

Colchester School Board Meeting Agenda & Packet

August 18, 2026



**Colchester School District
Board of Education Meeting**
August 18, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Colchester High School Library

Meeting Agenda

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| I. | Call to Order | | |
| II. | Citizens Participation* | | |
| III. | Approval of Maintenance Truck Purchase | | Action |
| IV. | Hear Update: School Construction at PPS and UMS | | Informational |
| V. | Hear Update: Cooperative Educational Service Area (CESA) | | Informational |
| VI. | Approval of Consent Agenda | | Action |
| VII. | Approval of Meeting Minutes | | Action |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ July 21, 2026 (Special)○ July 24, 2026 (Special) | | |
| VIII. | Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports | | Informational |
| IX. | Future Agenda Items | | Informational |
| X. | Proposed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations and Personnel/Student Matters | | Action |
| XI. | Adjournment | | |

***Meeting Participation and Viewing Options**

Meetings are open to the public unless warned otherwise. Colchester citizens have an opportunity to speak or comment on any items listed on the agenda. For topics not listed on the agenda, public comment can be made during the Citizens' Participation agenda item. Please review the Public Comment Rules listed at www.csdvt.org/schoolboard prior to the meeting. If not attending in person, citizens may also participate in the meeting by emailing a prerecorded message to schoolboard@colchesters.org with "Citizens Participation" listed in the subject line. It must be received by noon on the day of the meeting, include your full name and phone number, and follow the Public Comment Rules. LCATV will provide live stream coverage via: www.lcatv.org/live-stream-3.



Colchester School District

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MEMO

To: School Board Directors
From: George A. Trieb, Jr.
Subject: Maintenance truck purchase
Date: August 12, 2026

The purpose of this memorandum is to receive school board approval for the purchase of a new truck for the maintenance department.

On April 29th, the school board approved the purchase of a new maintenance truck for \$46,673. The approval of the purchase was obtained in April as there was a 12 to 16 week. As it turned out, a 2026 vehicle could not be obtained.

Therefore, we waited until the same vehicle was available in a 2027, however, with the new model year came a more expensive price (\$52,459). This is the reason this request is back in front of the school board.

Motion: ***“I move that we approve the purchase of a new maintenance truck as recommended and to authorize the Chief Financial and Operations Officer to execute the necessary documents.”***

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of Schools

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Chief Financial & Operations
Officer

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So Burlington, VT 05403
Call us at (802)658-0120

Company: Colchester School District
Primary Contact: Charles Rowse
Phone: (802) 752-8244
Sales Manager:
Sales Person: Denny Johnson
DMS Number:

Email: charles.rowse@colchestersd.org
Address: P.O. Box 27
COLCHESTER, VT 05446

New 2027 Ram 3500

Stock:
VIN:
Odometer:
Color:
Engine:
Transmission:
MPG:
Style:

FINANCE DETAILS

Retail Price	\$ 58,115.00
Discount	(\$ 6,209.00)
NET SELLING PRICE	\$ 51,906.00
Doc Fee	\$ 499.00
Title Fee	\$ 42.00
Reg Fee	\$ 12.00
TOTAL FEES	\$ 553.00
SALES SUB TOTAL	\$ 52,459.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ 52,459.00

YOU'RE SAVING \$6,209.00
\$6,209.00 off MSRP

X

Customer Signature

X

Sales Signature

GOSS DODGE CHRYSLER RAM JEEP FIAT
1485 SHELBURNE RD
SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT 054037714

Configuration Preview

Date Printed:	2026-07-27 1:16 PM	VIN:	Quantity:	1
Estimated Ship Date:		VON:	Status:	BA - Pending order
			FAN 1:	01JUX Colchester School District
			FAN 2:	
			Client Code:	
			Bid Number:	TB7095
			PO Number:	

Sold to:
GOSS DODGE CHRYSLER RAM JEEP FIAT
(42124)
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SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT 054037714

Ship to:
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Vehicle: 2026 3500 TRADESMAN REG CAB 4X4 (140 in WB 8 ft 0 in Box) (D28L62)

