

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Central Office – Conference Room

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Colchester Board of Education held a board meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Central Office Conference Room. Board members in attendance were Board Chair Lindsey Cox, Directors Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Felix Anderson, Laurie Kigonya, and Jennifer Fath. District administrators and employees in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor and the Business and Operations Manager George Trieb. There were no audience members.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Bathroom Renovation Project

Action

The board reviewed the district bathroom renovation plan developed before the pandemic. The district had applied for ESSER dollars to cover the cost of the CHS first-floor and second-floor main bathrooms. Project costs outlined in the bids received in the spring of 2023 were nearly double what was estimated before the pandemic. To continue moving forward with the project, the board used ESSER III funds to renovate the first-floor CHS bathrooms, which was completed in October 2023.

The RFP was put out this spring to renovate the second-floor bathroom. Like the first-floor project, not all categories received three or more bids. Business and Operations Manager George Trieb feels confident the project will be completed on time and within budget using the available resources and expertise. The bulk of the work will take place during the summer to have bathrooms ready for the start of the school year. Funds to cover the project's cost will mostly come from ESSER III money (\$325K), with the remaining balance coming from the general fund.

Director Fath moved to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to sign the necessary documents to complete this renovation. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

The board reviewed the following consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2024

Revised

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Meg	Hershman	Resignation	Elementary Teacher	1.0	PPS	Request to End Employment -End of School Year 23/24			
Teacher	Susan	Morin	Resignation/Retirement	Math Coordinator	1.0	DW	Request to End Employment -End of School Year 23/24			
Teacher	Megan	Tighe	Resignation	Special Educator	1.0	MBS	Request to End Employment -End of School Year 23/24			
Teacher	Natalie	LaRose	Resignation	Elementary Teacher	1.0	PPS	Request to End Employment -End of School Year 23/24			
Teacher	Natalie	LaRose	New Hire	Title 1/Reading Teacher	1.0	PPS	Request to Hire	Marie Hayes	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Danielle	Gaarder	New Hire	Special Educator	1.0	MBS	Request to Hire	Rob Janelli	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Danielle	Dubro	Resignation	Special Educator	1.0	CHS	Request to End Employment -End of School Year 23/24			
Teacher	Danielle	Dubro	New Hire	Out of District Special Educator	1.0	CO	Request to Hire	Leslie Noble	Yes	Yes
Administrative	Melissa (Brooke)	King	Resignation	Assistant Principal	1.0	MBS	Request to end employment 06/30/24			
Administrative	Christopher	Shackett	New Hire	Assistant Principal	1.0	MBS	Request to Hire	Brooke King	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
Individual	Riley	Markko	Resignation	Behavior Specialist	1.0	CMS	Request to End Employment -End of School Year 23/24			

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Co-Curricular	Japheth	Brubaker	New Hire	Assistant Track Coach	n/a	CHS	Notice of Hire			
Support Staff	Caitlin	Beaupre	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	UMS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Tyler	Willard	Transfer	Behavior Interventionist	35.0	CHS	Notice of Hire	Jamie Chambers		

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Board Work Session: Facilities

Discussion

The school board discussed the state of facilities in the district and reviewed the community engagement report from the Center for Effective School Operations (CESO). The board discussed the facility challenges compared to the feedback received from the community, and they also went over some of the deferred maintenance due to the pandemic. The board discussed a potential plan for next steps if there were to be a bond for facilities on the ballot in November of 2024.

V. Adjournment

Director Kigonya moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk

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