

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in the Colchester High School Library. Board members in attendance were Board Chair Craig Kieny, Directors Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Laurie Kigonya, Ben Yousey-Hindes, and Student Board Member Gloria Kigonya. District administrators in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Business and Operations Manager George Trieb, Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz, and Director of Curriculum Gwendolyn Carmolli. There was one audience member.

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Citizen Participation

Colchester resident, Genna Barnaby, provided a statement that questioned the accuracy of two statements communicated by the district, raised questions and concerns regarding the Test to Stay program announced by the Agency of Education, requested additional information be added to the letter sent to families when there is a COVID case, and offered a link to Dr. Collman's website with the spelling of her name.

III. Vermont Education Funding Formula Overview

Information

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb, gave an overview of the state's education fund and how the tax is calculated. He went over who is responsible for funding, the timeline, key definitions, the process, and the important components on the local level. He also provided several examples of how the tax rate can change from the time the budget is warned to when it is voted on by taxpayers and even after the vote on Town Meeting Day.

IV. FY'23 Budget Timeline

Information

Superintendent Amy Minor gave an overview of the budget presentations and discussions planned for the next three months. She shared the communication timeline which encompasses a robust online and print distribution plan. Given the unpredictability of the pandemic and the likelihood that there will be a high percentage of early voting, the district is planning to accelerate the communication plan to ensure budget information is available to voters before they cast their ballot.

V. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda

Action

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was reviewed by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Meeting Date: October 19, 2021

REVISED

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

| Contract Type | First Name | Last Name | Category | Position | FTE/Hours | Building | Agenda Information | Person Replacing | Budgeted | Admin Support |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| Teacher | Jan | Mueller | New Hire | Math Long Term Sub | 1.0 FTE | CHS | Request to Hire | Josh Parker | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Lisa | Lavoie | New Hire | ELL Long Term Sub | 1.0 FTE | MBS | Request to Hire | Erika Merrell | Yes | Yes |
| Teacher | Thomas | Jacobs | Leave of Absence | Title 1 Math | 1.0 FTE | MBS | Request Leave of Absence | | | |
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Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required

| Contract Type | First Name | Last Name | Category | Position | FTE/Hours | Building | Agenda Information | Person Replacing | Budgeted | Admin Support |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| Support Staff | | | Job Description | Custodial Manager | | | | | | |
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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 | Sandra | Boyd | Transfer | Lead Custodian | 40 | CHS | Notice of Transfer | Tracy LaPan | Yes | Yes |
| Co-Curricular | Robert | Degree | Transfer | JV Boys Basketball Coach | | CHS | Notice of Transfer | Jeff Davis | Yes | Yes |
| Co-Curricular | Connor | Breen | New Hire | Freshman Boys Basketball Coach | | CHS | Notice of Hire | Robert Degree | Yes | Yes |
| Support Staff | Harlie | Desautels | New Hire | Café Supervision | 15 | CMS | Notice of Hire | Rowan Post | Yes | Yes |
| Support Staff | Molly | Parent | New Hire | Paraeducator | 32.5 | CHS | Notice of Hire | Open Position | Yes | Yes |
| Support Staff | Jeanne | Knowlton | New Hire | Paraeducator - Special Ed | 32.5 | PPS | Notice of Hire | Kathleen O'Keefe | Yes | Yes |
| Support Staff | Carrie | Napolitan | New Hire | Food Service Worker | 20 | UMS | Notice of Hire | New Position | Yes | Yes |

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the Consent Agenda for October 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2021

Action

Director Cox moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 5, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports **Informational**

- Superintendent Minor provided several COVID updates. Masks continue to be required in all schools until further notice. The district is working to implement a Test to Stay program. She is collaborating with the district's COVID coordinators to gather research from other districts that have similar programs in place to work out logistics, staffing, and training. The Agency of Education previewed several changes to the contract tracing guidelines which should be officially released in a written memo later this week. They also plan to put out guidance on winter sports.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Informational

- FY'23 Budget Timeline
- Out-of-District Placement Presentation
- Facilities Information
- Policy Work

IX. Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations and Potential Real Estate Opportunity

Action

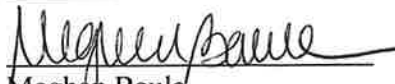
Director Longo moved to enter executive session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and a potential real estate opportunity. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Cox moved to exit executive session at 8:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Director Cox moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:


Nic Longo
Board Clerk