

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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

MINUTES (Executive Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in CHS Room 114A. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, and Curt Taylor; and Superintendent Amy Minor.

Director White moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director Kieny. Board Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. to have a discussion regarding negotiations. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

No decisions were made.

Director Kieny moved to exit Executive Session at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor, and Lindsey Cox; Student Board Member Jaclyn Cline; Superintendent Amy Minor; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Principals: Heather Baron, Julie Benay, Carolyn Millham, and Chris Antonicci.

There were 3 people in the audience.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board Chair Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Hear Colchester School District Audit Report for FY'16

Fred Duplessis, CPA from Sullivan, Powers and Co., provided the board and community with an overview of their audit report and findings for FY'16. A copy of the report is available on the district website. The audit was clear and in full compliance.

IV. Report from Black River Design on Building Renovations

John Hemmelgarn with Black River Design shared his analysis of the work that would need to be done on the PPS and UMS lots to expand those buildings to serve PreK – Grade 2 students. His analysis also included financial information and estimates. John stated that both schools are operating at or above the current space restraints. Both school principals echoed those statements saying it is extremely tight for students and faculty and it can often prevent them from doing large group collaboration lessons. Superintendent Minor stated she will form a committee to research and advise on the project. Once it was confirmed that renovating the existing buildings was an option, the board talked about having a future discussion about the scope of the prospective committee's work. Specifically, if the board would want them to explore both options on the table. The first being to renovate and expand both PPS and UMS to hold PreK – Grade 2. And the second option being to build a brand new PreK – Grade 2 school building which would combine both schools.

V. Approval of Recommendation for Teacher Contract Renewals 2017-2018

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with two memos outlining the contracts that she recommends to renew for the FY'18 school year.

Director Cox moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for teacher contract renewals and individual contract renewals for FY'18 as provided, seconded by Director Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. School Calendar

Superintendent Amy Minor shared the first draft version of the 2017-2018 School Calendar with the board and community. The calendar was based off of the contract agreement which indicates there will be 176 student days, 8 in-service days, 1 teacher prep day, and 2 conference days for 187 total days. She is still working on early release days and will bring those forward at a future meeting.

VII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Personnel Consent Agenda for review.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2017

Director Taylor moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2017

Director Taylor moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2017, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

X. Approval of Minutes: March 1, 2017

Director Kieny moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XI. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz, provided the results from Town Meeting Day.
 - The school budget passed 1,381 to 971.
 - Director Lincoln White will be returning to the school board for a three-year term.
 - Director Curt Taylor will be returning to the school board for a two-year term.
- Director White provided an update on contract negotiations.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Carrie's Road Show
- 2nd Draft of 17-18 School Calendar
- Early Release Days in '17-'18
- Policies for Next Meeting (tobacco, AUP, building use and weapons)

XIII. Adjournment

Director Kieny moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk