

Colchester School Board Meeting Agenda & Packet

September 1, 2026



**Colchester School District
Board of Education Meeting**
September 1, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Colchester High School Library

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order	
II. Citizens Participation*	
III. Introduction of Student School Board Member	Informational
IV. Fall Principal Reports	Informational
V. Hear Update Act 170	Informational
VI. Hear Year End Financial Report	Informational
VII. Approval of Consent Agenda	Action
VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes ○ July 24, 2026 (Special) ○ August 18, 2026 (Special) ○ August 18, 2026 (General)	Action
IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports	Informational
X. Future Agenda Items	Informational
XI. Proposed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations	Action
XII. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA										
Board Meeting Date 9/1/2026										
<i>Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)</i>										
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<i>Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required</i>										
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<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	Cheryl	Moore	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Powell	Tina	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	MBS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Wanda	Perez	New Hire	Food Service	22.5	CHS	Notice of Hire	Stephanie Carter		
Support Staff	Allison	Croce	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Kayla	Gilman	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35	MBS	Notice of Hire	Onyx Johnson		
Support Staff	Kevin	Kane	Resignation	Custodian	40	PPS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Stephanie	Carter	Resignation	Food Service	17.5	CHS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Bernadette	Park	Resignation	Food Service	6.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Christina	Bleau	New Hire	Paraeducator	30	CMS	Notice of Hire	Irene Shagam		
Support Staff	Caitlin	Beauvais	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			

Colchester School District

Board of Education Gathering
Porters Point School

Friday, July 24, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

Members of the Colchester Board of Education gathered on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Porters Point School to take a construction tour of the new addition at Porters Point School. The Board expected three or more members to attend, so the gathering was publicly announced. In attendance were Board Members Nic Longo and Ben Yousey-Hindes. Superintendent Amy Minor led the tour, which lasted approximately an hour.

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk

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Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Room 114B

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
4:15 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the Colchester High School Room 114B. In attendance were Board Members Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Laurie Kigonya, and Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. Proposed Executive Session: Contract Negotiations

Action

Director Longo moved to enter executive session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

Director Kigonya moved to exit executive session and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Gabrielle Brooks
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk

Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the Colchester High School Library Media Center. Board Directors in attendance were Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Laurie Kigonya, and Jennifer Fath. Board Director Ben Yousey-Hindes attended the meeting virtually. 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 in the audience.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizens Participation*

None.

III. Approval of Maintenance Truck Purchase

Action

Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb requested approval from the board for the purchase of a Maintenance Truck back in April. The board approved the purchase of a new 2026 maintenance truck for \$46,673, but ultimately there was not one available. Mr. Trieb explained that a 2027 model is now available, but at a higher cost of \$52,459. Due to the price difference, it requires new board approval.

Director Kigonya moved to approve the purchase of a new maintenance truck as recommended and to authorize the Chief Financial and Operations Officer to execute the necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Hear Update: School Construction at PPS and UMS

Informational

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with construction updates for both PPS and UMS. These updates included both photos and videos of the sites.

V. Hear Update: Cooperative Educational Service Area (CESA)

Informational

Superintendent Amy Minor provided an update on the first two CESA meetings held this summer for our region. She reminded the board that Colchester is part of the Chittenden Central CESA, which includes Burlington, Essex Westford, Grand Isle, South Burlington, Winooski, and Colchester. Superintendent Minor explained the CESA group is working through the preliminary set up and focusing on learning the needs and requirements between the state and our region in order to make the CESA successful.

The board asked clarifying questions regarding funding, types of services provided to schools, and meeting information for the public with the understanding it is still early in the process of establishing the CESA and there may not be answers to all questions. Superintendent Minor stated the CESA is its

own entity and will have its own budget separate from the school districts. There is some funding from the state to get started and the CESA group is looking into how to access those funds. Superintendent Minor also explained that before the CESA selects which services to provide, they must first run a needs assessment across the shared districts to figure out what the demands are and where they can save the most money for the districts. She stated that the monthly meetings will be held at South Burlington High School going forward and they are warned with access for the public to sit in and listen. Superintendent Minor will provide updates after every meeting with the School Board.

Superintendent Minor also provided the board with an update regarding the upcoming Merger Study Committee. Colchester is currently grouped with Milton and Grand Isle for the merger study. This committee will require one of the board members to act as a representative.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA**Board Meeting Date 8/18/2026 REVISED*****Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)***

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

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
Support Staff	Priscilla	Hammond	Leave of Absence (intermittent)	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Request for intermittent unpaid leave during the 26/27 school year			

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

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		
Co-Curricular	Brian	Wood	New Hire	Assistant Coach - Girls Varsity Soccer	Coach	CHS	Notice of Hire	Nicole Deorsey		
Support Staff	Lila	Ottinger	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	MBS	Notice of Hire	Sherrie Hiller		
Co-Curricular	Jared	Begnoche	New Hire	Varsity Golf Coach	Coach	CHS	Notice of Hire	Jamie Rozzi		
Support Staff	Andrea	Santiago	New Hire	Admin Asst I	40	MBS	Notice of Hire	Charlton Whitney		

Director Longo moved to approve the consent agenda as provided. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes **Action**

Director Kigonya moved to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Teachers are back starting this week with Professional Development and the schools are prepping for the first day of school next week

IX. Future Agenda Items **Informational**

- Introduction of the Student Board Member: Jack LaChance
- Principal Reports
- Policy and Board Work Plan

X. Proposed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations, and Personnel/Student Matters **Action**

Director Fath moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations, personnel and student matters at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

Director Kigonya moved to exit executive session at 8:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Kigonya moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Gabrielle Brooks
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk