

## **COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

### **MINUTES (General Session)**

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor and Lindsey Cox; Student Board Member Robert Davis; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals Heather Baron, Julie Benay and Carolyn Millham.

There were 9 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**

PPS Principal Carolyn Millham expanded on the mascot exchange that just wrapped up between her building and UMS. She stated it has been a great opportunity for students to explore similarities and differences between the two schools. MBS Principal Julie Benay said her school is also joining in. They are going to use the PPS and UMS mascots along with the MBS mascot to make some videos and other documents in an effort to help ease the transition the current second-grade students will make into third grade at MBS. Principal Millham also shared that the school is in a very busy season right now; they are gearing up for the next early release day where the preschool-grade 5 teachers will continue to focus on Next Generation Science Standards and the paraeducators will continue their work on prompting students and helping them to become independent learners. Principal Benay stated MBS is getting ready for the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) which is a huge logistical task. They are receiving substantial help from the district curriculum team which is working to develop the schedule among other things.

#### **IV. Presentation on ISTEAM at MBS**

MBS Principal Julie Benay along with teachers Aimee Boucher and Ann Rayner-Cyr provided the board with a presentation showing how they are innovating to include science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (iSTEAM) into the student experience. iSTEAM aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) while also providing students the opportunity to personalize their learning and gain transferable skills. Although technology is used in many facets throughout the school day, the teachers at MBS specifically set aside time on Friday afternoons for students to explore iSTEAM related projects in a passion based setting. This allows and encourages students to further explore what interests them.

A member of the audience asked how iSTEAM activities connect with the curriculum and the new NGSS requirements. The presentation team said solid connections to the curriculum is the next step to implement, however, many teachers are already naturally making those connections.

Board Chair Rogers asked how the board could continue to support iSTEAM and if it would require time or additional costs. Director of Curriculum Gwen Carmolli shared that it does not take a huge amount of money but it does take intentional planning and focus to embed it into the curriculum. She also stated that supporting professional development opportunities has helped to make it successful. Principal Benay agreed and stated they were able to use their building budget to purchase the supplies they needed without compromising other necessities.

Student Board Member Robbie Davis asked if MBS would ever consider making connections with high school classes. He envisioned students coming over to work with CHS physics classes for when they build rockets or atmospheric balloons. Principal Benay loved the idea and said they would be thrilled to start that conversation with CHS administration.

#### **V. Approval of Laptop and Chromebook Purchase for CHS and CMS**

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb outlined a memo to the board requesting approval to purchase laptops for CHS and Chromebooks for CMS. This purchase is a budgeted expenditure and will annually occur in the spring so the CSD IT Department has time to complete device set up prior to the start of the next school year. The district will be purchasing the electronics from the State of Vermont contract.

***Director Kieny moved to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to purchase IT equipment as requested, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

#### **VI. First Reading of Students with Limited English Proficiency Policy: F22**

This policy was last reviewed in 2004 and has come up as part of the district's policy revision cycle. Superintendent Amy Minor and Special Education Director Carrie Lutz worked with the district attorney to update the language and terms used in the policy. It has been revised to be more reflective of district practices as well as the current laws regarding English Learner (EL) students. Director Kieny clarified that the implementation section contains actions the district is already doing. The board then engaged in a discussion surrounding the EL Program in general, not specific to the policy, such as long term planning around an increase student enrollment and the potential for expanding due to the need for support.

***Director Taylor moved to approve the first reading of the Students with Limited English Proficiency policy, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

#### **VII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda**

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for April 3, 2018.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA****Board Date: April 3, 2018****Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)**

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
Teacher	Simrat	Peltier	New Hire	Guidance Counselor	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Luba Routsong	Yes	Yes

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

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
Co-Curricular	Thomas	Baggott III	New Hire	Softball "B" Coach		CMS	Notice of Hire		Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Emily	Colby	New Hire	Technology Help Desk Specialist	40.0 hr	DW	Notice of Hire	Brian Curley	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Danielle	Cote	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	Jacqueline Hughes	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Peter	Govoni	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Karen Sikorski	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Carolyn	Sawin	New Hire	Paraeducator - 504	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Gaelan Chutter-Ames	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Paul	Shaw	End of Employment	Custodian	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes

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

**VIII. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2018**

Two grammatical changes were made.

*Director Kieny moved to approve the amended minutes of March 20, 2018, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

**IX. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports**

- Bryan Osborn with the Town will come to a meeting in May to present the Malletts Bay Sewer Project Proposal.
- Superintendent Minor gave an update on the assistant principal hiring process at CHS and MBS.
- The board set their Spring Retreat Work Session for May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.


**X. Possible Future Agenda Items**

- Quarterly Financial Reports
- Presentation on poverty in the district
- Continued policy work.

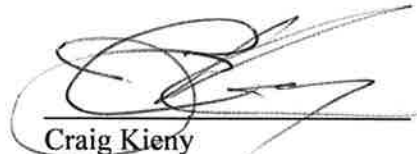
**XI. Adjournment**

*Director White moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

Recorder:

  
Meghan Baule  
Communications Specialist

Board Clerk:

  
Craig Kieny  
Board Clerk