

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Lincoln White, Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor, and Lindsey Cox; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals Chris Antonicci and Carolyn Millham.

There were 2 audience members.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Rogers presented Amy Minor, Carrie Lutz, Gwen Carmolli, and George Trieb with small gifts and thanked them on behalf of the community and the school board for their work for the schools and children of Colchester. He gave appreciation for the team's outstanding performance and continued support of the board and Superintendent Minor.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Hear Nominations for School Board Reorganization and Approval of Newspaper of Record

Action

Nominations were held for school board chair, vice chair, and clerk, as well the official newspaper of record.

Director Kieny moved to nominate Michael Rogers as Board Chair, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director White moved to nominate Craig Kieny as Vice Chair, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director White moved to nominate Lindsey Cox as Board Clerk, seconded by Director Rogers. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Director Cox moved to approve The Colchester Sun as the official newspaper for the district for legal notices, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IV. First Reading of School Board Policy: B1 **Action**

This policy was examined as part of the policy review schedule. It was adopted in 2000 and last reviewed in 2014. Director Kieny had two minor edits.

Director Taylor moved to approve the first reading of School Board Policy: B1, seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. First Reading of Code of Ethics for School Board Members Policy: B2 **Action**

This policy was examined as part of the policy review schedule. It was adopted in 2003 and last reviewed in 2015. The board discussed specifics around the conflict of interest policy but did not suggest any edits.

Director Kieny moved to approve the first reading of Code of Ethics for School Board Members Policy: B2, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. Presentation on Performing Arts Center Usage **Information**

At the February 19th school board meeting, Director Taylor requested information regarding the use of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Colchester High School since the renovation.

Superintendent Minor presented a summary of the use from August 2018 to present. There were a total of 320 bookings or events. The majority fell during the week during the school day and in the evening. She also noted the number of outside dance and musical groups that utilize the PAC.

Director Taylor asked the two students in the audience if they use the PAC. They both said they are involved in music and drama and expressed that the renovations have elevated their performances and what they can do, especially the new sound panel. Overall, they think the updates have been very beneficial to their performances.

VII. School Calendar for 2019-2020 **Action**

Superintendent Amy Minor outlined the draft calendar for next school year. The calendar is based on the contract agreement which indicates there will be 176 student days, 8 in-service days, 1 teacher prep day, and 2 family conference days for a total of 187 days. Also included on the calendar were four early release days. Superintendent Minor stated the early release days continue to be a success for professional development. She also noted that Colchester Parks and Recreation agreed to continue to offer childcare for K-8 students.

Director White moved to approve the four early release days in the 2019-2020 calendar as presented, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda **Action**

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for March 19, 2019.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: March 19, 2019 Revised

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Christiana	Carmichael	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2019			Yes
Teacher	Claudia	O'Neill	End of Employment	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2019			Yes
Teacher	Nadine	Zane	End of Employment	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2019			Yes
Teacher	Hilary	Carter	Leave of Absence	English Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Leave of Absence Request for 2019-2020 School Year			
Teacher	Debra	DeMulder	New Hire	504 Teacher, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Jessica Murray	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Katie	McIntyre	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	UMS	Request to Hire	Joshua Yosucio	Yes	Yes

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Co-Curricular	Colby	Blondin	New Hire	JV Boys Lacrosse Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Nick Snelling	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Emily	Colby	End of Employment	Technology Helpdesk Specialist	40.0 hr	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Linda	Gregoire	End of Employment	Administrative Assistant-Guidance Registrar	40.0 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Allison	Middleton	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Natasha Halverson	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Derek	Spear	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Hire	Jody Wright	Yes	Yes

Director Taylor moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as provided, seconded by Director Kienny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2019 Action

Director Cox moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019, seconded by Director White. The motion unanimously, 5-0.

X. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports Information

- Outright Vermont is giving two community presentations. The first is on March 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the MBS Library and is geared towards pre-kindergarten through grade 5. The second is on April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the CHS Library and is geared towards grades 6-12. The district is also preparing to host a panel presentation and discussion hosted by the Howard Center bring awareness to suicide awareness in May.
- Superintendent Minor provided a hiring update for open positions in the district. Of note, they are starting second round interviews for the open administrative position at the middle school. She also updated the board on the changes happening statewide for special education funding (Act 173). As of right now there are still a lot of unknowns as to how it will affect the bottom line of the budget here in Colchester. Special Education Director Carrie Lutz stated she participates in a regional special education meeting once a month and they have been able to provide some input and feedback to the process.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items Information

- Presentation by Vermont School Board Association
- CSD Integrated Field Review results and next steps
- Strategic Planning

XII. Adjournment

Director Cox made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Director White. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:


Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:


Lindsey Cox
Board Clerk