

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, 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. Absent: Director Christine Shepard. There were six 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

On the third Tuesday of each month, the school board will review the top questions and themes submitted to them via e-mail at SchoolBoardQuestions@csdvt.org. A member of the community had a question regarding changing school start times for Colchester High School and Colchester Middle School students, please refer to the attached document.

IV. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 10, and 11, 2014

Director Lindsey Cox moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 10, and 11, 2014, seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Larry Waters acknowledged the CHS Science Opening was a success and well attended from the community.
- Principals announced dates of Open House:
 - Porters Point School – September 18 from 6:30 – 7:30
 - Malletts Bay School – September 25 from 6:30 – 7:30
 - Colchester Middle School – October 2 from 6:30 – 8:00
 - Union Memorial School – October 9 at 6:30

VI. Hear and Approve Proposal on Building Consolidation

Superintendent Larry Waters explained how the district's two K-2 schools (Porters Point School and Union Memorial) are aging and the cost to maintain them is an increasing challenge. Superintendent Waters recommended that the school board and community explore the idea of closing PPS and UMS and constructing a new early education school on the district's 12 acres

currently located on the west side of Laker Lane. The town is also interested in building a community center on the same property. This could possibly be a joint venture.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to authorize the Central Office administration to explore and study the costs associated with closing UMS/PPS and constructing an Early Education Center with the town administration. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VII. Hear Review of Future Maintenance Projects

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb provided the board with a list of maintenance projects for the district. The projects range from replacing the generator (high priority) at Colchester High School to replacing floor tiles, doors, and lockers (low priority).

VIII. Hear and Approve First Reading of School Board Policy

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the School Board policy with no recommended changes.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the first reading of the School Board policy. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for September 16, 2014.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: September 16, 2014**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Mary	Giordani	End of Employment	Paraeducator - EEE, Bus	9.75 hr	MBS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Megan	Annis	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Erica Houle		Yes
Support Staff	Michele	Michalski	End of Employment	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	PPS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Jessica	Delibac	New Hire	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	Cassandra Duggan		Yes
Support Staff	Margaret	Martin	Transfer	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	PPS	Notice of Transfer	Michele Michalski		Yes

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for September 19, 2014. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Policy Updates
- Personalized Learning Plans (Grades 7 – 12)
- Board Goals
- Budget Process and Community
- Additional Board Meeting with Legislators

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Executive Session

Those in attendance were: Chair Mike Rogers, Directors Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Lincoln White, Superintendent Larry Waters, and Principals Chris Antonicci and Carolyn Millham.
Absent: Christine Shepard.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to enter executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss student matters. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to exit executive session at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

No motions were made.

XII. Adjournment

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk

I. CSD Current Starting Times

CMS:	7:30 AM	(2:06)
CHS:	7:45 AM	(2:30)
MBS:	8:30 AM	(3:00)
UMS:	8:30 AM	(3:00)
PPS:	8:15 AM	(2:45)

II. Current research supports later starting times for middle and high school students. District last reviewed this idea in 2010.

III. Proposed Starting Times:

-UMS/PPS/MBS:	8:00-2:30
-CMS:	8:45-3:15
-CHS:	9:00-3:30

IV. Limitation: Starting times for technology center students

CTE:	35
BTC:	<u>36</u>
Total:	71

- BTC: 9:35 AM (Students leave CHS at 9:00 AM)
- CTE: 9:40 AM (Most students leave CHS at 7:30 AM to attend first class at CTE that begin at 8:00 AM)

V. Conclusion: The district is unable to change to the proposed starting times due to the CTE class schedule. It is notable that we also receive some reimbursement from the state for transportation to the technical schools. In order to accommodate a significant schedule change the district would incur additional transportation costs.