

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Tuesday, January 17, 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 an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, in CHS Room 114A. Director Lincoln White was present and Director Craig Kieny attended by phone. Also in attendance were Superintendent Amy Minor and Business & Operations Manager George Trieb.

With only two School Board members present there was no quorum.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Curt Taylor, Lindsey Cox, and Lincoln White; Director Craig Kieny attended by phone; 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; Principals: Carolyn Millham, Michele Cote, and Julie Benay.

There were three people in the audience.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board Chair Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Report from Building Principals

Principal Benay and Principal Millham reported out on their joint in-service session on Monday. All of the pre-k to grade 5 teachers gathered in the morning for professional development which featured technology integration in the classroom. Principal Millham stated the session was very informative and relevant to instructional practices. They examined how they can use technology to provide an appropriate amount of rigor in their curriculum. There will be three additional follow-up sessions in the future. Principal Cote reported that CMS focused part of their in-service on the new format of parent-teacher conferences which will roll out in March. The meetings are now called student-led conferences and the student will play a central role in the meeting. Part of this new process will involve the student preparing for the conference in advance by choosing work to display and reflecting on their grades and study habits. On the day of the conference, the student will lead the meeting by explaining all the content areas to their parents.

IV. Report on Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz, led the board through a presentation on homeless and unaccompanied youth and the impact they have in CSD. She gave the board a better understanding of the McKinney-Vento Law which is a federal law that increases identification, enrollment, stability, and school success for children experiencing homelessness. CSD provides a number of supports for those children including transportation costs, funding for school materials, free breakfast and lunch, connections with COTS and Burlington Housing Association, and school choices between staying in the district where they last had permanent housing or transferring to the district where they are getting temporary shelter. The number of students identified as homeless fluctuates, between 2014 and 2016 there was an average of 33 students, this year there are 8.

V. Approval of FY'18 Budget and Warnings

Superintendent Minor provided the board with a comprehensive FY'18 budget overview. She led with enrollment numbers both at the district level and within each building. Enrollment projection shows that CSD enrollment is "flat", meaning it is not predicted that the levels will increase or decline significantly. She highlighted the five goals for the district: high-quality instruction, strong support services, a cohesive district, equity, and accountability. She correlated how the district is currently working to achieve those goals and how it impacts that FY'18 budget. The investments outlined to achieve the goals included the English Learners program and its increasing needs, preschool at MBS and Act 166, the upcoming needs of the facilities across the district, and technology integration with the roll out of 1:1 devices in grades 6-12 and 2:1 devices in grades 3-5. Superintendent Minor presented three budget options for FY'18 of varying percentage increases and the board discussed the reductions on the table and how it would impact students directly. A PDF copy of the presentation is available on the district's website in the budget section.

Director Cox moved to adopt a budget of \$39,133,767 for the support and operation of the Colchester School District for the year beginning July 1, 2017, seconded by Director Rogers. The motion passed 4-1, with Director Kieny voting no.

Director Rogers moved, seconded by Director White to warn the year 2017 Annual Town School District meeting by signing the warning for said meeting.

VI. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

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

Director White moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for January 17, 2017, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Board Chair Rogers recused himself.

VII. Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2017

Director Cox moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2016, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. 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

IX. Possible Future Agenda Items

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

X. Adjournment

Director Taylor moved to adjourn at 8:54 p.m., seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk