

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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 representative Rylee Friend. District administrators 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. Hear Quarterly Financial Report

Information

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb provided an overview of the second fiscal quarter. Revenue and expenditures are tracking mostly as expected. He noted that the district should expect a surplus of \$993,888 if the current spending trend continues.

IV. Approval of Roof Section Replacement at MBS

Action

A section of the roof at Malletts Bay School has been maintained well but it has outlived its useful life and is starting to fail and needs to be replaced. The district received several bids for the work. Business and Operations Manager George Trieb went over the different costs, material quality, and warranty information and recommended selecting A.C. Hathorne Company. The work will be completed over the summer and will not disrupt any of the summer programming.

Director Fath moved to accept the bid from A.C. Hathorne Company and authorize the business and operations manager to sign a contract for the project.

V. Approval of Contract with Black River Design Architects

Action

The board reviewed the contract and agreement with Black River Design Architects for all the projects relating to the facilities work that will happen over the next five years as a result of the facilities bond that was approved by voters in November. Following the approval of this contract, they will start putting out bids for the construction.

Director Kigonya moved to authorize the business manager to sign the contract agreement with Black River Design as presented.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

The board reviewed the following consent agenda.

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

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action

- January 21, 2025

Director Longo moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 21, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Information

- Superintendent Minor has been giving FY26 Budget Presentations at faculty meetings and PTA meetings. The board will record a round table budget discussion with LCATV at the next school board meeting.
- The bond bank application was approved. Teams are working to finalize floor plans for things like window placement and sink and cabinet locations. Administrators and teachers toured the new construction at the Winooski School District to see their spaces and get ideas for things they would like to implement in the CSD floor plans.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Information

- School Calendar
- School Reports
- Weapons and Firearms Policy

X. Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations

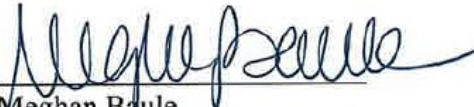
Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

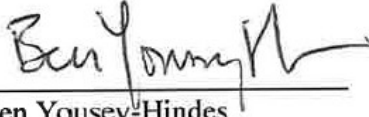
Director Kigonya moved to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Recorder:



Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:



Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk