

Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Colchester High School Library Media Center. Board Directors in attendance were Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, Jennifer Fath, and Student Representative Trinity McCarthy. Administrators and employees in attendance were Superintendent Amy Minor, Chief Financial 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. Citizens Participation*

None.

III. Hear Colchester School District Audit Report for FY'25

Action

Rick Brigham, CPA from Sullivan, Powers, and Co., provided the board and community with an overview of their audit report and findings for FY'25. A copy of the report is available on the district website. The audit was clean, and the district was found to be in full compliance.

IV. Second Readings of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Policies

Action

- Current G1: Instruction
- Current G1a: Homework
- Current G1b: Pilot Projects
- Current G6: Comprehensive Student Assessment

These policies were reviewed as part of the policy review cycle. The Vermont School Board Association (VSBA) recommends a curriculum policy, but its new guidance shifts instruction and assessment from policy to district procedure. At the first reading, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli proposed to consolidate several related policies into a single policy to give an overview of the district's educational framework. The board reviewed the combined draft policy section by section and provided feedback. At this reading, they reviewed the updated draft with their feedback incorporated. A final draft will be brought back for a third and final reading and a future reading.

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the second reading of policies G1: Instruction, G1a Homework, G1b Pilot Projects, and G6: Comprehensive Student Assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Hear and Discuss Results of the FY'27 School Budget Vote (moved from item VI) Information

Unofficial results show that the school article regarding the FY'27 school budget passed with 1,216 votes in favor and 1,083 against. Lindsey Cox was reelected to a 3-year term, and Jennifer Fath was

reelected to a 2-year term. The Board and Superintendent Amy Minor thanked the community for their continued support and reflected on the budget process.

VI. Approval for Recommendation for Administrator Contract Renewals 2026-27 **Action**

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with a memo outlining the contract recommended for renewal for the FY'27 school year.

Director Longo moved to approve the recommended administrator contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda **Action**

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda. Superintendent Minor acknowledged two retirements and outlined the interview and recommendation process for the UMS principal position.

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Director Kigonya moved to approve the consent agenda as provided. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes Action

Director Longo moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports Informational

- A construction update was shared for the facilities work happening at PPS.

X. Future Agenda Items Informational

- Policy Work
- Auditor Report
- Facility Renovation Updates

XI. Proposed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to exit executive session and adjourn at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk