

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, and Curt Taylor; 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 Principal Amy Minor. Absent: Director Lincoln White, Principals Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Michele Coté, and Carolyn Millham. There were three 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.

The board agreed to move Agenda Items III and IV.

III. Hear Update on CHS Auditorium Renovations

Principal Amy Minor reviewed each expense associated with renovating the CHS Auditorium. The estimated cost related to this renovation is approximately \$695,000 - \$795,000. Once the final amount is determined, Business & Operations Manager George Trieb will compose official language for the ballot should the board decide to request voter approval. This request is a reallocation of the remaining science bond funds.

IV. Hear Budget-FY'17 Information

Superintendent Larry Waters shared Budget FY'17 information with the school board and community. The overall FY'17 Budget is expected to increase by 4.1%. This number includes the new programs and personnel listed below. Superintendent Waters provided additional information regarding Total Expenditures, Total Revenue, and Net Equalized Pupils.

LEA: Colchester School District
 Act 46-Allowable Growth Amount 2.35%
 Homestead and Non-Residential Education Tax Rates
 Dec. 14, 2015

FY'17 Budget		
Dollar Yield Amount:	\$9,959	
Base Non-Residential Tax Rate:	\$1.54	
Common Level of Appraisal:	96.00%	Est. decrease-2.5%
Total Budget Expenditures:	\$37,914,751	Est. increase-4.1%
Budgeted Revenues:	\$7,587,327	Est. increase-5.53%
Local Education Spending:	\$30,327,424	
Net Equalized Pupils:	2,203.84	Est. increase- 44 Eq. Pupils
Local Ed. Spending Per Eq. Pupil:	\$13,761.17	-\$89.83 Below Allowed Growth Amt.
		Act. Increase-1.67%

Estimated Tax Rate		
Ed. Spending per Eq. Pupil:	\$13,761.17	
Capital Debt Per Eq. Pupil:	n/a	
Ed. Spend. / Eq. Pupil - Capital Debt:	n/a	
Excess spending threshold: AOE	n/a	
Excess spending per Eq. Pupil -Amt. Over	n/a	
Adjusted Ed. Spending per Eq. Pupil:	\$13,761.17	
District Spending Adjustment:	1.3818	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate:		
Common Level of Appraisal:	96.00%	
Actual Homestead Tax Rate:	1.4394	Current: 1.4386 (diff: .0008)

Amt. for Programs & Personnel:	Rationale for Inclusion
\$15,000	Supplement to CFP Grant to cover shortfall in funding due to reg. changes
\$45,000	* Additional Grade 3 Teacher at MBS due to enrollment-Going from 9 teachers to 7
\$50,000	Professional development funding to support MTSS model and Math Instruction K-5
\$45,000	* Additional I.T. personnel to support continued development and expansion of programs (non-instructional)
\$0.00	Additional Special Education Teachers: PPS-1, UMS-1, MBS-2 (Cost to be offset by reduction by para-educator)
\$58,000	Additional support for athletic programs at CHS due to cost increases (fees, referees, etc.)
\$213,000	Total Cost (Amounts do not include total benefits)

V. Approval of CEA Support Staff Agreement

Negotiations with the CEA Support Staff have concluded with the following terms to be approved by the school board:

- One-year contract
- Adjust in-service section of the contract to read “as required” by the administrator
- Four (4) technology specialists will be moved from Support Staff Union Contract and placed under the Support Staff Handbook
- Move four (4) maintenance workers from Grade B to Grade C
- All Employees would receive an hourly pay increase of 50 cents

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the changes to the CEA Support Staff Agreement for 2016-2017, as provided. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. Hear Financial Reports on Medicaid & Consolidated Federal Programs Grant

Medicaid is a source of revenue for the school district. Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz provided the board and community with the FY’16 Medicaid Budget explaining how the funds are allocated to schools and programs.

The Consolidated Federal Programs Grant is used to support students who are in need of remediation in reading and mathematics. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli provided a review of the funding stating allocation funds have decreased, requirements have increased, staffing and instructional supports have decreased to meet allocation and requirements, and voter budget is currently supporting \$60,000 of the program. An additional \$15,000 from voter budget is anticipated for the 2016-2017 budget to cover instructional and professional development needs.

VII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for December 15, 2015.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: December 15, 2015**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Co-Curricular	Kerrin	Connors	New Hire	Girls Nordic Skiing, Varsity Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Callie Douglas		Yes
Support Staff	Wilson	Korth	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire	Charles Wise		Yes
Support Staff	Spencer	Sahagian	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Sarah	Taylor	New Hire	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS	Notice of Hire			Yes
Teacher	Matthew	Gile	New Hire	Librarian-Media Specialist	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	Lisa Buckton		Yes
Teacher	Brian	Varga	New Hire	Science Teacher, Long-Term Substitute	0.6 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Danielle Cloutier- Simons		Yes

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the personnel consent agenda for December 15, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2015

Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Chair Mike Rogers discussed the Superintendent Search Process. The screening committee will be conducting interviews on January 13. The school board is planning on interviewing two finalists on January 19.

Superintendent Waters shared:

- Possible changes in the 2016-2017 School Calendar (Election Day, Early Release)
- Every Student Succeeds Act
- School Report Night/Town Meeting – Monday, February 29 – potential change in start time from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- School Reports – CMS in January
- Presentation on Multi-tiered System of Support & Universal Design for Learning
- Education Quality Standards
- Recommended Superintendent’s Budget – FY’17
- Superintendent Interviews scheduled for January 19 (Executive Session?)

XI. Adjournment

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk