

# COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

## MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Mike Rogers, Directors: 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; Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Amy Minor. Absent: Directors Lindsey Cox and Christine Shepard; and Principal James Marshall. There were 55 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**

A member of the community acknowledged Variety Night at Colchester High School – the event was a huge success.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2014**

*Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2014, seconded by Director Lincoln White. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

### **V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports**

Superintendent Larry Waters:

- Updated the board and community on the Porters Point School Principal search
- Answered general questions regarding the security measures on February 20 and March 7
- Announced the next Budget/Town Vote is tentatively scheduled for May 6

### **VI. Approval of Computer Backup Storage**

The district's current computer backup storage system is proving to be problematic for both the software and hardware.

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the Business & Operations Manager's recommendation for a backup system. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

**VII. Approval of First Reading of the Wellness Policy**

Jaycie Puttlitz, Wellness Coordinator, reviewed the changes to the wellness policy.

*Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the first reading of the Wellness Policy, seconded by Director Lincoln White. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

**VIII. Hear Proposed Budget Reductions for FY'15**

At the school board's request, Superintendent Larry Waters presented a reduced budget – a total reduction of \$442,744. The recommended budget would be a 3.09% increase resulting in a 6.932% tax increase for a total budget amount of \$35,565,368. The board tentatively approved this budget.

Separately, Superintendent Waters recommended an Article for voter approval to the school board. This Article represents \$150,000 per year (over a 4-year term) for technology devices for Colchester High School (laptops), Colchester Middle School (chrome books), and grades K - 5. The board did not make any decisions on the Article at that time.

**IX. Approval of Purchase for Driver Education Vehicle**

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to authorize the Business & Operations Manager to proceed with the purchase of a new driver education vehicle. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

**X. Approval of Second Reading of the Student Health Policy**

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the second and final reading of the Student Health Policy. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

**XI. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda**

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for March 18, 2014.

Superintendent Waters acknowledged the resignation of Tammy Frieberg, School Nurse, for her dedication and years of service.

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb acknowledged the retirement of Sharon Osier, Technology Director for the district.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA****Board Date: March 18, 2014**

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
Support Staff	Rachel	Alling	End of Employment	Paraeducator	32.5 hrs	MBS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Rebecca	Coax	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Theresa	Meadows	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Paige Morrone		Yes
Support Staff	Michael	Opperman	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of Hire	Rebecca Coax		Yes
Support Staff	Sharon	Osier	End of Employment	Technology Director	1.0 FTE	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Tammy	Friberg	End of Employment	Teacher, School Nurse	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes

*Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for March 18, 2014. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

**XII. Future Agenda Items**

- Finalize Budget Reductions
- Administrator Recommendations for Renewal
- Reductions in Force – Approvals and Notifications
- School Reports
- Update on Negotiations
- Retreat

**XIII. Executive Session – Incident Safety Report**

Cancelled.

**XIV. Adjournment**

*Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.*

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

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Erin Dye  
Reporting Secretary

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Lincoln White  
Board Clerk