planning Room	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Derek Howard		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Tracy	Miller-Riley	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Karen	Pelletier	Transfer	Custodian	40 hrs	DW	Notice of Transfer		Reallocation of current staff member	Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Jennifer	Reardon	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Jenna Geery		Yes
07/17/12	Support Staff	Angela	Zwonik	New Hire	Food Service Worker	7 hrs	DW	Notice of Hire	Elaine Graves		Yes
07/17/12	Teacher	Donna	Gallas	New Hire	LTS - 4th Grade Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for hire	Kim Chittenden		Yes
07/17/12	Teacher	Constance	Gavin	End of Employment	Family Consumer Science	.50 FTE	CMS	Approval for end of employment			Yes
07/17/12	Teacher			Additional FTE	Special Education Teacher	.50 FTE	CHS	Approval request for Additional Position		Islands Reimbursement	Yes
07/17/12	Teacher	Melissa	Towle	Additional FTE	Music Teacher	.10 FTE	MBS	Approval request to increase FTE	Sheila Clark	Move Co-Curricular Winter and Spring Chorus position to become part of Music Teacher assignment during school day	Yes

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for July 17, 2012, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- District/School Vision/Strategic/Action Plans K-12
- Curriculum Comparison with Area High Schools – Next Content Areas
- Drug Policy Approval
- School Board Retreat – New Date
- AYP Results in August 2012
- Driver Education

XII. Executive Session to Discuss Appointment of New School Board Director

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn to executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a new school board director. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, second by Director Christine Shepard to exit executive session at 9:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Action as a Result of Executive Session

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to appoint Lincoln White to the vacant position of Colchester School Board Director and to serve until Town Meeting Election in March 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Cathy Ward
Reporting Secretary

Dirk Reith
Board Chair