

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 19, 2015  
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

### MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Curt Taylor, Lincoln White; 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, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor. Absent: Director Craig Kieny and Principal Dawn Gruss. 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 7:00 p.m. Chair Mike Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

#### **III. Approval of CHS Instructional “Coach” for Personalized Learning Plans and Proficiency-Based Grading**

Principal Amy Minor explained her proposal for the addition of an Instructional Coach at Colchester High School. The role of the Instructional Coach is to increase the instructional capacity of the teachers so they can better incorporate best practices in education in order to personalize the learning experience of every Colchester High School student. Principal Minor further explained Mandates (Personalized Learning Plans, Proficiency-Based Grading, and Education Quality Standards), Outcomes, and reasons for the recommendation of a 1.0 FTE Instructional Coach.

*Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the addition of an Instructional Coach at Colchester High School for PLP’s and Proficiency-Based Grading. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

*[Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz arrived at 7:20 p.m.]*

#### **IV. Approval of Prekindergarten Position for Act 166**

Director Carrie Lutz provided the board and community with an update on Act 166 Prekindergarten. Colchester School District has partnered with 31 prequalified centers. The off-site centers already have students enrolled and on waitlists. Colchester School District will pay \$3,000 per student to the prequalified centers towards a tuition credit.

Malletts Bay School, the district’s on-site location, has changed sessions to be in alignment with the 10-hour requirement of Act 166. Currently, Colchester School District does not have staffing

for additional students who qualify for special education throughout the year in our program. Colchester School District will received \$4,351 per student enrolled in our program.

*Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the addition of a Prekindergarten teacher to fulfill the requirements under Act 166. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**V. Approval of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances**

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz discussed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances. Director Lutz stated that Colchester School District will abide by the Special Education rules and regulations and will provide the Vermont Agency of Education the necessary information to complete annual reports.

*Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**VI. Hear Summer Maintenance Projects and Science Center Technology**

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb encouraged the board to discuss ideas on how they would like to allocate the remaining funds from the science lab bond.

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb shared with the board some of the summer maintenance and repair projects. The projects include a new roof at Colchester Middle School, a new elevator at Colchester High School and paving/re-sealing at Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School, and Malletts Bay School.

**VII. Personnel Consent Agenda**

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for May 19, 2015.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA****Board Date: May 19, 2015**

<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	James	Lynch	End of Employment	Bus Driver - Special Education	40.0 hr	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Teacher			Addition to Staff	PLP Instructional Coach	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval of Position			Yes
Teacher			Addition to Staff	Early Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	EEE	Approval of Position		New preschool regulations	Yes
Teacher	Ryan	Strobel	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	New Position		Yes

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the personnel consent agenda for May 19, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**VIII. Approval of Minutes: May 5 and May 9, 2015**

*Director Lindsey Cox moved to approve the minutes of May 5 and May 9, 2015, seconded by Director Curt Taylor. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports**

- Superintendent Waters attended the On the Bay Discussion – Approximately 30 people attended. Discussion included storm water runoff, rerouting traffic, needs of the bay, followed by a walk of the area.
- Principals Chris Antonicci and Carolyn Millham provided current kindergarten enrollment numbers for the 2015-2016 school year. Currently, Union Memorial School has 77 kindergartners enrolled and Porters Point School enrollment is 74.
- Superintendent Waters stated the legislature will fund dual enrollment requirements for the 2015-2016 school year. However, the following year, it will be split 50/50 between the state and district.
- Homestead tax base rate is 99 cents per \$100 on assessed values; that's a 1.082% increase in taxes for Colchester voters.

**X. Possible Future Agenda Items**

- Final Legislative Update Following Closure of Year (H.361)
- Tax Anticipation Note
- Early Education Center Final Report
- Superintendent's Evaluation
- Maintenance Project for Approval
- Science Center Technology Purchases
- Report on SBAC

**XI. Adjournment**

*Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

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Erin Dye  
Reporting Secretary

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Craig Kieny  
Board Clerk