

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Media Center

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

### MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Curt Taylor, and Lincoln White; Superintendent Larry Waters; 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. Absent: Director Craig Kieny and Business & Operations Manager George Trieb. There were sixteen CHS 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**

No citizen comments or questions.

#### **III. Hear Colchester High School Annual Report**

(See attached report)

In accordance with Education Quality Standards, schools are required each year to provide a report to the school board and community on a number school related items such as assessment performance in reading and math, discipline, attendance, enrollment, PLP, etc. Principal Minor presented her report at the meeting with the listed information.

#### **IV. Smarter Balance Assessment Report on Students with Disabilities & Poverty**

(See attached report)

Gwen Carmolli, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, provided the board and community with the assessment percentages for students who were proficient on the SBAC assessment in Literacy and Math. The percentage of students achieving the standards in both content areas is very low and concerning to us particularly for the subgroup with Disabilities. We do not have state averages for a comparison at this time. The district will disaggregate the scores and include new action in our improvement plans for all schools.

#### **V. Approval of First Reading of the Personnel Leave Policy**

School Board approved the first reading of the Personnel Leave Policy with the amendments provided.

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the first reading of the Long-Term Leave of Absence Without Pay Policy as amended. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**VI. Hear Update on Plan to Study Educational Opportunities for Early Education Center**

Superintendent Larry Waters provided the board with an outline related to the study of the educational component of the Early Education Center. The plan further examines various parts of the early education research. Currently, the group will conduct a review of research and best practices as it relates to the structuring of grades and prekindergarten programs. The committee will provide a report to the board with their findings but not necessarily recommendations. At a later time the report will include community opinion. The school board would like a short list of talking points regarding the EEC to reference when they are asked questions by the community.

**VII. Personnel Consent Agenda**

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

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

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
Support Staff	Theresa	Meadows	End of Employment	Intensive Needs Interventionist	35.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Richard	Pecor	End of Employment	Communications Specialist	20.0 hr	CO	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Christiana	Tampas-Willams	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Megan	Terjelian	End of Employment	CO Secretary/Mail Courier	27.5 hr	CO	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Sean	Clarke	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	David Bradley		Yes
Support Staff	Donna	Demag-Cross	New Hire	CO Secretary/Mail Courier	27.5 hr	CO	Notice of Hire			Yes

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

**VIII. Approval of Minutes: August 29 & September 1, 2015**

The Board requested an amendment to the minutes of August 29, 2015, to include the following statement: “The school board will have further discussion regarding the bond balance and no decisions have been made at this time.”

*Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Curt Taylor, to approve the minutes of August 29 as amended and the minutes of September 1, 2015. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports**

- Early Education Center Report to Select Board on September 22, 2015

**X. Possible Future Agenda Items**

- School Reports – UMS/PPS/MBS (CMS)
- Colchester Athletic Boosters Association Report – November 3, 2015
- Presentation on Multi-tiered System of Support & Universal Design for Learning
- Act 46 Update & Budget Planning
- Planning for FY’17 Budget

**XI. Adjournment**

*Director Curt Taylor moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

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Larry Waters  
Reporting Secretary

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Craig Kieny  
Board Clerk