

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, September 2, 2014
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Christine Shepard, and Lincoln White; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business & Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz; Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor. There were two members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:11 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: August 19, 2014 and August 28, 2014

Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of August 19 and August 28, 2014, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Superintendent Larry Waters reminded the school board that the board retreat needs to be rescheduled. Tentatively, the board decided to schedule the retreat on Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Central Office. Director Lindsey Cox will also set up a meeting wizard of possible dates prior to September 28.

Superintendent Waters reviewed the required letter sent to parents and families of the Colchester community to notify them that the school district did not meet adequate yearly progress.

VI. Hear Second Reading of Management of Policies

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the Management of Policies with the school board. There were only a few small changes to the policy statement and procedures.

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Lincoln White, to approve the second and final reading of the Management of Policies policy. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Hear 2014-2015 Enrollment Report

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the enrollment status for each grade level. Porters Point School had the most noticeable decline in enrollment. Porters Point School started the 2014-2015 school year with 68 kindergarteners. Overall, district enrollment increased with a total enrollment of 2,124 students.

VIII. Hear CHS Science Center Announcement of Grand Opening

The CHS Science Center Grand Opening will be Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Science Center at 5:30 p.m.
- Opening Remarks, Mark Rogers, Chair – Colchester School Board
- Overview and Introduction, Amy Minor, CHS Principal
- Acknowledgment – Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education

IX. Approval of Contract Agreement with Colchester Education Association Colchester School Board

Director Lincoln White stated the board and CEA have reached a settlement. Director White stated the base increase over the next three years would be 1.35%, 1.67%, and 1.92%, plus step and column movement increases. Director White also commented that the teachers agreed to reduce their number of sick days from 25 to 20.

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Christine Shepard, to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Colchester Board of School Directors and the Colchester Education Association as written for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017. Motion passed, 3-1-1.

X. Hear Breakage Report Information for FY'15

Superintendent Waters shared the breakage report for FY'15. The report indicated a \$275,359 savings in new hires; \$84,441 in reductions applied to the budget; \$105,918 applied to salaries with a remaining amount of \$85,000 which may be reallocated to support technology and professional development.

XI. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for September 2, 2014.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: September 2, 2014**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Elizabeth	Billings	New Hire	Paraeducator - 504	32.5 hr	MBS	Notice of Hire	Amy McGraw		Yes
Support Staff	Danielle	Fregeau	New Hire	Paraeducator - EEE	32.5 hr	MBS	Notice of Hire	Myrna Laurin		Yes
Support Staff	Holly	Lavoie	Transfer	Paraeducator - Speech	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Transfer	Amanda Mackney		Yes
Support Staff	Stacie	Lowell	New Hire	Food Service Worker - Smoothie Bar	20.0 hr	DW	Notice of Hire	A Zwonik/W Colgrove		Yes
Support Staff	Amy	McGraw	Transfer	Paraeducator - EEE	32.5 hr	MBS	Notice of Transfer	Joan Allaire		Yes
Support Staff	Michele	Michalski	New Hire	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	Amber Keep/Janet Cormier		Yes
Support Staff	Megan	Terjelian	New Hire	Secretary-Mail Courier	27.5 hr	CO	Notice of Hire	Sheila Doherty		Yes

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for September 2, 2014. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Agenda for Summer Retreat
- Superintendent's Evaluation
- Policy Updates
- Personalized Learning Plans (Grades 7 – 12)

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XIII. Executive Session

Those in attendance were: Chair Mike Rogers, Directors Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Christine Shepard, Lincoln White, Superintendent Larry Waters, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz; Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor.

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss student matters. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to exit executive session at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

No motions were made.

XIV. Adjournment

Director Christine Shepard moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk