

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 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 Principal Michele Cote.

There were no 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

CMS Principal Michele Cote stated they just finished SBAC testing prior to April break. The whole school gathered at CHS one morning to watch the school's performance of Into the Woods. They're also preparing for their annual 5th Grade Parent Night which takes place Wednesday, May 2nd and gives parents a chance to learn about the middle school and ask questions.

IV. Preschool Presentation Part II

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz and Early Education Program Coordinator Nancy Smith provided the board with the second part of their preschool presentation series. This presentation focused primarily on the preschool program housed at MBS. They went over data showing enrollment and staffing and reviewed the program service model as well as the special education service model. Additionally, they also showed how the district works with other preschools in the community under Vermont Act 166.

Director Cox asked about the amount of time staff spends traveling throughout Colchester to provide special education services in an outreach setting. Coordinator Smith stated it can be quite a bit depending on the time of year and sometimes the special education team can be stretched thin. Director Cox asked if adding more spots at the MBS preschool would reduce the amount of time staff has to travel around for outreach services. Smith stated parents place their children in different childcare settings for a variety of reasons and it would be hard to predict if that would have the desired impact.

V. First Reading of Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs and Activities Policy: F26

This policy was drafted and last reviewed in 2000 and has come up in the district's policy revision cycle. No major content changes were suggested. Most of the proposed edits involved updating the formatting and language to be consistent with the Vermont School Board Association's recommended policy.

Director Kieny moved to approve the first reading of the Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs and Activities policy, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Second and Final Reading of Non-Resident Students Policy: F17

No changes were made since the first reading.

Director Taylor moved to approve the second and final reading of the Non-Resident Students 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 May 1, 2018.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: May 1, 2018

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

| Contract Type | First Name | Last Name | Category | Position | FTE/Hours | Building | Agenda Information | Person Replacing | Budgeted | Admin Support |
|---------------|------------|------------|----------|---|-----------|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| Teacher | Caitlin | Bellavance | New Hire | Elementary Teacher | 1.0 FTE | PPS | Request to Hire | Hillary Nuttall | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Emily | McKelvey | New Hire | Elementary Teacher | 1.0 FTE | MBS | Request to Hire | Elizabeth Sato | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Hillary | Nuttall | New Hire | Elementary Teacher | 1.0 FTE | MBS | Request to Hire | Brenda Hunt | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Neil | Renner | New Hire | Grade 6: Math/Science Teacher | 1.0 FTE | CMS | Request to Hire | New | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Treg | Vroegop | New Hire | Grade 6: Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher | 1.0 FTE | CMS | Request to Hire | New | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Tessa | Warren | New Hire | Special Education Teacher | 1.0 FTE | PPS | Request to Hire | Anne Brady | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Julie | Wockenfuss | New Hire | Physical Education Teacher | 1.0 FTE | CMS | Request to Hire | Anita Dayvie | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Morgan | Young | New Hire | Health Education Teacher | 1.0 FTE | CMS | Request to Hire | Ginger Epstein | 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 |
|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| Support Staff | Billy | Barbour | End of Employment | Custodian | 40.0 hr | CHS | Notice of End of Employment | | | Yes |
| Support Staff | George | Ibala Djilali | New Hire | Custodian | 40.0 hr | CHS | Notice of Hire | Billy Barbour | Yes | Yes |

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

VIII. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2018

Director Cox moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- The board reviewed the board meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Superintendent provided the board with an update to hirings throughout the district for the 2018-2019 school year.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Town Sewer Project Proposal
- Continued Policy Work
- Innovation in Education Presentations

XI. Executive Session to Discuss Support Staff Negotiations

Director White moved to enter executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss support staff negotiations as permitted by Vermont Statue: Title One, Section 313, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

No decisions or actions made.

Director Kieny moved to exit executive session at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XII. Adjournment

Director Cox moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Board Clerk:


Craig Kieny
Board Clerk