

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Colchester High School Library. Board members in attendance were Board Chair Lindsey Cox, Directors Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Felix Anderson, Laurie Kigonya, and Student Board Representative Olivia Dallamura. District administrators in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Business and Operations Manager George Trieb, Director of Curriculum Gwendolyn Carmolli, and Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz. District employees in attendance included Director of Technology Pam Barclay and District Network Engineer Peter Keenan. 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. Second and Final Reading of Acceptable and Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use Policy: G10

Action

Since the first reading, the policy was reformatted, and a line noting the new Cybersecurity Policy was included. It was recommended to recategorize this policy to the Business and Non-Instructional Operations section with the new Cybersecurity Policy. The board agreed and this policy will be moved from G10 to E12 in the policy manual.

Director Anderson moved to approve the second and final reading of the Acceptable and Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use Policy: E12. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Second and Final Reading of Cybersecurity Policy: E13

Action

Since the first reading, the wording was updated to show that “users” means everyone, including students. Subsequently, the risk mitigation strategies were reorganized to more clearly show which ones applied to all users and which were specific to employees.

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the second and final reading of the Cybersecurity Policy: E13. The motion passed unanimously.

V. First Reading of School Board Policy: B1

Action

This policy is reviewed annually to renew the board’s commitment to their service and the district. There were no recommended changes or updates.

Director Anderson moved to approve the first reading of the School Board Policy: B1. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Hear and Discuss FY'24 Budget Results (moved from VIII) Information

Unofficial results show that the school article regarding the FY'24 school budget passed with 2,256 votes in favor and 820 votes against. The board and Superintendent Amy Minor thanked the community for their continued support. Lindsey Cox and Ben Yousey-Hindes were both reelected to 3 and 2-year terms respectively.

VII. First Reading of Code of Ethics for School Board Members: B2 Action

This policy is reviewed annually to renew the board's commitment to their service and the district. There were no recommended changes or updates.

Director Longo moved to approve the first reading of the Code of Ethics for School Members Policy: B2. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Second and Final Reading of Public Complaints About Personnel Policy: D10 Action

Since the first reading, there was one change made to the policy. It now states that the preference is for complaints to be in writing, but it is not required.

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the second and final reading of the Public Complaints About Personnel Policy: D10. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Approval of Recommendation for Administrator Contract Renewals 2023-2024 Action

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with a memo outlining the contracts that she recommends renewing for the FY'24 school year.

Director Anderson moved to approve the recommended administrator contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Approval of Consent Agenda Action

There was no Consent Agenda to review.

XI. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2023 Action

Director Longo moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Superintendent Minor is providing information about student enrollment at the upcoming Colchester Planning Commission meeting.

- The school board should anticipate an easement request from the Town to install a light at the intersection of Blakely Road and Laker Lane.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Information

- Board reorganization
- 2023-2024 School Calendar
- Auditors Report
- Policy Review Cycle

XIV. Executive Session to Discuss Support Staff Negotiations

Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss support staff negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

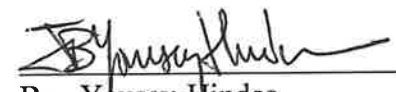
XV. Adjournment

Director Anderson moved to exit executive session and adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:


Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary


Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk