

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, September 5, 2017
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, Lindsey Cox, Curt Taylor, and Student Board Member Robert Davis; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals: Julie Benay and Carolyn Millham.

There was one community member, two CHS Senior Seminar students, and a reporter from The Colchester Sun 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 Julie Benay stated the third graders are adjusting into MBS well, they also welcomed preschool students this week. They have ordered several new pieces of playground equipment which should arrive at the beginning of October. Principal Millham shared that many of the events at PPS leading up to the beginning of school were very well attended. They had nearly 100% voluntary Smart Start attendance and they served more meals at their Welcome Back BBQ than ever before. She also showed the board a new PPS book which was just delivered. Their Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) committee developed and printed the book to help orient new students to how the school uses PBIS.

IV. First Reading of Weapons Policy: F24

The board reviewed the proposed changes to the current weapons policy. The updates were recommended by the district's attorneys as well as the Vermont School Board Association. The changes included: moving BB and pellet guns into the firearm category; adding the term "expulsion" to places where it also indicated "long-term suspension"; and adding language to state if the board modifies discipline they must do so in writing. Director Kieny questioned where the specific fluid amounts originated from in section II-A-4-c and d. Superintendent Minor stated she would look into it.

Director Cox moved to approve the first reading of the Weapons policy, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. First Reading of Tobacco Prohibition Policy: F3

This policy was formally known as Smoking in School Buildings and/or Grounds Policy. It was last reviewed in October of 2012. The changes outlined now include the recommended definitions shown in the Vermont School Boards Association model policy, most notably including tobacco substitutes. Director Kieny pointed out in II-C-3 that the policy requires coaches to announce the no tobacco policy only prior to outdoor athletic events. He recommended removing the word “outdoor” to ensure the policy is announced prior to all athletic events. Student Member Davis recommended adding language to ensure the word “smoking” included all tobacco products. Several other minor grammatical changes were suggested as well.

Director Cox moved to approve the first reading of the Tobacco Prohibition policy, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Second and Final Reading of Capitalization of Assets Policy

This new policy governs the purchase of any capital assets with federal funds. The language in the district’s policy was recommended by the AOE fiscal monitoring team and was developed by the VASBO based on the new federal regulations. Director Taylor recommended to change the style of writing in section I-C-2. Following a discussion with Business and Operations Manager George Trieb, the recommended language from the auditors remained as is.

Director Kieny moved to approve the second and final reading of the Capitalization of Assets policy, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented on September 5, 2017.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA
Board Date: September 5, 2017

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Luba	Routson	End of Employment	Guidance Counselor	1.0 FTE	MBS	Employment effective June 30, 2018			Yes
Teacher	Thomas	Jacobs	New Hire	Elementary Teacher, One-Year Only	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Kathleen Bonfigli	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	Hailey	Koperski	New Hire	Girls "B" Soccer Coach		CMS	Notice of Hire	Megan Gagne	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Sophia	Adams	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Heather Sheppard	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Cynthia	Barnes	New Hire	Paraeducator - Library	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Christopher King	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Abigail	Burgess	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Catherine Carstens	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Christopher	Coleman	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	PPS	Notice of Hire	New	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Katie	Galichon	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	MBS	Notice of Hire	New	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Zachary	Kelly	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	MBS	Notice of Hire	Shannon Jankowski	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Joshua	Kranz	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Amy	Lighthill	New Hire	Main Office Secretary	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Tatsiana Bussiere	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Tamara	Meyer	New Hire	Food Service Worker	15.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Amanda Santor	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Amanda	Santor	End of Employment	Food Service Worker	15.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Abigail	Turcot	New Hire	Paraeducator - Preschool	32.5 hr	MBS	Notice of Hire	Kelly Baker	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Glen	Wallace	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes

Director Kieny moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda for September 5, 2017, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2017

Directors Kieny and Taylor requested three changes to agenda item V. First to add that the board would like to “further explore” solar; second to remove “based on the longevity of the lease”; third to add that they are concerned about the amount of time it may take administrators to facilitate the project. Under agenda item VI, Director Taylor requested to change the style of “prek” to make it more clear. It was changed to “pre-k”.

Director Taylor moved to approve the amended minutes of August 15, 2017, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Minor gave an update on enrollment.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- School Reports
- Quarterly Special Education and Financial Reports
- Continued Policy Work

XI. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations

Director White moved to enter executive session to discuss negotiations as permitted by 1 V.S.A. § 313, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.


XII. Adjournment

Director White moved to adjourn at 10:09 p.m., seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Board Clerk:


Craig Kieny
Board Clerk