	Sales Code	Description	MSRP(USD)
Model:	D28L62	3500 TRADESMAN REG CAB 4X4 (140 in WB 8 ft 0 in Box)	51,605
Package:	2UA	Customer Preferred Package 2UA	0
	ESL	6.4L V8 HEMI HD Engine	0
	DFX	8-Spd Auto 8HP75-LCV Transmission	0
Paint/Seat/Trim:	PR4	Flame Red Clear Coat	0
	APA	Monotone Paint	0
	*TX	HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat	0
	-X8	Black/Diesel Gray	0
Options:	MAF	Fleet Purchase Incentive	0
	A7B	Tradesman Level 1 Equipment Group	2,395
	XBJ	Dual Alternators Rated at 400 Amps	495
	CBU	Add Vinyl Seat	0
	XEF	Transfer Case Skid Plate Shield	95
	CK9	Delete Carpet	0
	LHL	Auxiliary Switches - I/P Mounted	255
	LNC	Clearance Lamps	180
	4DH	Prepaid Holdback	0
	TCP	LT275/70R18E OWI On/Off Road Tires	295
	4ES	Delivery Allowance Credit	0
	5N6	Easy Order	0
	4FM	Fleet Option Editor	0
	4FT	Fleet Sales Order	0
	132	Zone 32-New York	0
	4EA	Sold Vehicle	0
Non Equipment:	4FA	Special Bid-Ineligible For Incentive	0
Bid Number:	TB7095	Government Incentives	0
Discounts:	YG2	5.2 Additional Gallons of Gas	0
Destination Fees:			2,795

Total Price: 58,115 .

Order Type:	Fleet	PSP Month/Week:	
Scheduling Priority:	1-Sold Order	Build Priority:	99

Note: This is not an invoice. The prices and equipment shown on this priced order confirmation are tentative and subject to change or correction without prior notice. No claims against the content listed or prices quoted will be accepted. Refer to the vehicle invoice for final vehicle content and pricing. Orders are accepted only when the vehicle is shipped by the factory.



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Subject: Maintenance truck purchase
Date: April 29, 2026

The purpose of this memorandum is to receive school board approval for the purchase of a new truck for the maintenance department.

The district currently has six (6) maintenance vehicles (see table below). The vehicle we are looking to purchase is like the existing trucks except that it is a 2026 Dodge RAM 3500. We need to replace a 2014 Chevy Flatbed with 74,561 miles that will no longer pass inspection. The district will sell the existing truck at auction as the dealer will not take it in as a trade.

Year	Make	Model	Mileage
2014	Chevy	3500/Flatbed	74,561
2015	Chevy	2500	65,795
2017	Chevy	3500	59,995
2018	Chevy	3500	43,917
2023	Ford	3500	17,772
2024	Chevy	3500	9,462

The district received a bid from Goss Dodge of \$46,673 for a new 2026 Dodge RAM 3500. The quote from the dealer is based on state bid, and therefore, we are not obligated to obtain three bids. We are seeking approval now, but the vehicle will not be available for 12 to 16 weeks. Therefore, it will be a FY'27 purchase. This is a planned and budgeted purchase.

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Configuration Preview

Date Printed: 2026-02-27 3:41 PM
Estimated Ship Date:

VIN:
VON:

Quantity: 1
Status: BA - Pending order
FAN 1: 51689 State of Vermont
FAN 2:
Client Code:
Bid Number: TB6095
PO Number:

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Package:	2UA	Customer Preferred Package 2UA	0
	ESL	6.4L V8 HEMI HD Engine	0
	DFX	8-Spd Auto 8HP75-LCV Transmission	0
Paint/Seat/Trim:	PR4	Flame Red Clear Coat	0
	APA	Monotone Paint	0
	*TX	HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat	0
	-X8	Black/Diesel Gray	0
Options:	A7B	Tradesman Level 1 Equipment Group	2,295
	XBJ	Dual Alternators Rated at 400 Amps	495
	XBC	Delete Pickup Box	-400
	XEF	Transfer Case Skid Plate Shield	95
	CK9	Delete Carpet	0
	TBE	Add Full Size Spare (if Box Delete)	295
	4DH	Prepaid Holdback	0
	LHL	Auxiliary Switches - I/P Mounted	255
	4ES	Delivery Allowance Credit	0
	LNC	Clearance Lamps	95
	MAF	Fleet Purchase Incentive	0
	CBU	Add Vinyl Seat	0
	TCP	LT275/70R18E OWI On/Off Road Tires	295
	5N6	Easy Order	0
	4FM	Fleet Option Editor	0
	4FT	Fleet Sales Order	0
	132	Zone 32-New York	0
	4EA	Sold Vehicle	0
Non Equipment:	4FA	Special Bid-Ineligible For Incentive	0
Bid Number:	TB6095	Government Incentives	0
Discounts:	YG2	5.2 Additional Gallons of Gas	0
Destination Fees:			2,095

Total Price: 55,175 .

