

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 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; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; and Principals Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor. Absent: Business & Operations Manager George Trieb and Principal Michele Coté. 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 Report on Early Education Center Educational Opportunities Study

Earlier this school year, a committee comprised of teachers, administrators, and central office administrators addressed possible educational opportunities related to the development and organization of an Early Education Center (Prekindergarten – First Grade) in Colchester. The study focused on a series of questions from the perspective of the student, teacher, parent, and community member.

Superintendent Waters provided the board and community with information on the Prekindergarten Program.

IV. Approval of Consolidated Federal Programs Grant and Assurances

Colchester School District received its official allocations for the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant for the 2016-2017 school year. Colchester School District will be receiving an increase in funds.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli, reviewed the grant allocations.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the Assurances for the CFP Grans for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. Approval of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Craig Kienny, to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Approval for Additional Prekindergarten Section

Colchester School District's enrollment for Prekindergarten would indicate that another section is needed. Colchester School District practices Universal Prekindergarten by providing access to the program for all students and has not needed to hold a "lottery" or wait list. Currently, the Prekindergarten Program is running a deficit (approximately \$135,000). By adding another section, the district will be able to collect the ADM for another 15 students and bring the deficit down by about \$35,000.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Craig Kienny, to approve an additional section of Prekindergarten under Act 166 and to hire personnel to support the program (one teacher and one aide). One objection. Director Lincoln White objected. Motion passed, 4-0 with 1 objection.

VII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for April 26, 2016.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: April 26, 2016 - Revised

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Amy	Adams	Leave of Absence	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CMS	Request Approval of Leave of Absence beginning April 18 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 SY			Yes
Support Staff	Megan	Jarominski	End of Employment	Behavior Interventionist	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes
Support Staff	Dylan	McGuire	End of Employment	Custodian	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Heather	Baron	Leave of Absence	PLP Coordinator/Science Teacher	0.6 FTE/0.4 FTE	CHS	Request Approval of Leave of Absence for the 2016-2017 SY			
Teacher	Rebecca	Ford	New Hire	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Margaret Rogers		Yes
Teacher	Jamie	Mulcahy	New Hire	Mathematics Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Janet Soltau		Yes
Teacher	Deanna	Walker	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	New		Yes
Teacher			Addition to Staff	Title I Math, One-Year Only	0.4 FTE/0.4 FTE	UMS/PPS	Request to Approve Position	New	Funds Covered by CFP Grant	Yes
Teacher			Addition to Staff	PreK Teacher	0.5 FTE	MBS	Request to Approve Position	New	Increase Enrollment	Yes

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the personnel consent agenda for April 26, 2016, as provided. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2016

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

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Joint School Board Meeting with Winooski – May 11
- Questions for Winooski School Board regarding Merger Study
- Retreat Agenda

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Tax Anticipation Note
- Quarterly Financial & Special Education Reports
- Merger Study Vote
- May 17 Retreat
- School Lunch Prices

XI. Adjournment

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk