

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 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 Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Michele Coté, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor. There were 13 senior seminar students 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 Nominations for School Board Reorganization and Approval of Newspaper of Record: Colchester Sun

Superintendent Larry Waters accepted the nomination of Mike Rogers as Board Chair from Director Lindsey Cox, seconded by Director Curt Taylor. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Mike Rogers accepted the nomination of Lincoln White as Vice Chair from Director Lindsey Cox, seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Mike Rogers accepted the nomination of Craig Kieny as Board Clerk from Director Lincoln White, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the Colchester Sun as the official newspaper for the district for legal notices. Motion pass unanimously, 5-0.

IV. Hear Malletts Bay School Restructuring Plan

With current changes in curriculum, instruction, and delivery of services, the school has developed a new plan for all grades at Malletts Bay School that focus more on communities. Principal Julie Benay reviewed the restructured classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year.

V. Hear FY'16 Cost Analysis of Prekindergarten Program (Act 166 & EEE)

Superintendent Larry Waters provided a cost analysis of the Prekindergarten Program for FY' 16.

VI. Approval of Recommendations for Teacher Contract Renewals-2016-2017

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the recommendations for the teacher contract renewals for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Hear Information for 2016-2017 School Calendar (final)

Superintendent Waters reviewed the 2016-2017 school-year calendar. In accordance with the Champlain Valley Superintendent Association, the following changes were made:

- November 8 – Optional Day (Election Day: Two-hour day for Grades 6 – 12 due to voting at Colchester High School)
- December 23 – Optional Day (Elected to take the day off)
- January 2 – Optional Day (In accordance with the union agreement)
- The school board agreed to a one-year trial of three early release days to promote faculty development. Before adopting the next school-year calendar, the administration will present an analysis of the cost vs. benefits of the early release days along with a recommendation.

VIII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for March 15, 2016.

Superintendent Waters recognized the resignation of Susan Hooper for her dedicated years of service to Colchester School District.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: March 15, 2016**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Sara	Harding	New Hire	Paraeducator- Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	Jesse Brown		Yes
Support Staff	Brian	Varga	New Hire	Paraeducator - 504	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Kevin Ring		Yes
Teacher	Susan	Hooper	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	PPS	Notice of Resignation End of SY 15/16			Yes
Teacher	Cecila	Miga	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher	0.8 FTE	CHS	Request Approval of LOA for SY 16/17			
Teacher	Erin	Murphy	New Hire	Speech & Language Pathologist	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Erin Murphy	Replacing One- Year Only Status (hired mid-year)	Yes

Chair Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the personnel consent agenda for March 15, 2016, with the exception of the leave of absence request. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: March 1, 2016

Director Craig Kieny moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016, seconded by Director Curt Taylor. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

X. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Waters shared two kindergarten waiver requests with the school board.
- Superintendent Waters provided the board with an update on the unfair labor practice informal hearing.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Early Education Center-Education Opportunities Study
- Administrator Contract Renewal Recommendations
- Support Staff Contracts
- Letter to Exempt Employees
- Winooski School District – Merger Study Request
- Town Master Plan for Bayside Park

XII. Adjournment

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk