

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Special Meeting
Bayside Activity Center

Saturday, January 10, 2015
9:00 a.m. (General Session)

MEETING MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at the Bayside Activity Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors Craig Kieny and Lincoln White; Superintendent Larry Waters; and Communications Specialist Dick Pecor. There were 16 members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Citizen Participation

See below.

III. FY'16 Budget Discussion with the Community

Superintendent Larry Waters circulated a Vermont Agency of Education report that points out where the Colchester School District stands relative to the rest of the districts in the state in terms of core Student - Teacher ratios. Not only does Colchester have the highest core Student - Teacher ratios in Chittenden County at 12.85 to 1, but it's higher than any other multi-school district in the state.

FY'16 proposed budget information was shared. The budget adds no new programs or personnel. It was pointed out that citizens will not know clearly the tax impact of district budgets until well after the March vote since the legislature typically does not come to agreement until late in the session in April. Superintendent Waters will be creating a videocast detailing budget specifics and legislative impacts within the week.

Lastly, there was a video presentation created by the district in an attempt to explain how education funding is performed currently in the state of Vermont. The video is accessible on CSD's Web site.

IV. Adjournment

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln white, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk