

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in the Colchester High School Library. Board members in attendance were Directors Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Felix Anderson, Laurie Kigonya, and Student Board Representative Olivia Dallamura. District administrators in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Director of Curriculum Gwendolyn Carmolli, and Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz. There were no audience members. Board Chair Lindsey Cox joined the meeting at 7:27 pm.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Second and Final Reading of Students Who Are Experiencing Homelessness Policy: F18 Action

No edits were requested.

Director Anderson moved to approve the second and final reading of Students Who Are Experiencing Homelessness Policy: F18, seconded by Director Yousey-Hindes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Second and Final Reading of School Sponsored Trips: Curriculum-Based and Elective Trips Policy: G3 Action

The changes in this policy can be found in the approval section. Colchester is the only district in the region that requires school board approval for school-sponsored trips. It was recommended to shift that responsibility from the board to the superintendent. During the updating of this policy corresponding procedures and associated permission slip forms were also reviewed by administrators and the district's attorney. Director Longo shared how much he has enjoyed hearing about school trips through presentations by faculty and students. He voiced support for the recommended changes but requested to continue hearing about the trips at future board meetings. Superintendent Minor agreed and noted that the students are always thrilled to share their experiences and she would make sure they continue to have the opportunity to do so.

Director Kigonya moved to approve the second and final reading of School Sponsored Trips: Curriculum-Based and Elective Trips Policy: G3. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Filming of FY24 Budget Presentation	Informational
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This agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda	Action
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The board reviewed the following Consent Agenda.

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REVISED

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)								
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing
Teacher	Kira	Hilstop	New Hire	Elementary Long-term Substitute	1.0 PPS		Request to Hire Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2023	Additional Need Yes Yes
Teacher	Jordanna	Silverberg	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 PPS			
Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required								
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing
Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational								
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing
Support Staff	Melissa	Bushell	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5 PPS		Notice of Hire Notice of Resignation	Emily Ryan Yes Yes
Support Staff	Celeste	Matte	Resignation	Paraeducator	13 PPS			
Support Staff	Katie-Anne	Conway	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5 PPS		Notice of Hire Notice of End of Employment	Holly Gingras Yes Yes
Support Staff	Michael	Breault	End of Employment	Custodian	40 PPS		Notice of End of Employment	
Support Staff	Feza	Walengamina	New Hire	Custodian	40 MBS		Notice of Hire Notice of Open Position	Open Position Yes Yes
Support Staff	Mackenzie	Drake	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5 PPS		Notice of Hire Notice of Open Position	Open Position Yes Yes
Support Staff	Lindsey	Troescher	New Hire	Human Resources Coordinator	40 CO		Notice of Hire	Kelsey Sadewicz Yes Yes
Support Staff	Holly	Bessette	New Hire	Attendance Secretary	37.5 CHS		Notice of Hire	Anne Marie Lavalette Yes Yes

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2023 Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 17, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Superintendent Minor gave a legislative update on several draft bills that are currently in committees. Topics included school safety requirements, PCBs and potential remediation funding, school facilities and construction financing, and restructuring preschool for four-year-olds.
- The board reviewed the community engagement events on Superintendent Minor's calendar that are focused on informing community members about the FY24 budget. She is scheduled to speak at PTA meetings, booster club meetings, faculty meetings, and Town Meeting Day.

IX. Future Agenda Items Information

- Continuation of policy review
- Quarterly Financial Report
- Facilities Planning

X. Filming of FY24 Budget Presentation Informational

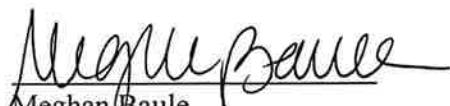
The board took a recess at 7:36 pm to reorganize prior to recording the LCATV Budget Presentation, the meeting resumed at 7:43 pm.

During this presentation, Superintendent Amy Minor served as moderator and asked the board members a series of questions connected to the proposed FY'24 school budget. This presentation will air on the LCATV channels and will also be available for online viewing on www.lcavt.org.

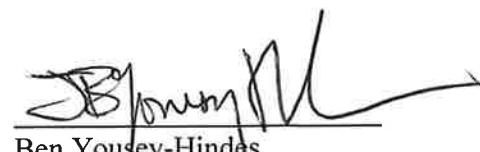
XI. Adjournment

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:


Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk