

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, 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 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 Colchester School District Audit Report for FY'15

Fred Duplessis from Sullivan, Powers & Co. provided a quick overview of the school district's financial statements for fiscal year 2015. The audit was clear and in full compliance.

IV. Approve New Language for Handbook Employees

Superintendent Waters reviewed the revised changes to the Support Staff Handbook (non-union employees). These changes included a longevity service payment starting upon completion of 10 years of service, life insurance, and a retirement option to move from Group A to Group B.

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the changes to the CSD Support Staff (Non-Union) Handbook as recommended by the administration. One abstention. Director Craig Kieny abstained. Motion passed, 3-0 with 1 abstention.

V. Hear Quarterly Financial Report and Special Education Report

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb provided a year-to-date financial review for the period ending December 2015. Should the current spending trend continue, the district would expect a surplus of \$70,963.

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz provided the board and community with an overview of the number of students enrolled in special education services, staff, and service programs. Even though the number of students enrolled in special education services has decreased this year, the enrollment number is still higher than previous years.

VI. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for March 1, 2016.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: March 1, 2016**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Co-Curricular	Ryan	O'Hara	New Hire	Baseball, JV Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Tom Critchlow		Yes
Support Staff	Jesse	Brown	End of Employment	Paraeducator- Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Erin	Frost	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	Sarah Letteney		Yes
Support Staff	Ruby	Kane	New Hire	Paraeducator- Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	Kristin Vigneault		Yes
Support Staff	Melanie	Tupaj	New Hire	Computer Lab Monitor	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Christopher King		Yes
Support Staff	Kristin	Vigneault	Transfer	Paraeducator - Speech	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of Transfer	Caitlin Rathgeb		Yes
Teacher	Joanne	Kalisz	New Hire	Art Teacher, Long- Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Kate DeCoff		Yes
Teacher	Zachary	Kramer	End of Employment	Math Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes
Teacher	Janet	Soltau	End of Employment	Math Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the personnel consent agenda for March 1, 2016. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Principal Amy Minor provided the results from Town Meeting Day.

- The school budget passed 3,348 to 1,297.
- The remaining bond balance (not to exceed \$730,000) for theater renovations at Colchester High School was approved 3,336 to 1,295.
- Director Lindsey Cox will be returning to the school board for a two-year term.
- Director Craig Kieny will be returning to the school board for a three-year term.

VII. Approval of Minutes: February 2, 6, and 12, 2016

Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 6, and 12, 2016, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Waters shared a residency waiver request for a current student. The family is moving out-of-district in April 2016 and would like the student to finish the 2015-2016 school year at Colchester School District. Board agreed.
- Superintendent Waters provided an update to the school board regarding the unfair labor practice.

IX. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Teacher Contract Renewals
- Early Education Center – Education Opportunities Study
- Election of Board Officers
- Administrator Contract Renewal Recommendations

X. Adjournment

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk