

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, November 5, 2024
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Board members in attendance were Board Chair Lindsey Cox, Directors Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, Jennifer Fath and Student Board Member Rylee Friend. District administrators and employees in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Business and Operations Manager George Trieb, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli and Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz. 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. First Reading of Student Freedom of Expression in School-sponsored Media Policy: F36 Action

This policy was reviewed as part of the annual cycle and is required by the Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA). The VSBA has updated its model policy since it was first introduced, and administrators recommended updating the district's policy to reflect those changes. Superintendent Amy Minor noted that the district has never used the policy. Student Board Member Rylee Friend is in a high school publishing class and shared that students are well-connected to their teachers. She also asked about student-run social media pages for co-curriculars and the process for monitoring its content. The board further discussed the types of school-sponsored media and what the process would be if administrators needed to use the policy.

Director Longo moved to approve the first reading of the Student Freedom of Expression in School-sponsored Media Policy: F36. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. First Reading of Reporting Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Policy: F10 Action

This policy was reviewed as part of the annual review cycle. Superintendent Amy Minor noted that this is not a required VSBA policy but recommends keeping it in the district's policy manual. She stated the policy is used frequently to train and remind employees of their mandated reporter responsibilities. She stated it is also helpful to explain the concept of mandated reporting to families when the district has to make a suspected abuse or neglect concern.

Director Kigonya moved to approve the first reading of the Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Policy: F10. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Action

The board reviewed the following consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE	Building	Agenda Information	Person	Budgeted	Admin

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required

Contract	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person	Budgeted	Admin

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

Contract	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person	Budgeted	Admin
Support Staff	Lauren	Walker	Resignation	Paraeducator	32.5	PPS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Brendan	Lemieux	New Hire	Paraeducator	32.5	CMS	Notice of Hire		Yes	Yes
Support Staff	Eric	Green	Resignation	Custodian	40.0	CHS	Notice of Resignation			
Support Staff	Jade	Frechette	Termination	Paraeducator	32.5	UMS	Notice of Termination			
Support Staff	Stacy	Vincent	Resignation	Food Service	30.0	MBS	Notice of Resignation			

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There were no items on the agenda that required board approval. No motion was needed.

- VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes** **Action**
- **October 12, 2024**
 - **October 15, 2024**
 - **October 29, 2024**

Director Kigonya moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 12, October 15, and October 29, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

- VII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports** **Information**
- NEASC has provided a draft report of its external review of CHS. The report shows that they have met the standard and will continue to be an accredited high school.

- VIII. Future Agenda Items** **Information**
- Facilities Bond Project Update
 - School Reports
 - Policy Work

- IX. Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations** **Action**

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Fath moved to exit executive session at 8:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

- X. Adjournment**

Director Longo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk