

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Special Meeting
Central Office Conference Room

Wednesday, November 12, 2014
6:00 p.m. (General Session)

MEETING MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, in the Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Directors Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Mike Rogers, Christine Shepard, Lincoln White, and Superintendent, Larry Waters. There were no members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Citizen Participation

There was no citizen participation.

III. General Discussion Agenda Items

Topics covered at the meeting:

- **Consolidation Study Update of UMS and PPS (see consolidation spreadsheet)**
The school board reviewed the programs and staffing for a Pre-k through Grade 1 Early Education Center.
- **Merger Possibilities with Other Area Districts/Supervisory Unions**
Goal: Provide expanded opportunities for students and teachers in Colchester.
Provide greater “economy of scale” for long-term tax dollar savings.
The school board discussed the possibilities and reasons for exploring “partnerships” with other Supervisory Unions/Districts.
- **FY’16 Budget (general discussion about the approach): 3.15% to 3.25% Baseline Budget**
The school board will discuss the FY’16 Baseline Budget in greater detail at the next board meeting on November 18.
- **School Board Meeting Format**
Possible changes to the meeting agenda, location, and format of board meetings in the near future to encourage greater attendance.
- **Future Community Engagement Ideas**
Discussion to hold meetings at the Burnham Library and K-2 schools as the school year progresses with particular focus on specific board issues such as the budget process.

- **Resolution with Town on Education Funding**
The board modified the resolution that the Select Board provided. The board will approve the document regarding changes to the Education Funding formula and process.
- **Meeting with Legislators**
The town plans to hold a meeting with local legislators in December and has requested school board members to attend.

IV. Adjournment

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk