

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Christine Shepard, and Lincoln White; Student Board Member Cassandra LaBonte; Superintendent Larry Waters; Business & Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Absent: Principals Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor; and Director Craig Kieny. There were no 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

There was no citizen participation.

Chair Mike Rogers encouraged the community to submit questions to them via e-mail at SchoolBoardQuestions@csdvt.org. All submissions will be answered on the third Tuesday of every month.

IV. Hear Information on FY'16 Revenue and Tax Impact

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb reviewed the FY'16 revenues along with the anticipated impact on tax for the next year. In the revenues, there is a Fund Balance of \$200,000. This amount was saved from FY'14 and is applied to next year's budget.

V. Approval of the FY'16 Budget and Warnings

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to adopt a budget of \$36,422,424 for the support and operation of the Colchester School District for the year beginning July 1, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to warn the year 2015 Annual Town School District meeting by signing the warning for said meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. Hear Report on Highly Qualified Teachers – Final Determination

Superintendent Waters reported to the board and community the annual number of teachers who are classified as “not HQT” under No Child Let Behind. The information indicates the number of

classes that are not taught by highly qualified teachers and the percentage of core academic classes not taught by HCT. Currently, only 3.5% of all classes are not taught by highly qualified teachers.

VII. Discuss Tuition Letter from the Grand Isle School District

Grand Isle School District has requested that Colchester School District enter into an agreement for a differing tuition amount for students attending Colchester High School. The law does allow for districts to enter into differing tuition amounts from the state formula, but the district must charge the same amount for all other districts/supervisory unions. On average, Colchester High School has 35 students from Grand Isle. Colchester School District's announced tuition is lower than other school districts.

The school board agreed with the Superintendent's recommended draft letter to Grand Isle School District. Director Cox requested an additional line be added to the letter regarding future conversations of school merger/consolidation.

VIII. Quarterly Financial and Special Education Reports

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb provided an overview of the second quarter financial report. The report showed a surplus of \$79,875.

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz reviewed staffing numbers for Special Education. Currently, Colchester School District has 329 students in Special Education with staffing needs slightly lower than budget.

IX. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for January 20, 2015.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: January 20, 2015

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Charles	Ducharme	End of Employment	Custodian	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Laurie	Ose	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Katie McIntyre		Yes
Support Staff	Kathryn	Roszman	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for January 20, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

X. Approval of Minutes: January 6 & January 10, 2015

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the minutes of January 6 and January 10, 2015, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Report on Community Budget Meeting from January 10
- Request to add holidays to the School Calendar for the 2015-2016
- Request for Residency Waiver & Meeting
- FY'16 Budget Ideas for Promotion - LCATV

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Planning for March 2 School Report & Town Meeting
- Future Information for the Budget Notice (flyers)
- Finalize School Calendar 2015-2016
- Parent Waiver Request
- Defining MTSS for CSD (Multi-tiered System of Supports) in Instruction, Assessment &

XIII. Adjournment

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk