

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, January 5, 2010
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Chamberlain, Paul Smith and Mike Rogers; Student Board Member, Paige LaPlant; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Special Education Director, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Amy Minor, Barb Nason, James Marshall and Chris Antonicci. There were 6 members of the community in attendance.

Principal Carolyn Dickinson was absent.

MINUTES (General Session)

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Dirk Reith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Act on Minutes of December 11 and 15, 2009

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to approve the minutes of December 11 and 15, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, and Correspondence

Superintendent Waters provided an article to the Board entitled, "State Cost Shifts Could Increase School Taxes by 7 percent."

V. Superintendent's Recommended FY'11 Budget – Next Level of Reductions

Per feedback from the Board, Superintendent Waters came back to the Board with a new recommended budget. The new budget recommendation would keep a portion of the current foreign language program and family consumer science program at CMS and reduced position at CHS. Superintendent Waters also recommended cutting \$100,000 from the Maintenance and Repairs article.

The Board responded that they were in favor of most of the reductions at CHS, but wanted further discussion on the CMS reductions and some of the CHS reductions.

VI. FY'11 Anticipated Revenues

The District is anticipating less revenue to come in for FY'11 due to less students expected to tuition into the District, less Grant dollars coming in and Special Education expenditures being reimbursed at a smaller amount.

VII. Anticipated Tax Rate Comparison (0%, 2.5%, 3% increase)

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb provided the Board with an anticipated tax rate comparison at a 0%, 2.5% and 3% budget increase. Even with a 0% increase the actual homestead education tax rate would change by 7.0057 cents.

VIII. Building Requests for Purchases

Superintendent Waters presented to the Board special request items from each principal based on their school needs. No action was taken.

IX. Approval for Announced Tuition

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb recommended that the Board approve an \$11,100 announced tuition rate for both elementary and secondary grades.

Director Mike Rogers moved to approve an \$11,100 tuition rate for both elementary and secondary grades, seconded by Director Dick Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Act on the Personnel Consent Agenda

No consent agenda was provided to the Board.

XI. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- FY'11 Budget
- CMS Schedule
- Virtual High School

XII. Adjourn

Chair Dirk Reith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. to Executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes
Executive Session

The Colchester Board of Education held an Executive Session board meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Steve Chamberlain, Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; and Principal Amy Minor.

I. Call to Order

Chair Dirk Reith called the Executive Session meeting to order at 8:42 p.m.

II. Hear and Discuss a Personnel and Contract Matter

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to enter Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss a personnel and contract matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to exit Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

III. Adjourn

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Laura Frazier
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk