

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting, Special Meeting
Central Office Conference Room

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Colchester Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors Craig Kieny, Curt Taylor and Lindsey Cox; Superintendent Amy Minor, Business Manager George Trieb, and Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz. Director Lincoln White participated by phone. Also, in attendance for the retreat portion of the agenda was John Hemmelgarn from Black River Design.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Board Chair Mike Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:41p.m.

II. Approval of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B Assurances (IDEA-B) Action

In order to apply for these grant dollars, the district has to provide assurance that will comply with all federal regulations in this area. The board needs to authorize the superintendent and the board chair to sign the assurances for IDEA Act-B which include the use of the National Instruction Material Access Center, complete federal record keeping, fulfilling Child Find obligations, and to provide special education service and comply with state regulations.

Director Taylor moved to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B for the 2019-2020 grant application, seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

III. Approval for Purchase of Playground Equipment for Preschool at MBS Action

Director of Student Support Services, Carrie Lutz, requested the board's approval to purchase new preschool playground equipment. The current playground is too small, the structure has been deemed unsafe and it is not handicapped accessible. Director Taylor asked about the type of fencing material used for the playground. Director Kieny wanted to know what would happen if we did not upgrade the equipment. Ms. Lutz shared that there could be negative impacts on our preschool accreditation.

Director Kieny moved to approve the preschool playground purchase as presented authorized the business manager to sign the necessary documents to make that happen, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IV. Board of Education Retreat

The board discussed the need to find a permanent location for the Colchester Alternative Program. Currently the district is renting a space until 2022, and Superintendent Minor outlined that her goal is to have a permanent home for CAP before our current lease is up. Superintendent Minor shared three possibilities for a permanent space for CAP and the board

provided direction on the next steps that need to be completed before the board is ready to make a decision.

The school board discussed the long term needs for a facility that will provide enough space and flexibility to meet the learning needs of all students in grades PreK – 2. The board is aware that the current learning space for preschool is inadequate and PPS and UMS are overdue for significant renovations.

John Hemmelgarn, an architect from Black River Design attended the retreat to share his assessment of the building and necessary renovations that are needed at UMS and PPS to ensure that we have an adequate learning space for all students. As a next step, the board has directed Business Manager George Trieb and Superintendent Amy Minor to have a traffic study done, begin developing site plans, investigate if a second entrance/exit to the CHS property is possible, to determine if a potential new school building could be placed on the backside of the CHS campus, begin to develop a communication plan regarding the status of UMS/PPS, and to work with building principals to champion this project in their building and in the community.

Director Rogers moved to enter executive session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

V. Adjournment

Director Kieny moved to exit executive session and adjourn at 9:09 p.m. seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Amy Minor
Superintendent of Schools

Lindsey Cox
Board Clerk