Order Type: Fleet
Scheduling Priority: 1-Sold Order

PSP Month/Week:
Build Priority: 99

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Sales Manager:

Sales Person: Denny Johnson

DMS Number:

Email: knichols@colchestervt.gov

Address: 781 BLAKELY ROAD
COLCHESTER, VT 05446

New 2026 Ram 3500

Stock:

VIN:

Odometer:

Color:

Engine:

Transmission:

MPG:

Style:

FINANCE DETAILS

Retail Price	\$ 55,175.00
Discount	(\$ 9,058.00)

NET SELLING PRICE	\$ 46,117.00
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Doc Fee	\$ 499.00
Title Fee	\$ 42.00
Reg Fee	\$ 15.00

TOTAL FEES	\$ 556.00
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SALES SUB TOTAL	\$ 46,673.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ 46,673.00
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YOU'RE SAVING \$9,058.00

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Customer Signature

Prepared by Brian Allard

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Sales Signature

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Board Meeting Date 8/18/2026										
<i>Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)</i>										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Hannah	Worden	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0	CHS	Request to Hire One Year Only	Nicole Deorsey	Yes	Yes
<i>Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required</i>										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Support Staff	Priscilla	Hammond	Leave of Absence (intermittent)	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Request for intermittent unpaid leave during the 26/27 school year			
<i>Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational</i>										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Support Staff	Erin	Allard	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	MBS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Lillian	Gonyo	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	MBS	Notice of Hire	Elliot Cross		
Support Staff	Kristen	Abare	New Hire	Food Service Worker	17.5	CHS	Notice of Hire	Gillian Dukette		
Support Staff	Caitlin	Beauvais	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Hire	Irene Shagam		
Support Staff	Diane	McCarthy	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	MBS	Notice of Hire	Wanda Sachs		

Colchester School District

Board of Education Gathering
Union Memorial School

Tuesday, July 7, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

Members of the Colchester Board of Education gathered on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Union Memorial School to take part in a groundbreaking ceremony. In attendance were Board Members Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, and Jennifer Fath. Also present were various administrators, teachers, support staff, and students, and representatives from PC Construction, Black River Design Architects, and PCI Consulting. Remarks were made by Superintendent Amy Minor, Board Member Lindsey Cox, UMS Principal Colleen Birner, and several UMS students. The event concluded at 6:00 p.m.

Gabrielle Brooks
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk

Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Central Office - 59 Rathe Rd

Tuesday, July 21, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the Central Office Conference Room. Board Directors in attendance virtually were Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, and Laurie Kigonya. Administrators and employees in attendance were Superintendent Amy Minor and Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. Approval of Bond Documents

Action

The board met to approve the next loan of the bond agreement.

Director Kigonya moved to authorize the school district to sign the necessary bond documents as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA										
Board Meeting Date 7.21.26 REVISED										
<i>Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)</i>										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Nurse	Mary	Gwozdz	New Hire	School Nurse	1.0	UMS	Request to Hire	Lindsey Campion	Yes	Yes
<i>Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required</i>										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
<i>Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational</i>										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Support Staff	Marissa	Landry	New Hire	Administrative Assistant II	40	MBS	Notice of Hire	Krista Ploof	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Onyx	Johnson	Resignation	Behavior Interventionist	35	MBS	Notice of Resignation			
Co- Curricular	Melanie	Hurlbut	New Hire	Asst Field Hockey Coach	Coach	CHS	Notice of Hire	Alexina Richard	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Janet	Astore	Transfer	ML Paraeducator	32.5	CHS	Notice of Transfer	Ann Carol Moffett	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Catherine	Ott	New Hire	ML Paraeducator	32.5	CHS	Notice of Hire	Nathan Colgrove	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Amy	Flick	Resignation	ML Paraeducator	32.5	UMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Madison	Denton	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35	PPS	Notice of Hire	Brittany Cresta	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Philippa	Cox-Stavros	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	CHS	Notice of Hire	Logan Spicer	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Rebecca	Johnson	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Notice of Hire	Michelle Norton	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Leah	Livernois	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Notice of Hire	Cheryl Callahan	Yes	Yes
Co- Curricular	Leslie	Pippin-Tepper	New Hire	Field Hockey B Team Coach	Coach	CMS	Notice of Hire	Carrie Macedonia	Yes	Yes
Co- Curricular	Tori	Cioffi	New Hire	Girls A Team Soccer	Coach	CMS	Notice of Hire	Brian Wood	Yes	Yes
Co- Curricular	Yona	Simonson	New Hire	Musical Accompanist (Fall Drama)	Accompanist	CHS	Notice of Hire	Ryan Spooner	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Nicole	Deorsey	Nullification	Special Educator	1.0	CHS	Notice of Voided Contract			Yes
Support Staff	Gillian	Dukette	Resignation	Food Service Worker	32.5	CHS	Notice of Resignation			

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2026 general meeting, and the June 24, 2026 and July 7, 2027 special meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Proposed Executive Session

Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 5:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Director Yousey-Hines moved to exit executive session at 5:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Longo moved to adjourn at 5:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Gabrielle Brooks
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk