

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, October 7, 2014
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were: Board Chair, Mike Rogers; Directors: Lindsey Cox, Craig Kieny, and Lincoln White; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz; Principals: Chris Antonicci, Julie Benay, Carolyn Millham, and Amy Minor. Absent: Director Christine Shepard; Business & Operations Manager, George Trieb; and Principal Dawn Gruss. There were 52 members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mike Rogers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizen Participation

There was no citizen participation.

IV. Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2014

Director Lincoln White moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2014, seconded by Director Craig Kieny. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

V. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Superintendent Larry Waters provided an update on the following:

- VT School Boards Association Meeting
- Act 166 and planning for 2015-2016 school year
- Co-Curricular Negotiations Agreement - new criteria

To help answer questions from the community, Chair Mike Rogers has been present at each school's Open House.

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz provided information regarding the Federal Pre-K Expansion Grant.

Principal Amy Minor announced the new student school board member, Cassandra LaBonte.

VI. Hear FY'16 Budget Information and Open Forum Meetings with Community

Superintendent Larry Waters provided an overview of the budget process, breakdown, and timeline (calendar). Two open forum sessions are tentatively scheduled for October 16 and October 23.

VII. Hear Results of NECAP Science Scores (Spring)

Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gwen Carmolli, presented the Science NECAP scores for Grades 4, 8, and 11:

	<u>Colchester</u>	<u>State</u>
Grade 4	39%	44%
Grade 8	36%	26%
Grade 11	52%	30%

VIII. Approval of First Reading on Travel and Expenses Policy

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the Travel and Expense policy with recommended changes.

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to approve the first reading of the Travel and Expenses policy. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Hear Colchester High School Technology Purchase

The board agreed on the purchase of the following equipment for Colchester High School and Colchester Middle School.

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Laptops	23	\$14,546.35
Mac Books	8	\$9,439.31
Apple Care	8	\$1,440.69
iPads - 10 Pack	10	<u>\$4,780.00</u>
		\$30,206.35

Funding for this equipment will come from the breakage in hiring.

X. Approval of Property Tax Resolution

The school district has been asked by the select board to consider releasing a joint resolution to our legislators that calls for reform in the funding for education.

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to table the resolution to support the Vermont legislature until a later date. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XI. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the following Personnel Consent Agenda for October 7, 2014.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**Board Date: October 7, 2014**

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
Support Staff	Joanne	Benjamin	Leave of Absence	Food Service Worker	36.25 hr	CHS	Approval for LOA until 11-21-2014			Yes
Support Staff	Tatsiana	Bussiere	New Hire	Secretary	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Lisa Paone		Yes
Teacher	Megan	Poor	End of Employment	Clinical Coordinator	0.80 FTE	CAP	Approval for End of Employment			Yes

Director Lindsey Cox moved, seconded by Director Lincoln White, to approve the personnel consent agenda as provided for October 7, 2014. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Policy Updates
- Personalized Learning Plans (Grades 7 – 12)
- Budget Process and Community
- Additional Board Meeting with Legislators
- Financial Report – FY’ 15 First Quarter
- Special Education Report
- CHS Enrollment and Class Size
- CHS Drug Program Presentation

XIII. Adjournment

Director Lincoln White moved, seconded by Director Lindsey Cox, to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Erin Dye
Reporting Secretary

Lincoln White
Board Clerk