

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Theater
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
6:30 p.m. (Open Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an open session on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 in the Colchester High School Theater (Auditorium). Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor and Lincoln White; Business & Operations Manager George Trieb; CHS Principal Amy Minor; and one community member was in attendance.

MINUTES (Open Session)

From 6:30 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. the administration provided the board with a tour of the theater facility at CHS, highlighting some of the areas requiring repairs (lights, sound, seating, flooring, curtains, ventilation, etc.).

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 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; 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 several CHS Senior Seminar students and one community member in attendance.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Hear School Board Discussion on FY 2017 Budget Planning

The school board reviewed a brief review of Act 46 with respect to the Allowable Growth in Per Pupil Spending. Members decided that for budgeting purposes they would like the following approaches to be implemented:

- Regular Baseline Budget with anticipated increases due to master agreements, inflation, etc. This budget will focus on the overall amount of increase in spending and no regard to Act 46.
- Proposed Baseline Budget with recommended increases in programs, personnel, etc. This budget should focus on per pupil spending and include allowable growth.
- Recommended Budget will include all aspects of the budget process, Act 46 requirements and new Equalized Pupil and Allow Growth

- Finally, the board has requested that a Zero Growth Budget be provided with the amount of reductions and areas for consideration to reduce.

IV. Hear Science Results from the New England Common Assessment

Gwen Carmolli, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, provided the board with an overview of the NECAP Science scores from the assessment taken in the spring. The assessment was administered to students in grades 4, 8 and 11. The results have no bearing on our Accountability under NCLB and it is questionable whether the assessment will be given in the foreseeable future. At a later date she will provide the Science scores for students in poverty and disabilities.

V. Hear Update on Educational Study for the Early Education Center

The superintendent has formed a district committee to examine research related to prekindergarten programs and early education. The committee is in the process of developing important questions relevant to the proposed Early Education Project. The questions (30) were reviewed and discussed with the board. The committee plans to develop a set of Frequently Asked Questions for the proposal and share them with the community, parents and staff.

VI. Approval of Purchase for New Maintenance Vehicle

George Trieb, Business Manager, reviewed the details of the purchase with board. We have budgeted for the replacement of this vehicle.

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Craig Kieny, to approve the purchase of the new maintenance vehicle as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for November 3, 2015.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: November 3, 2015**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Jodi	Lambrecht	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Kevin	Kane	New Hire	Custodian	32.5 hr	MBS	Notice of Hire	Karen Pelletier		Yes
Support Staff	Kevin	Ring	New Hire	Paraeducator - 504	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire			Yes
Teacher	Lisa	Buckton	End of Employment	Librarian-Media Specialist	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request for End of Employment			Yes
Teacher	Margaret	Hershman	Leave of Absence	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	PPS	Request Approval of Leave of Absence est. May 16 - end of school year			Yes

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the personnel consent agenda for November 3, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: October 20, 2015

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the minutes of October 20, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Update on NAEP Scores in Math and Reading for VT by A.O.E.
- Nov. 23 & 24-Parent Conferences/Report Cards – K-8 & In-service Days for 9-12

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- School Reports – CMS-December
- Colchester Athletic Boosters Association Report
- Presentation on Multi-tiered System of Support & Universal Design for Learning
- Education Quality Standards
- Budget Process – Preparing for the Baseline Budget and more

XI. Executive Session: Hear Personnel Matter (Room 114A)

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to enter executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to exit executive session at 9:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XII. Adjournment

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Larry Waters
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk