

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor, and Lincoln White; Student Board Member Brett Krzynski; Superintendent Larry Waters; Business & Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; and Principals Michele Coté and Amy Minor. Absent: Principals Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, and Carolyn Millham. There were no members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Mike Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Hear District Major Initiatives and Projects for the 2016-2017 School Year

Superintendent Waters acknowledged some major initiatives and projects scheduled for the 2016-2017 school year. The list is not exclusive.

- Transition planning for new superintendent with school board and district
- Transition planning for new CHS principal with superintendent and building
- Planning on the FY' 18 Budget (October)
- Managing renovations for CHS Theatre Project
- Coordinating the Early Education Center Project (if moved forward)
- Negotiations with Teacher Association
- Negotiations with Support Staff Association
- Implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Districtwide
- Act 166 Expansion of Universal Prekindergarten Program
- Development of new District Technology Plan

The school board added the following:

- Act 77 – Proficiency-Based Requirements
- Vertical Coordination between buildings – linking student experience
- Food Service
- Vision Plan

IV. Approval for Act 46 Merger Study with the Winooski School District

A request to consider to form a Merger Study with Colchester School District under Act 46 has been made by the Winooski School Board. The proposal, if approved, would allow the districts to access \$25,000 in grant funds from the VT Agency of Education.

The school board had several questions concerning the study and possible merger.

Director Lindsey Cox moved to request a joint meeting with the Winooski School District to discuss the possibility of a merger (meeting to include board members, superintendents, Amy Minor), seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. Approval of Recommendations for Administrator Contract Renewals 2016-2017

Superintendent Waters reviewed all principals/assistant principals and central office administrators Contracts for renewal.

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the recommended Administrator contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Approval for Purchase of Chromebooks for Colchester Middle School

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb requested approval to purchase 170 Chromebooks for Colchester Middle School as its goal is to become 1:1 school. Last year, 130 Chromebooks were purchased.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the purchase of 170 Chromebooks for Colchester Middle School. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for April 5, 2016.

Principal Amy Minor, Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz, and Principal Michele Coté took the opportunity to address their recommended hires.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: April 5, 2016 Revised

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Administrator	Heather	Baron	New Hire	Principal		CHS	Request to Hire	Amy Minor		Yes
Support Staff	Alice	Batson	End of Employment	Paraeducator - ELL	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Shanley	Brown	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5	PPS	Notice of Hire	Gabrielle Gould		Yes
Support Staff	Kourtny	Gordon	End of Employment	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	MBS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	JoAnne	Rice	End of Employment	Intensive Needs Interventionist	40.0 hrs	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Danielle	Cloutier-Simons	Additional FTE	Science Teacher	0.4 FTE	CHS	Request FTE increase to 1.0 FTE	Heather Baron		Yes
Teacher	Candace	Condry-Bowles	End of Employment	Special Education Teacher-504	1.0 FTE	CHS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes
Teacher	Nina	Dudley	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	PPS	Request to Hire	New		Yes
Teacher	Stephen	Fiske	End of Employment	Social Studies Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes
Teacher	Jennifer	Hoenigsberg	Resignation	ELL Teacher	0.5 FTE	MBS	Request Approval for .5 FTE Resignation for SY 16/17			Yes
Teacher	Elliott	Lafferty	New Hire	Spanish, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	Meghan Tiernan Fisher		Yes
Teacher	Maria	Miga	End of Employment	Spanish Teacher	0.8 FTE	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Jessica	Murray	New Hire	Special Education Teacher-504	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Candace Condry-Bowles		Yes
Teacher	Meredith	O'Neil	End of Employment	French Teacher	0.8 FTE	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Emma	Pedrin	New Hire	Spanish Teacher	0.8 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Maria Miga		Yes
Teacher	Lawrence	Romano	End of Employment	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes
Teacher	Joshua	Yosuico	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	UMS	Request to Hire	New		Yes

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the personnel consent agenda for April 5, 2016, as provided. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: March 15 and March 22, 2016

Director Lincoln White moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2016, seconded by Director Curt Taylor. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Director Lindsey Cox moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016, seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Regional Bargaining Council & CVSA work
- April 19 Board Meeting – Board agreed to move the April 19 board meeting to April 26
- Spring Retreat with Board and Superintendent (Amy Minor) – Scheduled for May 17 at 5:00 p.m. at Colchester High School
- Prekindergarten Enrollment
- Consolidated Federal Programs Grant Update

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Early Education Center - Education Opportunities Study
- Support Staff Contracts
- Letter to Exempt Employees
- Special Education & Title I Program Assurances

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 8:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XI. Executive Session: Discuss a Labor Matter

Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Mike Rogers, Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor, Lincoln White, Superintendent Larry Waters, and Principal Amy Minor.

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny to enter executive session at 8:54 to discuss an Unfair Labor Practice from VT-NEA & Colchester Education Association. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to exit executive session at 9:19 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

No motions were made.

XII. Adjournment

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk