

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Central Office
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, November 6, 2012
6:00 p.m. (Executive Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an executive session board meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, in the Central Office. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, and Lincoln White. Principal, Amy Minor; Assistant Principal, Tim Emery; and Superintendent, Larry Waters. Absent: Director, Christine Shepard.

MINUTES (Executive Session)

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the executive session meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to enter executive session at 5:59 p.m. for a student discipline hearing. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to exit executive session at 6:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to support the Administration's recommendation to expel the student for the 2012-2013 school year. (Motion revised by Superintendent Larry Waters due to legal requirements.) Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to support the Administration's recommendation to approve the residency waiver request. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. and to reconvene the Board Meeting in the Colchester High School Media Center. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, Christine Shepard, and Lincoln White. Student Board Member: Jordan Isham. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; and Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Chris Antonicci, Dawn Gruss, and Amy Minor. Absent: Principals: Julie Benay and Jim Marshall. There were 13 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 16 & October 25, 2012

Director Lincoln White moved to approve the minutes of October 16 & October 25, 2012, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

A member of the community announced Family Movie Night - Friday, November 9, 2012, in the Colchester High School's auditorium. *The Princess Bride* will begin at 6:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by S.O.S and the Friends of Colchester Music.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Superintendent Larry Waters:

- Answered questions and/or concerns regarding the closure of school for Hurricane Sandy. The closure of school was conveyed through the AlertNow System – a very valuable resource used to inform parents/guardians through voice and/or e-mail notifications.
- Reviewed the DRAFT letter to parents and students regarding the use of a Colchester Police drug dog in various locations in and around schools beginning this fall.
- Provided an update on how the Colchester community and school are coming together to share the process on the CHS Science Center and labs.
- Provided the board and community an update on the Green Mountain Star Indicators for Malletts Bay School and the District.

VI. Colchester High School and Centerpoint Agreement

Assistant Principals Tim Emery and Justin Brown, along with a representative from Centerpoint, provided the board and community with an overview of the agreement that would provide drug counseling and treatment programs for students who are in violation of Colchester School District's drug policy – a pilot program called Project Checkpoint Colchester.

VII. School Lunch Program & Updates (*tabled from October 16, 2012, meeting*)

Steve Davis, Food Service Director, provided the board with an overview of new requirements based on federal and state regulations for school lunch programs. This presentation included information on serving sizes of fruits, vegetables, protein, dairy, and whole grains.

VIII. Colchester Enrollment Projections Fall 2012 and School Year 2013-14

Superintendent Larry Waters provided an analysis of our enrollment growth and projections for Colchester students. Future projections indicate a slight decrease in enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year.

IX. Colchester Alternative Program (CAP) Expansion Proposal

The current CAP space is not adequate to either bring additional students back from out-of-district placement or serve additional students from Colchester School District's wait list. Since the CAP construction project will not move forward in the near future, an alternative solution is needed for students at Colchester High School.

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz reviewed a draft proposal to the board for renting the entire second floor at the current CAP location.

The board requested a comparison of other area rental properties.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Dirk Reith, to support the expansion of the Colchester Alternative Program and to authorize the Director of Special Education and Business Manager to act on the project. Motion passed unanimously.

X. FY'14 Budget Information - Professional Staffing (FTE Charts)

Superintendent Larry Waters provided the board and community an overview of the professional staff for the entire district (including FTEs, assignments, endorsements, salaries, and benefits). This information is very useful as it provides Central Office and Building Administrators information related to the cost of instructional programs.

XI. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following personnel consent agenda for November 6, 2012.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: November 6, 2012**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Jessica	Murray	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Tracy Riley		Yes
Support Staff	Mary	Trudeau	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Ashleigh Moss		Yes
Teacher	Bradley	Blanchette	New Hire	English, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval for hire	Wayland Cole		Yes
Teacher	Tracy	Helfrich	Leave of Absence	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	UMS	Approval for LOA from 11/15/12 - 12/21/12			Yes
Teacher	Patrick	Ivory	New Hire	Social Studies, Long-Term Substitute	0.8 FTE	CHS	Approval for hire	Pamela Landry		Yes

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to approve the personnel consent agenda for November 6, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- FY' 14 Budget Information
- Curriculum Comparison with area high schools – next content areas
- Special Education Assignment of Instructional Support Staff to School/Students

XIII. Adjournment

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Mike Rogers, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Mike Rogers
Board Clerk