Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting — Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Colchester High School Library — 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Colchester High School Library Media Center. Board Directors in attendance were Lindsey Cox, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, and Jennifer Fath. Administrators and employees in attendance were Superintendent Amy Minor, Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmoli, Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz. Representative Doug Bishop was in attendance along with one audience member.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Citizens Participation*

None.

III. Approval of Replacement Devices at CHS and CMS — **Action**

Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb requested approval from the board for a planned and budgeted expenditure of $165,952 for the acquisition of three hundred seventy (370) Dell Chromebooks 11 (C1126M). These purchases are part of the district's annual replacement plan for student devices in both the CHS and CMS buildings.

Director Kigonya moved to authorize the Chief Financial and Operations Officer to purchase IT equipment as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Hear Maintenance Plan 26-27 School Year — **Informational**

Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb provided the board with a brief overview of the maintenance projects that are budgeted and planned for the upcoming school year. He also went over the handful of large projects that were approved this year such as the CHS Gym Floor Renovation, the MBS Security System Installation, and the Resealing of the CHS Parking Lot. Mr. Trieb stated the board can expect that in the fall, as part of the budgeting process, they will be provided with information regarding the district’s long-term maintenance plan.

V. Third and Final Reading of Board Policy: F2 — **Action**

- F2: Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices

Superintendent Amy Minor presented the board with the third and final reading of the Cell Phone policy. There were no changes to this policy after the second reading. Each building will have procedures that will support the policy language and that are in alignment with the developmental age of the students and the building's systems.

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the third and final reading of Board Policy F2: Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Second and Final Reading of Reading of School Board Policies — Action

- B1: School Board Policy
- B2: Code of Ethics for School Board Members
- A1: Management and Suspension of Policies
- H1: School Community Relations
- C5: Board Relations with School Employees

Superintendent Amy Minor presented the board with the second and final reading of the general board policies. After discussion from the first reading, it was decided to move language from H1: School Community Relations and C5: Board Relations with School Employees into policy B2: Code of Ethics for School Board Members, which already contained consistent language with the first two. With this consolidation into policy B2, Superintendent Minor proposed rescinding policies H1 and C5.

Director Fath moved to approve the second and final readings of Board Policies A1: Management and Suspension of Policies, B1: School Board Policy, and B2: Code of Ethics for School Board Members, and rescind Board Policies H1: School-Community Relations and C5: Board Relations with School Employees. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Hear Legislative Report — Informational

With the Legislative Session coming to an end, Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with a broad summary of bills as they relate to public schools. This included information about topics such as chronic absenteeism in schools, PCB testing and facilities management, and student privacy protections. Superintendent Minor stated that the board can expect to hear more about these bills next school year as they continue to move through the legislative process.

VIII. Approval of Cooperative Educational Service Area (CESA) Appointment — Action

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with more information about Vermont's education transformation efforts outlined in H.955 and the state's established Cooperative Educational Service Areas (CESAs) to support regional collaboration among school districts. She stated CESAs are designed to provide shared services, reduce duplication, improve efficiency, and increase educational opportunities for students across member districts. Colchester is part of the Chittenden Central CESA, which includes Burlington, Essex Westford, Grand Isle, South Burlington, Winooski, and Colchester.

Superintendent Minor requested that the board appoint the Colchester Superintendent, or her designee, to represent Colchester in the upcoming CESA planning meeting this summer. The board can expect that each meeting next year will have the CESA as an update and discussion item.

Director Kigonya moved to appoint the Colchester Superintendent or designee to represent Colchester on the Chittenden Central Cooperative Education Service Area Board for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Approval of Consent Agenda — Action

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA										
Board Meeting Date 6/16/26 REVISED										
Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)										
Contract Type	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Category**	**Position**	**Hours/Wk**	**Building**	**Agenda Information**	**Person Replacing**	**Budgeted**	**Admin Support**
Teacher	Danielle	Wolf	New Hire	Driver's Ed	0.1	CHS	Request to Hire	Pat Phillips		
Teacher	Elizabeth	Albright	New Hire	Humanities Team Leader	0.2	CHS	Request to Hire	Wayland Cole		
Teacher	Kara	Lenorovitz	New Hire	Science Team Leader	0.2	CHS	Request to Hire	Will Warren		
Nurse	Lindsay	Campion	Transfer	School Nurse	1.0	CMS	Request to transfer UMS to CMS	Melissa Goldberg		
Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required										
Contract Type	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Category**	**Position**	**Hours/Wk**	**Building**	**Agenda Information**	**Person Replacing**	**Budgeted**	**Admin Support**
Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational										
Contract Type	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Category**	**Position**	**Hours/Wk**	**Building**	**Agenda Information**	**Person Replacing**	**Budgeted**	**Admin Support**
Co-Curricular	Ty	Pratt	New Hire	CMS Athletic Director		CMS	Notice of Hire			
Support Staff	Nathan	Colgrove	Resignation	ML Paraeducator	32.5	CHS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Lasah	McMurray	Termination	Food Service Worker	30.0	UMS	Notice of Termination			
Support Staff	Jonathan	Thompson	Resignation	Paraeducator - Math Lab	32.5	CHS	Notice of Resignation			

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

X. Approval of Meeting Minutes **Action**

Director Kigonya moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2026 general meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A UMS Teacher shout-out to Erica Ouellette for being published in a professional development book
- A construction timeline update was shared for work to start at UMS
- The Preschool Program qualified for 5 stars, with scores going up in every area
- A shout-out to five CHS Juniors for passing their LNA exams through the Burlington Technical Center
- A construction update was shared for the facilities work happening at PPS

XII. Future Agenda Items **Informational**

- Special Meeting on June 24

XIII. Proposed Executive Session to Discuss the Super **Action**

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation at 8:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment

Director Kigonya moved to exit executive session at 9:03 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Kigonya moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Gabrielle Brooks
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk