

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny, Lindsey Cox, and Curt Taylor; Student Representative Sophia Brigante; Superintendent Amy Minor; Business and Operations Manager George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli; and Principals Michele Cote, Jordan Burke, and Chris Antonicci. There were 11 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.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. CMS Math Curriculum Update

Information

CMS Principal Michele Cote provided the board with an overview of the current math curriculum at the middle school and changes that will be made for next year in grade 7. The most significant change will be that all students will take the same 7th grade math course. Students who are looking for more opportunities to challenge themselves may take an additional advanced math course. Principal Cote's presentation included educational research and school specific data justifying academic need to support the shift. The board made several supportive statements about the change.

IV. First Reading of Vocational/Technical Center Programs Policy: G9

Action

This policy was examined as part of the district's policy review cycle. It was adopted in 1997 and last reviewed in 2002. There were no suggested changes.

Director Kieny moved to approve the first reading of the Vocational/Technical Center Programs Policy, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

V. First Reading of School Relations with Attorneys and the Courts in Child Custody Cases Policy: H8

Action

This policy was examined as part of the district's policy review cycle. It was adopted in 2007. One additional line was added to the second paragraph for clarification.

Director Taylor moved to approve the first reading of the School Relations with Attorneys and the Courts in Child Custody Cases Policy, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. First Reading of Suspension of Policies Policy: A2 **Action**

This policy was examined as part of the district's policy review cycle. It was adopted in 2005. There were no suggested changes.

Director Cox moved to approve the first reading of the Suspensions of Policies Policy, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VII. Approval of Lease for Colchester Alternative Program (CAP) Building **Action**

The district currently leases approximately 3,400 square feet of office space located at 308 Blakely Road to accommodate the Colchester Alternative Program. The existing lease is a three-year lease that expires on June 30, 2019. The owner has proposed a new three-year lease with a term spanning July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

Director Kieny moved to approve the newly proposed lease and authorize the business and operations manager to sign said lease, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

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

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for May 7, 2019. Director Taylor requested some edits and formatting to the communication facilitator job description.

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PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: May 7, 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	Katherine	DeCoff	End of Employment	Art Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2019			Yes
Teacher	Christine	Eldred	End of Employment	Librarian/Media Specialist	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to end Employment effective June 30, 2019			Yes
Teacher	Morgan	Beck	New Hire	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Claudia O'Neill	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Christopher	King	New Hire	English Teacher, One-Year Only	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Hilary Carter	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Megan	Gagne	Transfer	English Teacher	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Transfer	Dennis McCannell	Yes	Yes
Teacher	John	Helme	Transfer	Math Teacher, Grades 7/8	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Transfer	Lois Whitney	Yes	Yes
Teacher	David	McDermott	Transfer	Math/Science Teacher, Grades 7/8	1.0 FTE	CMS	Request to Transfer	New	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	James	Olson	New Hire	Baseball "B" Team Coach		CMS	Notice of Hire		Yes	Yes
Co-Curricular	Kristy	Perry	New Hire	Softball "B" Team Coach		CMS	Notice of Hire		Yes	Yes
Co-Curricular	David	Sharkey	New Hire	Soccer Boys' Varsity Assistant Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Ty Pratt	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	John	Brennan	End of Employment	Bus Driver - Special Education	20.0 hr	DW	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Bonnie	Domachowski	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Math Center	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Marissa	McGrath	End of Employment	Autism Interventionist	35.0 hr	CMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Katherine	Roth	End of Employment	HR Generalist	37.5 hr	CO	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Austin	Bulluck	New Hire	Technology Specialist III	40.0 hr	DW	Notice of Hire	Richard Bird	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Tina	Carroll	New Hire	Administrative Assistant/Guidance Registrar	40.0 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	Linda Gregoire	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	David	Hodge	New Hire	Commucation Facilitator	35.0 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	New-Student Need		Yes
			Job Description	Commucation Facilitator						

Director Cox moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda with the exception of the communication facilitator job description, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IX. Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2019

Action

Director Cox asked the board to allow her to retroactively change her vote to “abstain” on agenda item IV: Approval of Contract Agreement with Colchester Education Association. She stated that she voted in error and had intended to abstain due to her membership in the National Education Association through her employed school district. The board unanimously agreed to her request. In the same agenda item, Director Taylor asked to add the word “average” before “3.1% salary increase”.

Director Kienny moved to approve the amended minutes of April 16, 2019, seconded by Director Cox. The motion unanimously, 4-0.

X. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Information

- The district held a small gathering to honored the five employees retiring this year.
- The board agreed on a meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The board selected May 28th as a tentative spring retreat date.
- Superintendent Minor thanked Howards Center and the Colchester Police Department for participating in a successful Suicide Prevention Discussion for parents, families, and caregivers last week.
- Student Board Member Sophia Brigante shared her plans for next year. The board thanked her for her participation and service to the board this past school year.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

Information

- Summer Purchases
- Assurances
- Strategic Planning

XII. Adjournment

Director Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Director Kienny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Lindsey Cox
Board Clerk