

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Room 114a
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
5:00 p.m. (Executive Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (Executive Session)

The Executive Session meeting to discuss negotiations was not called to order because the board did not have a quorum.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Mike Rogers, Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, and Lincoln White. Student Member: Teremy Garen. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business & Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; and Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Absent: Director Christine Shepard and Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, James Marshall, and Amy Minor. There were two members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mike Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2014

Director Lindsey Cox moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014, seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Superintendent Larry Waters:

- Provided a budget communication plan overview
- Announced the format for School Report Night on March 3 – school district goes first
- Discussed our schools and the FY'15 budget

VI. Hear Colchester School District Audit Report for FY'13

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb introduced Fred Duplessis from Sullivan, Powers & Co. who provided a quick overview of the school district's financial statements for fiscal year 2013. The audit was clear and in full compliance.

VII. Hear FY'14 Financial Report – Quarterly

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz provided the board an update on special education spending and programs.

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb provided a financial report for the quarter ending December 2013. The report showed a surplus of \$36,833.

VIII. Hear FY'15 Income Sensitivity, Per Pupil Spending and Education Tax Rate

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb explained the components in the education tax rate and the impact on property owners. He also compared per pupil spending in local districts and supervisory unions.

IX. Hear Update on Colchester School District Safety Initiatives

Safety improvements are continuing at our schools. Superintendent Larry Waters shared with the board that the interior door locking systems are being changed to a push button lock instead of one that locks by key only.

Superintendent Waters reviewed an Incident Command System. If an emergency occurs at any of our schools, then central office personnel will organize and prepare to respond in accordance with police, fire, and rescue services.

X. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for February 4, 2014.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: February 4, 2014**

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
02/04/14	Support Staff	Susan	Willis	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Mary Trudeau		Yes
02/04/14	Support Staff	Michael	Gove	New Hire	Paraeducator - Employment Aide	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Gordon Webb		Yes
02/04/14	Support Staff	Rebecca	Coax	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Jennifer Butler		Yes

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for February 4, 2014. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- NECAP Data Reports in Reading, Writing, and Math
- Medicaid Allocations 2014-2015
- Planning for School Report Night – March 3
- Teacher Contract Renewal Recommendations

XII. Adjournment

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk