

Colchester School Board

Meeting Agenda and Packet

February 20, 2018

**Colchester School District
Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Colchester High School – Media Center
February 20, 2018**

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance | |
| II. Citizens Participation* | |
| III. CMS Presentation on Self-Selected Learning Projects | Information |
| IV. Hear Colchester School District Audit Report for FY'17 | Information |
| V. Approval of CHS Trip to Andros | Action |
| VI. Hear Quarterly Special Education Report | Information |
| VII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda | Action |
| VIII. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2018 | Action |
| IX. Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2018 | Action |
| X. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports | Information |
| XI. Possible Future Agenda Items | Information |
| XII. Adjournment | |

On The Third Tuesday of Each Month*

During the meeting, the school board will review the top questions and themes submitted to them via email to SchoolBoard@colchestersd.org. Note: All submissions must be received before noon on the third Tuesday of every month.

Special Education Board Reports 2017-2018

Students

	Oct 17	Feb 2017			
Total Spec Ed	324	336			
• EEE	74(52+22)	74(53+21)			(spec ed+peers)
• Out of District	19	21			
• Service Programs	3	3			

Staff

	Budgeted	Oct 17	Feb 2017			
Para Educators	78	80	82			
Interventionist	20.5	24.5	21			
Special Educators	31	31	31			
SLPs	7	7	7			
Behavior Specialist	3	3	3			

Key Points

- We currently continue to see an increase in students. The number above includes both Colchester students and students that tuition in from other districts.
- We have reduced the number of behavior interventionist by fading services for students due to increase in programing and skill building.
- The increase in para educators is based on student needs and hiring of positions that we were still open after the Oct quarterly report.
- We have seen an increase in out of district placements. This has been based on increase student need.
- For next year, we are looking to reduce our service programs and bring some of them in house.

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

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, Lindsey Cox, and Curt Taylor; Student Board Member Robert Davis; Superintendent Amy Minor; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, and Carolyn Millham.

There were 8 audience members.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Report from Building Principals

UMS Principal Chris Antonicci and MBS Principal Julie Benay shared how their schools recently honored World Read Aloud Day. At UMS, the school community enjoyed several poems over the intercom. At MBS, they invited community members into classrooms to read aloud to students. Guests included CPD Chief Jen Morrison, several reporters from local media outlets, librarians from Burnham Library, students from the high school, and athletes from St. Michael's College.

Principal Benay also recognized the dedicated effort put forth by the district custodians and maintenance crews over the weekend after a burst pipe lead to standing water in a wing at MBS. Thanks to their efforts, classes resumed as normal on Monday morning.

Principal Carolyn Millham echoed that this time of year is an exciting time for learning. Students are gearing up to celebrate the 100th day of school and teachers are also doing some learning by visiting classrooms in the grade level below them to get a sense of the curriculum and routine. Kindergarten teachers had the opportunity to go over to MBS to spend time with the PreK classes which was quite unique since they are housed in a different building.

IV. Budget Communication Plan and LCATV Filming Work Session

Superintendent Minor shared the master schedule and outline for the FY19 budget communication plan. Included in the plan were a number of PTO and community meetings, a 4-part video series explaining the different components of the budget and how they correlate to district initiatives, letters to the editor in The Colchester Sun, a student perspective video, a direct mailing of the 2018 Report to the Community, as well as a round table taping at LCATV to air in the weeks leading up to the vote. Student Board Director Davis confirmed the LCATV filming to take place on the 12th

and agreed to serve as the moderator. The board then went over potential talking points and common questions to answer during the filming.

V. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for February 6, 2018.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: February 6, 2018

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Administrator	Timothy	Emery	End of Employment	Assistant Principal		CHS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2018			Yes
Teacher	Brenda	Hunt	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2018			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
Support Staff	Lisa	Kromer	End of Employment	Paraeducator-Special Education	32.5 hr	MBS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Goma	Mabika	End of Employment	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	MBS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Cindel	Otto	Leave of absence	Paraeducator-Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Leave of Absence Request 2/12/2018 - End of Year			

Director Cox moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed, 5-0.

VI. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2018

Director Cox moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2018, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Minor checked in with board members for anticipated attendance to the February 20th meeting. With three members planning to attend she confirmed there will still be a quorum.
- Superintendent Minor shared that Colchester was rated in Money Magazine as the best Vermont town to live in. Part of their reasoning included a favorable rating of the school district.

VIII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Andros Field Trip Proposal
- Quarterly Reports
- Contract Renewals

IX. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter

Board Chair Rogers moved to enter executive session at 7:37 pm to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by Vermont Statute: Title One, Section 313, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Director White moved to exit executive session at 7:50 pm, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

X. School Board to Hold MBS Principal Interview

The board interviewed finalist Jordan Burke for MBS Principal position.

XI. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter & Support Staff Negotiations

Director White moved to enter executive session at 8:18 pm to discuss the MBS principal interview and support staff negotiations as permitted by Vermont Statute: Title One, Section 313, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Board Chair Rogers moved to exit executive session at 9:17 pm, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

The school board agreed to offer Ms. Burke the Malletts Bay School Principal position.

Director White moved to accept the hiring recommendation for the MBS principal position put forth by the search committee, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

XII. Adjournment

Director White moved to adjourn at 9:18 p.m., seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Lake Champlain Access TV Studio

Monday, February 12, 2018
6:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2018, at the Lake Champlain Access TV (LCATV) studio to film a discussion about the FY'19 budget. Those in attendance were: School Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny and Curt Taylor; Student Board Member Robbie Davis; and Superintendent Amy Minor.

I. Call Meeting to Order

School Board Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Presentation of FY'18 Budget and Tax Information

Student Board Member Robbie Davis served as the moderator. He asked the panel of board members and Superintendent Minor a series of questions connected to the proposed FY'19 school budget. The taping will be available online and will air on LCATV throughout the month of February.

III. Adjournment

Director Kieny moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Craig Kieny
Board Clerk