

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor 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: Heather Baron, Michele Cote, Julie Benay, Carolyn Millham, and Chris Antonicci

There was 1 person 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

Prior to the Citizens Participation agenda item, Board Chair Rogers and Superintendent Minor presented Student School Board Representative, Jaclyn Cline, with flowers to show their appreciation of her work over the past school year. This is Jaclyn's final board meeting.

A student in the audience had written a letter to the School Board regarding busing. Board Chair Rogers stated the transportation contract with Mountain Transit is up this year and the board will look into the questions raised in the letter in a more throughout manner the next time it is on the agenda.

III. Report from Building Principals

Chris Antonicci from UMS: Field Day is coming up; it will be held at at Airport Park again this year. So far he has 147 parents who have indicated they are attending. UMS screened 66 incoming kindergarten students, they have a few summer screenings to complete as well. He projects approximately 86 kindergarteners will start the school year in August.

Carolyn Millham from PPS: Project Based Learning is underway at PPS. Teachers started 3 different grade level projects right after Memorial Day Weekend. The open house will be Wednesday June 14th at 1:45 p.m., all are welcome to attend. PPS screened 90 incoming kindergarten students. She estimates they could have around 10 additional which could put them right around 100 kindergarten students for next year.

Julie Benay from MBS: The garden at MBS is taking shape; it is overseen by parent and student volunteers. Students will get to taste the vegetables when they return to school in the fall. Fifth graders are preparing for the end of their elementary years with a series of events. They had their DARE graduation and went over to the middle school to meet their teachers for "Step Up Day". Bayside Days start next week. Each grade level will get their own day at the park to enjoy a BBQ, swimming, and games.

Michele Cote from CMS: Also mentioned "Step Up Day" for the incoming 6th graders, said it went very well for both students and teachers. On June 7th they've planned for the entire building to be

out on field trips, each grade is doing something different. CMS is also preparing for the 8th grade graduation which will be held Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Heather Baron from CHS: Next week is final exams. They recently had underclassman awards and senior seminar presentations. Students are in the process of finalizing their AP projects and presentations. The second semester of the new Extended Learning class wrapped up the first day of presentations in the Performing Arts Center. Graduation practices start next week with the arrival of caps and gowns. The seniors will continue the new tradition of the "Senior Walk" by going to MBS and CMS to walk through the halls. That will take place Tuesday, June 13th. Graduation is Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m.

IV. CMS Google Expedition Presentation

Colchester Middle School teacher, Jennifer Roberge, provided the board with a demonstration of how Google Expedition works and how it has been incorporated into classes at CMS. The board and others in attendance were able to demo the devices.

V. Approval for Purchase of Special Education Vans

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz, requested the purchase of several vans to assist in transporting students in special education to and from alternative programs and school. The district was able to get approval to use federal funds for the purchase. The addition of the vans would allow the district to provide more transportation in-house and rely less on taxi companies. This will allow for more consistent service as the same price, or may potentially save money.

Director Kieny moved to approve the purchase of new vans for the purpose of transporting students and authorized the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. First Reading of Child Find Policy: F32

The Child Find Policy and Procedures were last reviewed in September of 2004. Superintendent Amy Minor and Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented the board with an updated draft version. Child Find is included within IDEA and is federally mandated. The District's attorneys also contributed to the draft version. Director Kieny asked from the age rang to be consistent between the policy and the procedures. Those change will be made for the next reading.

Director Cox moved to approve the first reading of Child Find Policy, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VII. First Reading of Pilot Projects and Experimental Programs Policy: G11

This policy was last adopted in May of 2001. Superintendent Amy Minor and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli have reviewed the policy and suggested several changes to the board.

Director Taylor moved to approve the first reading of Pilot Projects and Experimental Programs, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for June 6, 2017.

Board Date: June 6, 2017

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

Director Cox moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for June 6, 2017, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: May 16, 2017

Director Kieny moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2017, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

X. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Minor reported out on the CSD Administrator Equity Training

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- District-wide Health Services Report
- Report on Concussion Law with CSD Data and Procedures
- Upcoming Policies (wellness, weapons, tobacco, building use)
- Transportation and Busing
- Purchases for Next School Year

XII. Executive Session

Board Chair Rogers moved to enter executive session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss support staff negotiations as permitted by Vermont Statue Title 1: Section 313, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.


XIII. Adjournment

Director Taylor moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Board Clerk:


Craig Kieny
Board Clerk