

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Directors Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, and Curt Taylor; Student Board Member Robert Davis; Superintendent Amy Minor; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals Heather Baron, Michele Cote, and Carolyn Millham.

There were 17 audience members.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Board Chair Lincoln White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. CMS Presentation on Self-Learning Projects

Sixth grade CMS teacher Kyle Marlow and four of his students provided the board with a presentation on self-learning projects. Each student shared a slide with information about their “passion project” and why they feel doing research and working with community partners on a topic that interests them is important. Student Board Member Robbie Davis complimented the students on their projects and shared that having this experience will serve them well when they enter high school.

Mr. Marlow stated using self-learning projects has transformed the way he teaches. He explained that the type of research that students are conducting is not the same as just opening a textbook. Instead, they work to discover credible sources through a variety of resources including reaching out to members of the community. This work aligns with Vermont Act 77 which asks school districts to create learning opportunities that are connected to individual student interests.

His class, along with several others representing all three grades, are hosting a learning symposium at the middle school on Tuesday, March 27th from 6-7pm at CMS.

IV. Hear Colchester School District Audit Report for FY’17

Fred Duplessis, CPA from Sullivan, Powers and Co., provided the board and community with an overview of their audit report and findings for FY’17. A copy of the report is available on the district website. The audit was clear and in full compliance.

V. Approval of CHS Trip to Andros

CHS faculty members Kara Lenorovitz and Sean MacArdle shared a presentation regarding the proposed trip to Andros Island in the Bahamas. This is a long established trip with a group of CHS students traveling there nearly every other year since the eighties. The trip is funded solely by families and no district funds are used. As they have done in the past, the trip is sponsored by International Field Studies which provides students with a hands on intensive field and cultural experience. Each attending student participates in their own original research in a field of their choosing.

Director Kieny moved to approve the Andros Trip as presented, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

VI. Hear Quarterly Special Education Report

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented statistics about the current number of students supported by the special education department and the level of services currently required. The board asked Ms. Lutz to add some information to the next quarterly report including the percentage of special education enrollment as compared to district enrollment. They also asked her to prepare some information regarding out of district placements.

VII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for February 20, 2018.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: February 20, 2018****Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Administrator	Jordan	Burke	New Hire	Principal		MBS	Request to Hire	Julie Benay		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	Matt	Lumsden	New Hire	Softball, JV Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Rachel Ryan	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Nicole	Coulombe	End of Employment	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	MBS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Brian	Curley	End of Employment	Technology Help Desk Specialist	40.0 hr	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Stephen	Milhous	New Hire	Food Service Worker	15.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Tamara Meyer	Yes	Yes

Director Kieny moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed, 3-0.

VIII. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2018

Director White moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2018

Director White moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

X. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- The board discussed the 2018 Report to the Community which was delivered via USPS to Colchester households on Saturday February 17th.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Quarterly Financial Report
- Contract Renewals

XII. Executive Session to Discuss a Student Matter


Director Kieny moved to enter executive session at 8:26 pm to discuss a student matter as permitted by Vermont Statute: Title One, Section 313, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Director White moved to exit executive session at 8:52 pm, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

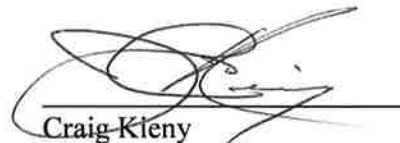
XIII. Adjournment

Director White moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Board Clerk:


Craig Kieny
Board Clerk