

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Special Meeting  
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 13, 2014  
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

### MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, and Lincoln White; 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, and Amy Minor; Assistant Principal, Carolyn Millham. Absent: Director Christine Shepard and Principal James Marshall. There were 41 members of the community in attendance.

#### **I. Call to Order**

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

#### **II. Citizen Participation**

Community members provided comment to the school board regarding a number of issues related to the school budget. Community members asked the school board to respond to teacher negotiations and salary concerns. Also, they shared concerns regarding the property tax impact on homeowners.

#### **III. Discuss FY'15 Budget and Possible Reductions**

The following information was presented by the superintendent to begin the budget hearing:

##### **FY'15 Budget Information**

##### **I. Priorities for Schools**

1. Safety, Security, Health and Facilities Infrastructure
  - ✓ Schools are safe from within and from outside threats
  - ✓ Buildings are locked and accessible only for those who need it
  - ✓ Students and staff are healthy
2. Instruction and Administration
  - ✓ K-12 Instructional Programs and Teachers
  - ✓ Administrators for Central Office and Buildings
3. Programs Outside of the School Day
  - ✓ Co-curricular and Other After School Programs
  - ✓ Athletics

II. Unfunded Mandates include: (most common entitlements)

- Special Education
- Section 504
- Homeless
- Act 1 Training (Sexual Safety)
- School Lunch Program Nutritional Requirements
- School Improvement Plans-Green Mountain Star
- State Common Core Standards & SBAC Assessment
- Personalized Learning Plans (PLP)
- Driver Education Program
- Coaches Training Certification
- School Nurses

III. Amount: Given our previous budget information, what amount does the board want for reductions?

<u>May 6 Vote Amounts</u>	
Budget Amount:	\$35,565,368
Increase Amount:	\$1,067,522
Percent Amount:	3.09%
Tax Increase Amount:	3.692%

IV. Current Position Open:

UMS	Grade K/1	Teacher	2.0
UMS/PPS	Art	Teacher	1.0
MBS	Music	Teacher	1.0
MBS	EEE	SLP	.60
CHS	Sp. Ed.	Teacher	1.0
CHS	Soc. St.	Teacher	.80
CMS	Library	Teacher	1.0
CMS	Grade 6	Teacher	1.0
CMS	FCS	Teacher	.50
MBS	Adm.	Asst. Prin.	1.0
CMS	Alt. Educ.	Teacher	1.4
MBS	Health	Nurse	1.0
CHS	Math	Teacher	.20
CO	Technology	Director	1.0

V. Reduction in Force Areas:

<u>Area</u>	<u>FTE (Full-time Equivalent)</u>
Mathematics	1.0
English Language Arts	1.0
Social Studies	1.0
Science	1.0
Technology Integration Specialist	1.0
Family Consumer Science	0.5
Planning Room	1.0

#### VI. Possible Areas to Consider for Reduction

- Planning Room Teacher CHS
- Planning Room Staff CMS
- Math Teacher CHS
- Other Teacher Positions (Lang. Arts, Science, Soc. St., FCS, etc.)
- Communications
- Administration CMS
- Classroom and Sp. Ed. Para-educators
- After School Programs and Transportation

#### IV. Adjournment

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Board Clerk:

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Lincoln White  
Board Clerk