

# COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 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, and Felix Anderson. District administrators and employees in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Business and Operations Manager George Trieb, and Director of Curriculum Gwendolyn Carmolli.

### **I. Call to Order**

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Citizen Participation**

None.

### **III. Policy Review Cycle Overview**

#### **Information**

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with a detailed presentation of the Colchester School District's Policy Adoption and Review Cycle. Included in the presentation was a background of the district's policies and an overview of the model policies from both the Vermont School Board Association and Agency of Education. CSD adopted the current review cycle with the intent of inspecting all policies and getting them on a five-year review timeline to keep them up to date. Superintendent Minor informed the board that there are only nine policies left to review for all policies to be on the five-year cycle. The board asked a few clarifying questions.

### **IV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### **Action**

The following Consent Agenda was reviewed by the board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**Board Meeting Date: September 20, 2022**

**REVISED**

**Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)**

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

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Informatic	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Support Staff	Joy	Eidsheim	Leave of Absence	Paraeducator	32.5	UMS	Request leave of absence beginning on 9/16/22			Yes

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

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Informatic	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Support Staff	Michael	Trainque	Transfer	Lead Custodian	40	UMS	Notice of Transfer	Siniremera Adela	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Steve	Alger	Transfer	Lead Custodian	40	PPS	Notice of Transfer	Michael Trainque	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Abigail	Adams	Resignation	Food Service Worker	20	UMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Kacie	Winston-Shelvey	New Hire	Food Service Worker	15	DW	Notice of Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Emily	Culver	New Hire	Recess Monitor	15	MBS	Notice of Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Injung	Lee	New Hire	Cafeteria Supervisor	15	CMS	Notice of Hire	Harlie Destautels	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Reina	Benitez-Garcia	New Hire	Food Service Worker	25	PPS	Notice of Hire	Diane Graziano		
Support Staff	Lorrie	Ploof	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Ed	32.5	PPS	Notice of Hire	Zachary Young	Yes	Yes
Co-Curricular	Zoraya	Hightower	New Hire	Cross Country Coach		CMS	Notice of Hire	Emily Kopacz	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Chelsea	Roberts	Resignation	Food Service Worker	32.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Celeste	Matte	New Hire	Paraeducator	13	PPS	Notice of Hire	Emily Ryan	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Evelina	Capitiano-Monfreda	Resignation	Paraeducator - ELL	32.5	CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Trevor	Sohnen	New Hire	Paraeducator - Special Ed	32.5	CMS	Notice of Hire	Tamara Tobin	Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Harrison	Chalnick	New Hire	Behavior Interventionist		CMS	Notice of Hire		Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Meghan	Mead	Resignation	Special Education Secretary	35	MBS, CMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Riley	Markko	New Hire	Behavior Specialist Assistant	1.0	CMS	Notice of Hire	Open Position	Yes	Yes

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

**V. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 6, 2022** **Action**

*Director Longo moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 6, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

- CMS Assistant Principal Dovid Yagoda received an Employer Recognition Award from the Vermont Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).
- Enrollment for the district is up 30 students from last year.
- Reminder for the board that the New England Schools and Colleges Collaborative Conference is at CHS October 27.

**VII. Future Agenda Items** **Information**

- Financial Year End Report
- BLM Flagpole Request
- Policy Equity Assessment Tool
- Policy Work
  - School Sponsored Trips: G3
  - Fundraising, Solicitation, Advertising and Surveying: H4
  - Video Surveillance: E6

**VIII. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations** **Action**

*Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss negotiations and a personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Director Yousey-Hindes moved to exit executive session at 8:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

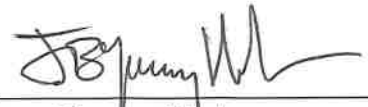
**IX. Adjournment**

*Director Yousey-Hindes moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

Recorder:

  
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Gabrielle Brooks  
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:

  
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Ben Yousey-Hindes  
Board Clerk