

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor; Student Board Member Cassandra LaBonte; 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, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor. Absent: Director Lincoln White. There was one member of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Chair Mike Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

A member of the community thanked the school board for their hard work. She encouraged the community to attend meetings; it's a great way to receive important information first hand.

III. Approval of Colchester Education Association Support Staff Agreement

Director Craig Kieny explained some changes in the support staff agreement. Director Kieny stated a change in discretionary days from two to three days for support staff who have been employed with the district for 15 years or more, three percent increase, one-year contract, and other changes to the language throughout the document.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the CEA Support Staff Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IV. Hear CSD Quarterly Financial and Special Education Reports

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz provided the board with a handout indicating the number of special education students and staff for the 2014-2015 school year. As of May 2015, there are 339 special education students. This is a higher number than past years; however, staffing has been maintained.

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb presented a year-to-date financial review to the board for the period ending March 2015. Revenue and expenditures are tracking mostly as expected. Should the current spending trend continue, the district would expect a surplus of \$210,278.

V. Approval of Consolidated Federal Programs Grant Assurances and Allocation of Funds

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli provided the school board with information related to the Title I and Title IIA funds from the state and federal government to support Colchester School District's remedial services and professional development programs.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Lindsey Cox, to authorize the Superintendent to sign the attached assurances and submit the Consolidated Federal Program grant by May 8, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. Hear Agenda for School Board Retreat on May 9

The school board retreat is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Central Office.

Tentative Agenda:

- Early Education Center
- New Superintendent in 2016
- Merger with Other Districts
- CHS Bond Funds/Other Projects
- Co-Projects with Community Center/Town
- Grievance Update
- Colchester Middle School
- Maintenance Projects – prioritize
- Leadership Update
- Student Voice on Schools
- Salaries for Admin vs. Teacher

[Principal Julie Benay arrived at 7:37 p.m.]

VII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for May 5, 2015.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: May 5, 2015

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	John	Carter	End of Employment	Paraeducator - ESL	32.5 hrs	MBS	Notice of End of Employment		End of School Year	Yes
Support Staff	Emma	Nelson	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Speech	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment		End of School Year	Yes
Teacher	Andrea	Boehmcke	End of Employment	Science Teacher	0.6 FTE	CHS	Request to End Employment			Yes
Teacher	Sandy	Bochanski	New Hire	Librarian Media Specialist	1.0 FTE	PPS	Request to Hire	Mary Morgan Mitchell		Yes
Teacher	Kelly	Bourgea	New Hire	Kindergarten Teacher	1.0 FTE	PPS	Request to Hire	Jennifer Randall		Yes
Teacher	Anne	Brady	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	PPS	Request to Hire	Louisa Costantino-Foley Term (Maegan Chevrefils Transfer)		Yes
Teacher	Kristy	Knott	New Hire	Elementary Teacher (One-Year Only)	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Suki DiGrande		Yes
Teacher	Edward	Kruer III	New Hire	Special Education Alternative Program Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	Julie Tanguay		Yes
Teacher	David	McDermott	New Hire	Mathematics Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	Cynthia Glenn		Yes
Teacher	Katherine	Moran	New Hire	Guidance Counselor	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Claire Cantwell-Jones		Yes
Teacher	Christine	Napolitano	New Hire	Mathematics Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	Zachary Kramer (Julie Rutz Transfer)		Yes
Teacher	Carole	Oglesby	New Hire	Librarian Media Specialist	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Judith Flanagan Term (Lynn Hebert Transfer)		Yes
Teacher	Meredith	O'Neil	New Hire	French Teacher	0.6 FTE	CMS	Request to Re-Hire			Yes
Teacher	Cori	Williams	New Hire	Guidance Counselor	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	Craig Revilla		Yes

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the personnel consent agenda for May 5, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2015

Director Lindsey Cox moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015, seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- End of Year – Last day for students is June 10
- Colchester High School Graduation is June 13 – Guest Speaker Doug Allen
- Each principal took the opportunity to explain transition plans for student between school (Grade 2-3, Grades 5-6, Grade 8-9)

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Legislative Update Following Closure of Year (H.361)
- CMS Personalized Learning Plans
- Early Education Center Final Report

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Executive Session

Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Mike Rogers, Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor, Superintendent Larry Waters, Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz, and Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli. Absent: Lincoln White.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to enter executive session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss middle school candidates. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to exit executive session at 8:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to appoint Michele Coté to the Principal position at Colchester Middle School effective July 1, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XII. Adjournment

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk