

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, July 9, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

### MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at the Colchester High School Media Center. Those in attendance were Board Chair Mike Rogers; Directors: Craig Kieny, Lindsey Cox, and Curt Taylor; Superintendent Amy Minor; and Business and Operations Manager George Trieb. There were no 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. Presentation by the Winooski Valley Park District**

#### **Information**

The Winooski Valley Park District (WVPD) is interested in acquiring the WVMT property parcel for conservation. Nick Warner, Executive Director of WVPD and Paul Goldman, owner of the WVMT property, presented an opportunity for the school district occupy the building located on the land. Mr. Warner provided an overview of the property and its conservation value as well as potential partners they could use for funding the purchase. Mr. Goldman stated the building is in very bad shape and that it would need to be torn down and another structure built in its place using the same 4,500 sq. ft footprint. He also stated the towers and transmitter building are owned and operated separately and would remain on the property. Mr. Warner stated an easement would be granted to the owner of the towers for maintenance purposes but that it would not interfere with the main building operated by the school district. Mr. Goldman stated he hoped to hear whether the school district was interested by late fall or early winter. Superintendent Minor reminded the board that if they decided to move forward, this purchase would go on a ballot to be voted on by the community. She stated the district would want to have plenty of time to communicate and educate the community on the purchase if that's what they decide. Director Cox echoed that sentiment, pointing out that the district already does a tremendous amount of communicating about the budget for the March ballot and that it may be difficult to reach community members in time for a November vote. Director Cox also stated this potential purchase would need to be reviewed alongside the other facility projects the board is currently considering. The board collectively agreed to have further discussion before making a decision.

#### **IV. Approval of Tax Anticipation Note**

#### **Action**

In order to start the next fiscal year, the district needs to borrow money from a lending institution until funds arrive from the state. This is an annual requirement. Business Manager George Trieb provided the forms and lending documents to the board.

*Director Taylor moved to approve the Tax Anticipation Note for the Colchester School District as recommended by the business manager, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**V. Approval of Personnel Consent Agenda**

**Action**

The following Personnel Consent Agenda was presented for July 9, 2019.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Date: July 9, 2019**

**Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)**

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
Teacher	Courtney	Thomas	Leave of Absence	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	UMS	Request Leave of Absence from approximately 12/9/19 to 3/16/20			
Teacher	Frances	Binder	New Hire	School Librarian	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Christine Eldred	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Katherine	Brown	New Hire	English Teacher, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Megan Gagne	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Susan	St. Pierre	New Hire	Early Childhood Education Teacher, Long-Term Substitute	1.0 FTE	MBS	Request to Hire	Taylor Gamache	Yes	Yes

**Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational**

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
Co-Curricular	Jaelyn	Dixon	New Hire	Assistant Girls' Cross Country Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire		Yes	Yes
Co-Curricular	George	Trieb, Jr.	New Hire	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach		CHS	Notice of Hire	Jason Desjardin	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Louis	Merola	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	PPS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Jason	Singh	End of Employment	Assistant Network Engineer	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Derek	Spear	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Ellen	Tetrick	End of Employment	Paraeducator	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of End of Employment			Yes
Support Staff	Diane	Bessette	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Ellen Tetrick	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Elizabeth	Clapp	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	16.25 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	Morgan McNall	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Andrew	Hedden	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	40.0 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	Michael Brown	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Alison	O'Brien	New Hire	Paraeducator - ELL	32.5 hr	CMS	Notice of Hire	Joanne Beaubien	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Shauna	Rooney	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Education	32.5 hr	UMS	Notice of Hire	Francesca Martinelli	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Heidi	Echo	Transfer	Bookkeeper	40.0 hr	CHS	Notice of Transfer	Mark Ellingson	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Meghan	Mead	Transfer	Special Education Building Secretary	35.0 hr	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Tina Carroll	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Angela	Plumb	Transfer	Building Secretary	37.5 hr	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Penny Dodson	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Jonathan	Thompson	Transfer	Paraeducator - Math Center	32.5 hr	CHS	Notice of Transfer	Bonnie Domachowski	Yes	Yes

*Director Kieny moved to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Cox. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**VI. Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2019 Action**

*Director Cox moved to approve the amended minutes of June 4, 2019, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion unanimously, 4-0.*

**VII. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2019 Action**

*Director Cox moved to approve the amended minutes of June 11, 2019, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion unanimously, 4-0.*

**VIII. Approval of Minutes: July 3, 2019 Action**

*Director Cox moved to approve the amended minutes of July 3, 2019, seconded by Director Taylor. The motion unanimously, 4-0.*

**IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports Information**

- Superintendent Minor encouraged community members seeking employment to look at our current openings which include bus aides, lunch/recess monitor, and paraeducators.
- As a reminder, the next school board meeting will be August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

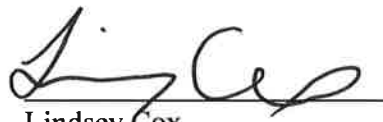
**X. Adjournment**

*Director Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Director Kieny. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Recorder:

  
Meghan Baule  
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:

  
Lindsey Cox  
Board Clerk