

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, and Christine Shepard; 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; and Principal, Amy Minor. Absent: Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Carolyn Millham, and Director Lincoln White. There were 20 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.

IV. Approval of Minutes: October 7, 2014

Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Director Christine Shepard arrived.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Larry Waters updated the board on the budget Open House.
- Business & Operations Manager George Trieb provided information on the Quarterly Financial Report.
- Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz updated the board on the quarterly Special Education Report.

VI. Hear CHS Report and Update on Project Checkpoint

Assistant Principals Tim Emery and Justin Brown provided the board with an overview of Project Checkpoint – Colchester (partnership between Checkpoint and Colchester High School). The program, designed for students in violation of the school's substance use policy, has been a success.

VII. Hear Second Reading of School Board Policy

Superintendent Waters reviewed the School Board Policy with no significant changes.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the second and final reading of the School Board Policy. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Hear Second Reading of Travel and Expenses Policy

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the Travel and Expense Policy.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to approve the second and final reading of the Travel and Expenses Policy. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Hear Colchester High School Class Size Report

Principal Amy Minor provided the board and community a report on the number of students enrolled in all classes/programs at Colchester High School.

X. Hear First Reading of Graduation Requirement Policy

Principal Amy Minor reviewed the current high school graduation requirements. Some recommended changes included eliminating Gateway Writings, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications to be in accordance with the State Education Quality Standards.

Director Lindsey Cox requested a statement regarding proficiency-based education be added to the policy.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to approve the first reading of the new Graduation Requirements Policy. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Approval of Information Technology Purchase

The IT group is recommending a change in past practice as it pertains to purchasing perpetual licenses required for the operation of the school district network.

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb, Technology Director Pamela Lowe, and Network Administrator Peter Keenan discussed the recommendation to purchase a subscription through an agreement that Microsoft has with the State of Vermont.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the purchase of the subscription service. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for October 21, 2014.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: October 21, 2014

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Rachel	Alling	New Hire	Wellness Coordinator	5.0 hr	DW	Notice of Hire	Jaycie Puttlitz		Yes
Support Staff	Megan	Annis	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Roy	Bishop	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Nicole Pfeifer		Yes
Support Staff	Lubica	Hajrovic	New Hire	Food Service Worker	15.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Dennis Ashley		Yes
Support Staff	Hilarie	Jones	New Hire	Paraeducator - EEE, Bus	6.0 hr	MBS - EEE	Notice of Hire	Mary Giordani		Yes
Support Staff	Anila	Lawrence	New Hire	Paraeducator - Kindergarten	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	Anne Campbell		Yes
Support Staff	Meredith	O'Neil	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	13.0 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	Matt Burns		Yes
Support Staff	Nicole	Pfeiffer	Transfer	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	MBS	Notice of Transfer	Jennie LaPlante		Yes
Support Staff	Heather	Ploof	End of Employment	Intensive Needs Interventionist	32.5 hr	CMS/CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Kathryn	Reed	End of Employment	Intensive Needs Interventionist	32.5 hr	CMS/CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Kathryn	Roszman	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Lindsey Harhen		Yes
Support Staff	Ellen	Tetrick	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Megan Annis		Yes
Teacher	Candance	Condry Bowles	Leave of Absence	504 Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval for Leave of Absence for remainder of 14/15 school year			Yes
Teacher	Louisa	Costantino-Foley	End of Employment	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Karen	Krupa	New Hire	English, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval for Hire	Beth Albright		Yes
Teacher	Craig	Revilla	End of Employment	Guidance Counselor	1.0 FTE	CMS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for October 21, 2014. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XIII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Policy Updates
- Personalized Learning Plans (Grades 7 – 12) – November
- Budget Process and Community – October 23/30
- Board Retreat – November 12 – Merger/General Discussion

XIV. Adjournment

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk