

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Tuesday, May 2, 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, May 2, 2017, in CHS Room 114A. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lincoln White and Craig Kieny; Superintendent Amy Minor; and Business and Operations Manager George Trieb.

Director Kieny moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Board Chair Rogers. Director Kieny called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. to have a discussion regarding contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

No decisions were made.

Director White moved to exit Executive Session at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Board Chair Rogers. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, and Lindsey Cox; Student Member Jaclyn Cline, Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Principals Carolyn Millham, Chris Antonicci, and Julie Benay.

There were 4 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. Decision on 2018 Costa Rica Trip

At the last board meeting, three CHS world language teachers presented a travel opportunity to the board. They requested to bring approximately 12 to 18 high school students to Costa Rica during the 2018 April recess. The board engaged in some discussion prior to making a decision. One audience member, who identified herself as a parent, stated that other districts offer more trips and she thinks CSD should allow more opportunity for students to travel. The board expressed concerns that

although the trip is intended to be equitable, the financial amount needed from families will essentially impede that. The board would like to hear what plans and solutions are in place to assist in fundraising to make this trip a possibility for all students. They would also like to explore limiting the overlap between students who are going on the Andros trip from also going on the Costa Rica trip. Overall, the board was supportive of the trip but asked that Superintendent Minor continue working on the documentation needed such as permission slips, forms, policies, procedures and recommendations from attorneys.

Director Cox moved to approve the 2018 CHS trip to Costa Rica, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IV. Hear Quarterly Financial and Special Education Report

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz, provided the board with a special education report. The report showed a breakdown of staff and out-of-district placements. Ultimately, the numbers are very similar as the last quarterly report. She stated the new model for support staff is working well. They are able to handle the transition of students coming in and out of the district more efficiently. Long term, this model will prove to be more stable with the services CSD is providing.

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb provided an update on the expenditures and revenues. Should the current spending trend continue, the district would expect a slight surplus of \$154,117.

V. Approval of Consolidated Federal Programs Grant and Assurances

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli, provided an overview of the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant. Although the district applies every year, she stated this year is unusual because the Federal budget is held up and they have been unable to advise how much money will be available to our district. She states they believe it will be less than last year.

Director Kieny moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the attached assurances and submit the Consolidated Federal Program grant, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. Approval of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz, provided an overview of the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances. She also advised that due to the Federal Budget, the district is unsure of the amount of funds that will be allocated to the district.

Director White moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0

VII. Approval for Purchase of Maintenance Truck

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb, requested the board approve the purchase of a new maintenance vehicle. The district currently has five vehicles and the truck they are looking to purchase is very similar to the existing trucks. The new truck would replace a 2004 Chevy that will no longer pass inspection.

Director White moved to approve the purchase of a new maintenance truck as recommended and to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents to make this happen, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Approval for Purchase of IT Equipment

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb, requested the board approve the planned and budgeted laptop/chromebook expenditure as part of the district's annual replacement plan for CHS and CMS. There was some discussion from the board about what the district is doing with the old devices. Currently they offered to graduating seniors for \$50 or they are sold to a local second-hand technology distributor.

Director White moved to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to purchase IT equipment as requested, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. First Reading of Naming of Facilities Policy: H7

Superintendent Minor provided the board with the current copy of the Naming of Facilities policy. She stated there is no State or Federal mandate to have this policy, but she believes it has served the district well in the past. She is not initially recommending any changes, just a review of the current policy and attached procedures.

Director Kieny moved to approve the first reading of Naming of Facilities policy, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

X. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for May 2, 2017.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: May 2, 2017 Revised

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Ashley	Goodrum	New Hire	EEE Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	EEE	Request to Hire	Stephanie Duncan	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Danielle	Hardy	New Hire	EEE Special Education Teacher	0.5 FTE	EEE	Request to Hire	Nancy Smith	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Sona	Iyengar	End of Employment	ELL Teacher	0.5 FTE	MBS	Notice of Resignation effective June 30, 2017			Yes
Teacher	Christopher	King	New Hire	Social Studies Teacher, One-Year Only	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Rachel Cohen	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Cory	Payson	New Hire	Physical Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Hire	C. Joseph Johnston	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Nancy	Smith	Transfer	Early Childhood Education Teacher	0.5 FTE	MBS	Request to Transfer	Taylor Gamache	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Kimberly	Thibodeau	New Hire	Elementary Guidance Counselor	1.0 FTE	PPS	Request to Hire	Greg Kriger	Yes	Yes

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), *Informational*

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Co-Curricular	Kyle	Marlow	New Hire	JV Boys Soccer Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Jesus Calderon	Yes	Yes

Director Kieny moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for May 2, 2017, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Approval of Minutes: April 18, 2017

Director Cox moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XII. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Board Spring Retreat set for May 20th at 8:00 a.m.
- Facilities Capital Plan for PreK-2
- Board Goals and Work Plan for 2017-2018
- District Initiatives for 2018-2019

XIII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Upcoming Policies (weapons, tobacco, building use)
- May 18th: CMS Vision and Goals Presentation
- Transportation and Busing
- Purchases for Next School Year
- CSD Administrator Equity Training

XIV. Executive Session

Director Kieny moved to enter executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XV. Adjournment

Board Chair Rogers moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk