

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, April 17, 2012
5:00 p.m. Open Session
7:00 p.m. General Session

The Colchester Board of Education held an open session on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Cormier, Christine Shepard and Mike Rogers. Superintendent Larry Waters. Finalist candidates for the Colchester Middle School principal position: Dawn Gruss (current CMS Interim Principal) and David Wells (current Westford Principal). Several parents and community members were in attendance.

MINUTES (Open Session)

A community forum was held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This was an opportunity for parents and community members to meet and question the two finalist candidates for the Colchester Middle School principal position. Following the informal “meet & greet”, School Board members interviewed both candidates in open session from 6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Cormier, Christine Shepard and Mike Rogers. Student Board Member: Emily Berry. Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Julie Benay, Dawn Gruss, Jim Marshall, Chris Antonicci and Amy Minor. There were 2 members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the general session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Dirk Reith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes: April 3, 2012

Director Steve Cormier moved to approve the minutes for April 3, 2012, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

Community members and parents presented information regarding actions on “Getting the Vote Out” for the May 1st vote. There were approximately 20 community members who are participating.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Porters Point School Principal Jim Marshall reviewed the FAHC Childhood Malnutrition & Obesity Grant (\$12,000). This program will allow families and students to learn about nutritious foods and a connection between healthy foods at home and school.

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb presented information regarding the Quarterly Financial Report. There were no surprises during the third quarter.

Director Dick Pecor followed up on his proposal regarding the richness of curriculum in the district. He asked the board for a consensus to direct the administrators to gather information regarding curriculum in surrounding local districts to determine where CSD stands. Board granted consensus.

VI. Technology Integration Demonstrations

Superintendent Waters and Curriculum Director Gwen Carmolli provided information regarding Technology Standards and Integration throughout the district. Carmolli began with an explanation of the Technology Integration Matrix and the requirements put forth by the National Educational Technology Standards & Partnership for 21st Century Learning. The District's goal is to have students teach, learn, think critically, communicate, collaborate and be flexible and adaptive when using technology.

The following teachers from each school demonstrated the use of technology integration in their classroom: Marie Hayes, PPS; Erin Sorenson, UMS; Aimee Boucher, MBS & Technology Course Instructor; Aimee Delaricheliere, CHS; Dovid Yagoda, CMS.

VII. FY 2013 Final Budget Information

Superintendent Waters presented information regarding the budget for the May 1, 2012 vote.

Reduction in the following areas/positions:

1. Gr. 6-12 Technology Integration Position
2. Speech Language Pathologist: EEE position
3. Custodial: CHS
4. \$42,000 from Activity Bus to Social Workers
5. Alternative Education Teacher (CAP): .20
6. Lab Monitors: MBS & CMS
7. Maintenance / Repairs: (based on total amount of reserve)

With an applied \$200,000 in revenue, and the above reductions, the proposed budget is \$32,722,712.

The impact on taxes is as follows:

- CSD –FY' 13 Budget with proposed reductions: \$32,722,712
- Budget Increase: \$789,131
- Budget Increase: 2.47%
- Tax Increase: 5.8525 cents
- Tax Increase: 4.9280%

VIII. Approval of the FY 2013 Warning

Director Dick Pecor moved to warn the year 2013 Annual Town School District meeting by signing the warning for said meeting, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following personnel consent agenda for April 17, 2012.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: April 17, 2012

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
04/17/12	Teacher	Kari	Carney	New Hire	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for Hire	Self	Current employee in this position who was on a one-year only contract for 11/12	Yes
04/17/12	Teacher	Rachel	Howes	Leave of Absence	Alternative Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	CAP	Requesting a 1.0 FTE LOA for the 2012-2013 school year			Yes
04/17/12	Teacher	Joseph	Desrosiers	End of Employment	Science Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
04/17/12	Teacher	Donna	Gallas	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
04/17/12	Teacher	Shelley	Forrest	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
04/17/12	Teacher	Jeffrey	Moorman	End of Employment	Social Studies Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
04/17/12	Teacher	Marykate	Rowan	End of Employment	Alternative Education Teacher	0.2 FTE	CAP	Approval for End of Employment			Yes
04/17/12	Support Staff	Sarah	Crapo	End of Employment	Paraeducator Title 1	27 hours	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes

Director Christine Shepard moved to approve the personnel consent agenda, as amended, for April 17, 2012, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Action Plans K-12
- Transportation Contract Renewal
- Approval of Copier Agreement
- Andros Field Trip for 2013
- Information regarding course offerings at other high schools

XI. Executive Session: Personnel Matter Regarding the Hiring of the CMS Principal

Chairman Dirk Reith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor, to adjourn general session and move to executive session at 9:09 p.m. to discuss the hiring of the CMS Principal. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to exit executive session at 11:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the hiring of Dawn Gruss as Principal of Colchester Middle School. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

Director Steve Cormier moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes
Reporting Secretary

Steve Cormier
Board Clerk