

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor and Lindsey Cox; Student Board Member Robert Davis; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli; Principals Heather Baron, Carolyn Millham, Chris Antonicci, and Assistant Principal Jordan Burke.

There were no audience members.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Report from Building Principals

All of the principals reported being in the middle of hiring season and are pleased with strong candidate pools for each of the open positions.

Principal Carolyn Millham of PPS shared that the Colchester-Milton Rotary purchased 5 trees and donated them to the school. On Friday they were able to join 2nd-grade students who helped plant the trees as part of their Project Based Learning topic.

Current Assistant Principal of MBS Jordan Burke reported they are wrapping up SBAC testing. This was the first year 5th graders took the SBAC science test. She stated they are also facilitating the upcoming transition for current 2nd graders into 3rd grade. The school held a new format for their 3rd grade family night which included 3rd grade students presenting which was well received.

CHS Principal Heather Baron shared that the new assistant principal for next year has been able to start working two days a week which will help with the transition make the administrative team's summer work more productive. On Friday, May 18th, in conjunction with local emergency service agencies, the school is hosting a distracted driving assembly for 9th and 10th grade students and a mock crash with an impaired driver for 11th and 12th grade students. Both are being conducted in advance of prom to help students make safe and healthy choices.

IV. CHS Conservation of Costa Rica Trip Review

Students and faculty from CHS who recently participated in the Conservation in Costa Rica Trip presented the board with their reflections and outcomes. They took the board through each day of their trip illustrated with pictures and explanations of what they did and how it corresponded with

the intended curriculum. Overall the trip was highly successful. The students said they cherished the experience particularly because it provided them an opportunity to see and feel the real meaning behind their learning. Director Kieny asked the students if there was a specific experience in Costa Rica that changed how they thought about their life in Vermont. One student said she is more interested in environmental issues. She was very impressed with how Costa Ricans use all of their resources to reduce waste. Board Chair Rogers expressed the importance of ensuring that all students in the district have the opportunity to participate in international travel.

V. Town of Colchester Presentation on Municipal Sewer Project

Colchester's Director of Public Works Bryan Osborne presented information on the town's proposed Municipal Sewer Project. Ultimately, the town is asking if the district would like to be included within the wastewater service area and be connected to the system at the time of construction. Director Kieny confirmed that the main goal of this project is to clean up the lake from pollution. He then asked if the school facilities are impacting the lake. Osborne stated they have no evidence of that. Their data does not show which specific properties are contributing to lake pollution. Director Cox pointed out that in the original presentation to town officials it was stated that individual rates would be lower if the district decided to be a part of this project. Osborne stated they now have refined data and information which has led them to project the same individual end user rate regardless of CSD involvement. The board asked a series of questions related to project details, costs, and timeline and will continue a discussion at their Spring Retreat prior to making a decision. Osborne stated that following a decision from the school board, the select board will aim to make a decision to proceed or abandon the project by the end of July.

VI. Second and Final Reading of Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs and Activities Policy: F26

No changes were made since the first reading.

Director Cox moved to approve the second and final reading of the Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs Activities policy, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VII. Approval of Consolidated Federal Programs Grant and Assurances

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli provided an overview of the official allocations for the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant. In order to apply, the district has to provide assurance that it complies with federal regulations, specifically in the areas of comparability, school prayer, and supplement not supplant for the funds.

Director Taylor moved to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances for the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant for the 2018-2019 grant application, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Approval of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances

As with the previous agenda item, the board also needed to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA Act-B which include the use of the National Instruction Material Access Center, complete federal record keeping, fulfilling Child Find obligations, and to provide special education service and comply with state regulations.

Director Kieny moved to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B for the 2018-2019 grant application, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Approval for Purchase of Generator for CHS

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb requested approval to purchase and install a new 60 KW generator for CHS. The existing 50 KW generator was installed as part of the original construction of the school and became inoperable during this year. Currently, the school has been utilizing the town's generator as an interim solution. The district solicited three bids and the board untimely chose Powers Guaranteed Generators with the lowest bid of \$22,160.

Director Cox moved to authorize the business and operations manager to purchase the generator as requested, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

X. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for May 15, 2018.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: May 15, 2018 Revised****Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support

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	Timothy	Arthur	End of Employment	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Amy	Lighthill	End of Employment	Main Office Secretary	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Kathleen	McIntyre	End of Employment	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Carolyn	Richards	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Hunter	Stark	End of Employment	Behavior Interventionist	35.0 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Amy	Wagoner	Leave of Absence	Paraeducator/Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Leave of Absence Request from May 1 - end of school year			

Director Kieny moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2018

Director Taylor moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XII. Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2018 (added agenda item)

The board held a special meeting the day prior to this meeting and added this agenda item so they could approve the corresponding minutes.

Director Kieny moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XIII. Board/Administration Communications, Correspondence, Committee Reports

- Superintendent Minor congratulated our students and art teachers on an exceptional showing at the recent CSD Art Show.

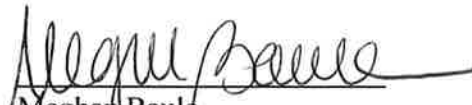
XIV. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Board Retreat
- Food Service
- Continued Policy Work
- Innovation in Education Presentations


XV. Adjournment

Director Cox moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Communications Specialist

Board Clerk:


Craig Kieny
Board Clerk