

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, August 16, 2022
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, in the Colchester High School Library. Board members in attendance were Board Chair Lindsey Cox, Board Directors Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, Felix Anderson, and Student Board Representative Olivia Dallamura. District administrators and employees in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Business and Operations Manager George Trieb, Director of Curriculum Gwendolyn Carmolli, Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz, Colchester High School Principal Andrew Conforti, CHS Teacher Jennifer Loiseau, CHS Teacher Evan Peltier, and CHS Teacher Melissa Towle. There were no audience members.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Introduction of Student Board Member

Information

Superintendent Amy Minor and CHS Principal Andrew Conforti formally introduced Olivia Dallamura as the 2022-2023 Student School Board Member representing all students in the district.

IV. Approval of CHS New York City Trip

Action

CHS Teachers, Melissa Towle and Evan Peltier, provided the board with a detailed presentation for a proposed trip to NYC with interested 11th and 12th graders. Their primary goal of the trip is to allow students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of music by engaging in a range of musical experiences in a large metropolitan city famous for music and the arts. Several highlights will include attending a concert at one of the city's most famous jazz clubs, participating in a workshop with Broadway actors and singers, seeing a Broadway show, and performing in several venues. They also discussed fundraising opportunities available to students to ensure anyone who is interested could attend.

Board Chair Cox inquired about Colchester School District's policy for chaperones on extended field trips. Superintendent Minor described the process of approval and background checks that go into vetting chaperones who volunteer.

Board Chair Cox sought clarification on fundraising, specifically how the music department determined that students fundraise for themselves versus the collective group, and their scholarship fund. Mr. Peltier explained how students have a variety of experiences to participate in while in the music program between field trips and the All State Music Festival. When determining individual

fundraising versus for the collective group, it did not seem equitable to have all funds go into a large pool when not all students would be participating in some of the activities. The Music Department has also found that students are more engaged when taking on the responsibility of fundraising their own way. Ms. Towle stated the funds in the scholarship account come from a combination of donations from families and excess fundraising money left by students that have graduated. The Music Department is open with their students and families about accessing the scholarship fund to ensure that every student can participate if they are interested.

Director Anderson moved to approve the CHS Music Trip to New York City as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of CHS France Trip Action

CHS Teacher, Jennifer Loiseau, provided the board with a detailed presentation for a proposed trip to France with the French V class. The primary goal of the trip is to encourage students to utilize a higher-level of thinking and an understanding of communication skills while immersing themselves into the language and culture they have studied and dedicated their school career to. Several highlights will include a guided tour of Paris, walk through the Louvre Museum and around the Eiffel Tower, visiting Roman ruins, and participating in a French Cooking Class. Ms. Loiseau also discussed fundraising opportunities available to students to ensure anyone who is interested could attend.

Director Longo inquired about how this trip will connect with the curriculum of the French V class. Ms. Loiseau explained that French V is based off the College Board standards to allow students to take the AP French Language and Culture exam if they choose at the end of the year. Once in French V, students have moved past working on grammar and language fundamentals to focus more on the culture and influences of the French speaking world. Each unit they work on directly correlates with what they would experience in France as they visit a variety of museums, communicate with locals, and participate in workshops.

Director Kigonya moved to approve the CHS France Trip as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHS NEASC Presentation Information

CHS Principal, Andrew Conforti, provided the board with a brief overview of where CHS is in the process of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) review process. Principal Conforti also invited the board to attend a portion of the NEASC Collaborative Conference taking place at CHS on Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28. The Collaborative Conference visit is a new step in the Accreditation cycle to help gather information about the school's current conditions and it is intended to assist the school in the Self Reflection findings so that CHS can build a strong School Growth Improvement Plan. The board asked some questions about the work CHS has done in the past year to prepare for the NEASC review process.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda Action

The following Consent Agenda was reviewed by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Meeting Date: August 16, 2022

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Emily	Schulze	New Hire	Special Educator	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Andrew Rinere	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Nicole	DeOrsey	New Hire	Special Educator	1.0 FTE	CHS	Request to Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational										
Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Support Staff	Sierra	Scahefer-Spritz	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Notice of Hire	Anne Campbell	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Jennifer	Lacey	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	MBS	Notice of Hire	Shannon Gallagher	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Tina	Carroll	Resignation	Admin Assistant - Guidance Registrar	40	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Malcolm	Huesman	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35	CAP	Notice of Hire	Helen Dunn	Yes	Yes
Co-Curricular	Richard	Codling	New Hire	Varsity Head Coach - Volleyball		CHS	Notice of Hire	New Position	Yes	Yes
Co-Curricular	Sean	MacArdle	New Hire	Boys Cross Country		CHS	Notice of Hire	Morgan Smaler	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Janet	Astore	New Hire	Paraeducator	16.25	CHS	Notice of Hire	Janet Astore	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Phyllis	Golodetz	Transfer	Paraeducator	32.5	CHS	Notice of Transfer	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Clare	Kane	Transfer	Planning Room Coordinator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Morgan McNall	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Cheryl	Moore	Transfer	Interventionist	35	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Martin	Burnod	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	CHS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Libby	Davidson	Transfer	Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Transfer	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Emily	Kayoi	Resignation	EL Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Bernique	Shakimana	Resignation	Custodian	40	CHS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Lisa	Chandler	New Hire	Food Service Worker	20	UMS	Notice of Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Anne Marie	Lavalette	New Hire	Attendance Secretary	40	CHS	Notice of Hire	Phyllis Golodetz	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Taylor	Danforth	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	UMS	Notice of Hire	Haylee Patch	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Caitlin	Briggs	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35	CMS	Notice of Hire	Klare Cane	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Jensen	Radner	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist	35	MBS	Notice of Hire	Courtney Dennison	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Chelsea	Roberts	New Hire	Food Service Worker	32.5		Notice of Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Jason	Singh	New Hire	Technology Specialist III	30	CHS	Notice of Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Ran	Mangar	New Hire	Custodian	40	CHS	Notice of Hire	Bernique Shakimana	Yes	Yes

Director Longo moved to approve the Consent Agenda as provided. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 11, 2022 Action

One typo was corrected.

Director Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 11, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Superintendent Amy Minor gave an update on the District's Nursing Grant. This grant will assist with quality improvement and training of the two new nurses in the district.
- The CAP renovation is on track and there will be an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.
- Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz gave an update on the recent CSD Job Fair and the open positions still available within the district.
- Superintendent Minor is scheduling times with the members of the board to tour the PPS, UMS and CMS buildings.
- Mountain Transit is consolidating bus routes due to short staffing for the beginning of the school year.

X. Future Agenda Items Information

- Opening of School Update
- Policy Review Plan for 22-23
- School Report Input
- Reports from Building Principals

XI. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations Action


Director Kigonya moved to enter executive session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss a student and personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Anderson moved to exit executive session at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

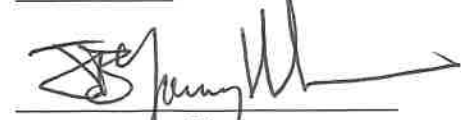
XII. Adjournment

Director Anderson moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:


Gabrielle Brooks
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:


Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk