

Colchester School Board

Meeting Agenda and Packet

February 16, 2021

**Colchester School District
Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
Remote Meeting
Citizens Participation Instructions Listed Below**

Agenda

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| I. Call to Order | |
| II. Citizen Participation* | |
| III. FY22 Budget Community Q&A | Informational |
| IV. COVID-19 Update | Informational |
| V. Quarterly Financial and Special Education Reports | Informational |
| VI. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda | Action |
| VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2021 | Action |
| VIII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports | Information |
| IX. Future Agenda Items | Information |
| X. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations | Action |
| XI. Adjournment | |

COVID-19 Meeting Participation

On March 30, 2020, Governor Scott signed H.681 into law, making temporary changes to Vermont's Open Meeting Law. These changes will remain in effect during the declared state of emergency due to COVID-19. On November 13, 2020, the Governor amended the executive order as a result of an acceleration in COVID-19 transmission throughout the State. The addendum strongly discourages in-person meetings. Meetings of the Colchester School Board will be held remotely with no designated meeting location. LCATV will provide coverage through live stream which can be accessed here: <https://lcatv.org/live-stream-3>. Citizens may participate by emailing questions or statements to meghan.baule@colchestersd.org or by calling (802) 264-5988 while the meeting is in session.

Special Education Quarterly Board Reports 2020-21

Preschool Data							
	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	October 2020	February 2021
CSD Preschool Program Located at MBS							
Special Education Students	44	36	21	25	19	11	10
General Education Students	30	39	46	50	55	33	40
TOTAL :	74	75	67	75	74	44	50
Act 166							
Special Education Students	4	5	20	24	16	15	16
General Education Students (Headstart included)	152	181	164	149	165	147	151
TOTAL :	156	186	186	173	181	162	167
Special education students provided outreach or clinic services							
Special Education Students	7	14	15	11	8	11	18
General Education Students	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL :	7	14	15	11	8	11	18
Total Preschool Enrollment (Act 166, Onsite Program, Outreach)	237	275	268	259	263	217	235
Total Special Education Preschool	55	55	56	60	43	37	44

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K-12 Student Enrollment Data							
	Oct 2015	Oct 2016	Oct 2017	Oct 2018	October 2019	October 2020	February 2021
CSD Total Enrollment (including out of district and tuition)	2167	2116	2114	2132	2179	2160	2164
Total Number of Special Education Students	307	259	272	303	326	356	333
Percentage of Special Education Students (K-12)	14.2%	12.2%	12.9%	14.2%	15.0%	16.5%	15.4%

Special Education Enrollment							
	15-16	16-17	October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	February 2021
Preschool Special Education	55	55	56	48	43	37	44
K-12 Special Education	307	259	272	303	326	356	333
TOTAL :	362	314	328	351	369	393	377

Out of District Placements							
	15-16	16-17	October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	February 2021
TOTAL :	16	14	19	22	24	26	24

Special Education Quarterly Board Reports 2020-21

Support Staff							
	15-16	16-17	October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	February 2021
Para Educators	90	89	80	81	82	85	87
Interventionist	18	18	24.5	25	26	23	21
Special Educators	27	31.5	31.5	31	31	32	32
Speech Language Pathologists (SLP)	7	7	7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Behavior Specialists	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

TRENDS AND KEY POINTS:

- In the MBS preschool program we have increased capacity to 10 per classroom. We have filled the additional spots from our waiting list. We still have a short waiting list for the Preschool.
- We had a few students in Out of District Placements move to other school districts. However we are working with several student teams on identifying various supports including potential out of district placements, so that number may increase.
- We have hired a few para educators this quarter, however are not fully staffed.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA
Board Meeting Date: February 16, 2021

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
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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	Michael	Brown	End of Employment	Behavior Interventionist	35	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Brittany	Cresta	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Notice of Hire	open position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Candace	Frazier	End of Employment	Autism Interventionist	35	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Emma	Hoppe	End of Employment	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Joy	Eidsheim	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	UMS	Notice of Hire	open position	Yes	Yes

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Remote Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Governor Scott signed H.681 into law, making temporary changes to Vermont's Open Meeting Law. Part of those changes allow school districts to hold school board meetings remotely with no designated meeting location. LCATV provided coverage through a live stream and citizens were provided online and telephone options to participate in the meeting. Those in attendance were Directors: Craig Kieny, Lindsey Cox, Curt Taylor and Nic Longo; Student Board Member Julia Correll; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Curriculum Gwendolyn Carmolli; Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz; and Principals: Carolyn Millham and Jordan Burke.

I. Board Preparation for 7:00 PM Virtual Budget Presentation

An opportunity to check-in with district administrators to clarify logistics and questions for the virtual community presentation.

II. Call to Order

Board Vice Chair Craig Kieny called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. Virtual FY22 Budget Presentation and Q&A

Informational

In a normal year, the board and Superintendent Amy Minor record a budget presentation and round-table discussion at the LCATV studio, which is then aired on TV and available online for interested community members. Additionally, the board and superintendent also share a similar in-person presentation at the annual Town Meeting, which takes place the evening prior to voting day. Due to COVID-19, the LCATV studio is temporarily closed and there will be no Town Meeting. Subsequently, the board opted to merge these two community engagement opportunities into one virtual interactive event. The presentation was advertised and the community was invited to join the webinar and ask questions live.

Superintendent Minor gave an overview of the district for the past year, including all of the COVID-19 mitigation and precautionary measures taken to return to in-person learning. She also noted some of the areas the district is working to grow next year. The board and Superintendent Minor then shared FY'22 budget information, all of which has been discussed and noted extensively in previous meeting minutes. There were no questions from the community.

This presentation will be aired on LCATV and is also available for online viewing at: <https://lcatv.org/colchester-school-budget-presentation-2021-02-02>.

V. COVID-19 Update

Informational

Superintendent Minor shared that there are no significant changes or updates since the last meeting. She is waiting on further guidance about winter sports but expects an announcement soon. CSD employees continue to take advantage of free monthly COVID-19 surveillance testing offered by the state. On the January testing date, 73% of district employees participated.

VI. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

Action

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was reviewed by the board.

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PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA
Board Meeting Date: February 02, 2021

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	Jake	Goraj	New Hire	Title One Tutor - One Year Only	20	PPS	Notice of Hire	open position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Kera	Breen	Transfer	Behavior Interventionist	35	CHS	Notice of Transfer	open position	Yes	Yes

DRAFT

Director Taylor moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda for February 2, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2021 Action

Director Longo moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports Informational

- None.

IX. Future Agenda Items Informational

- Quarterly Reports
- Plans to Support Struggling Learners
- COVID-19 Updates
- Policy Work

X. Adjournment

Director Taylor moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:

Lindsey Cox
Board Clerk