

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
CHS Room 114A
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
5:30 p.m. (Executive Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (Executive Session)

The Colchester Board of Education had planned to hold Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, however, the meeting was canceled.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor, Lindsey Cox and Lincoln White; Student Board Member Jaclyn Cline; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business & Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Principal Chris Antonicci and Principal Heather Baron.

There were two people in the audience.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Report from Building Principals

Principal Antonicci of UMS stated school is going well after returning from holiday break. During the first half of the year they focused on math and they are currently transitioning into focusing on technology for the latter half of the school year. Principal Baron of CHS stated they are about to wrap up the first semester and students will start their midterm exams soon. The 8th Grade Open House is next Thursday and they are starting to plan courses and opportunities for next year.

IV. Cabling Project at CMS

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb, requested that the board approve a proposal to update the cabling at Colchester Middle School. The school currently has Ethernet Category 5 cabling terminating in ceiling mounted data switches on both floors. The proposed updates would involve moving the data switches out of the ceiling and locating them in a secure data closet. This will provide proper ventilation for the switches and easier, safer access by technicians when troubleshooting network issues. Updating the older wiring with certified wiring and connections will also improve connectivity.

Director White moved to accept the bid from DominionTech Computer Services as recommended, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. Approval of Colchester School District Announced Tuition for FY'18

Each year districts and supervisory unions are required by law to announce their anticipated tuition for students attending Colchester Schools from other districts and supervisory unions that do not have a high school or middle school. Most tuition students attending CSD are from the Grand Isle Supervisory Union. Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb, presented those figures for the board.

Director Cox moved to approve the announced tuition rate for FY'18 at \$11,850 for elementary grades (K-6) and \$14,250 for secondary grades (7-12), seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Superintendent's Recommended Budget

Superintendent Minor presented an overview of the FY'18 budget with regard to the expenditures she is anticipating for next year. At this point in time, the school board has not made any final decisions regarding next year's budget. The board spent time discussing the three major components that are negatively impacting this year's budget; the common level of appraisal, normalization of net equalized pupils and the decreased number of tuition students. At the next school board meeting, on January 17th, the school board will determine and warn the school budget for FY'18.

VII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for January 3, 2017.

Director Kienny moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for January 3, 2017, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: December 20, 2016

Two minor typos corrected.

Director Kienny moved to approve the corrected minutes of December 20, 2016, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: December 29, 2016

Director White moved to approve the minutes of December 29, 2016, seconded by Director Kienny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

X. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Discuss Potential Filming Dates for Budget Round Table Discussion at LCATV.
- Policy committees underway: Acceptable Use and Wellness Policy

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Early Education Center Update
- New Special Education Model, January
- Budget Expenditures Continued
- Proficiencies and Transferable Skills
- Importance of Early Childhood Education

XII. Executive Session

Director White moved to adjourn and enter Executive Session to discuss teacher and support staff negotiations at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

No decisions were made

XIII. Adjournment

Board Chair Rodgers moved to adjourn at 8:58 p.m., seconded by Director Kienny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Craig Kienny
Board Clerk