

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor and Director Lincoln White; Superintendent Larry Waters; Business & Operations Manager George Trieb; and Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz. Absent: Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Michele Coté, Carolyn Millham and Amy Minor. There were thirty CHS Senior Seminar students and three community members 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 Act 46 FY'17 Allowable Growth & Per Pupil Spending Report

A PowerPoint Presentation was provided to the school board regarding the Allowable Growth for per pupil spending for FY'17. The presentation was the "kickoff" for the budget process and examples of possible financial scenarios were provided. The key factor regarding the allowable growth will be the number of Equalized Pupils the district received for FY'17. In addition, the district will apply a fund balance of \$800,000 in revenue toward the Total Budget Expenditures. The district is expected to stay within the growth limits set by the state under Act 46.

IV. Hear Preliminary Report on High Qualified Teachers

The district is required each year to share with the board and community information received from the state regarding our status with teachers who are "highly qualified." This does not mean that they do not hold the proper endorsements, but simply that they did not take the courses to be declared officially Highly Qualified. It was noted that all teachers providing instruction for Alternative Programs and Special Education have been identified as not being HQT under NCLB. This is typical and expected. I do not foresee any changes in their status. Carrie Lutz explained that it is difficult to require teachers at all levels in Special Education to be HQT in content areas; but, all Special Education teachers are properly endorsed. Again, this is a preliminary report and we agree with the findings.

V. Approval of Third and Final Reading of the Personnel Leave Policy

The final amendments have been made in accordance with the last meeting.

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Lindsey Cox, to approve the third and final reading of the Long-term Leave of Absence Without Pay Policy as written. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Hear Quarterly Financial & Special Education Report

The Business Manager provided the board with an update on our expenditures and their tracking year-to-date. In addition, the Director of Special Education provided an update on support staff, student eligibility and other information relevant to the annual service plan/budget. Again, it is still very early in the year but the information will be helpful as we begin to plan for FY'17.

VII. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for October 20, 2015.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: October 20, 2015**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Kristina	Mathias	Leave of Absence	Paraeducator	32.5 hr	CHS	Request Approval of Leave of Absence est. start date November 18, 2015 for 6 weeks			Yes
Support Staff	Sarah	Letteney	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire			Yes
Teacher	Kyla	McNally-Anderson	New Hire	LTS - Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Dawn Schroeder		Yes

Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the personnel consent agenda for October 20, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: October 6, 2015

Director Craig Kieny moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Enrollment Update and Class Size K-8
- Update on Science Bond Funds
- Prekindergarten Enrollment Update

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- School Reports – CMS-November
- Colchester Athletic Boosters Association Report
- Presentation on Multi-tiered System of Support & Universal Design for Learning
- Education Quality Standards

XI. Adjournment

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Larry Waters
Reporting Secretary

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk