

Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Central Office - 59 Rathe Rd

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, in the Central Office Conference Room. In attendance were Board Members Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, and Jennifer Fath; and Superintendent Amy Minor. Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb was present until 8:02 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. School Board Retreat: Work Session

Informational

The board received a training and update on the Vermont School District Redistricting Task Force, which was established by Act 73 (H.454) in 2025. The task force consists of 11 members, comprising legislators and education officials. They are charged with consolidating the state's 118–119 school districts into about 10 to 25 larger ones, each serving between 4,000 and 8,000 students to the extent practicable. Any changes would take effect in the 2028–29 school year. The panel held its inaugural meeting in August 2025 in Montpelier, during which it oriented itself with logistics, data needs (e.g. student populations, staffing, geography), and timelines. By December 1, 2025, the Task Force must deliver up to three proposed school district maps to the Legislature for consideration. No decisions have been made by the task force as they are still researching the best models for education in Vermont.

The board also received training on the new District Quality Standards (DQS) established by the Vermont Agency of Education, which outline the requirements for school districts to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education. The standards cover four big areas: business operations, facilities management and safety, governance, and quality assurance. The state is beta-testing the DQS this year, and after making any necessary adjustments to the system, it is hoped that the state will review districts every three years. These rules take effect on July 1, 2025, and are designed to ensure that every Vermont child, regardless of their location, has equal access to safe schools, effective teachers, and strong educational opportunities.

The board also reviewed the CSD Work Plan for the 2025-26 school year and began drafting goals to guide their priorities for the year ahead.

III. Adjournment

Director Kigonya moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk