

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Special Meeting
Central Office Conference Room

Wednesday, September 10, 2014
5:00 p.m. (General Session)

MEETING MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, in the Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Christine Shepard and Lincoln White; Superintendent, Larry Waters; and special guests, Dawn Francis, Town Manager; Kathi O'Reilly, Economic Developer; and Jeff Bartley, Select Board Member. There were no members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Board of Education Retreat

Topics covered at the meeting:

- Dawn Francis, Town Manager, provided the board with current information from the select board regarding property and future plans for a community center.
- District Vision/Strategic Plan – The focus has been on pathways of High Standards, Technology, Communication, Town + School. Other areas to focus on are Wellness, Partnerships, Technology and Four Walls.
- School Board Goals 2014-2015 – The school board discussed goals or areas of focus for the board and aligning those goals with the district's vision/strategic plan.
- FY'16 Budget Preparation – Given history and current economic conditions, the board focused on a target amount for the FY'16 budget.
- Communication and Community Relations – Ideas and thoughts were discussed on how to “get our message out” to the Colchester community.
- Negotiations with Support Staff & Administrators – Superintendent Waters will provide a salary analysis of the area for Administrator negotiations. George Trieb, Business & Operations Manager, will assist with Support Staff negotiations.

III. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Future Facilities Plans and Ideas – Recommendation to explore the idea of closing UMS/PPS and constructing a new early education school on the 12 acres located on the west side of Laker Lane.
- Superintendent's Evaluation & Goals for the 2014-2015 school year – Open conversation with Superintendent Waters and the school board.

IV. Adjournment

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Christine Shepard, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk