

Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Colchester High School Library Media Center. Board Directors in attendance were Lindsey Cox, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, and Student Representative Jack LaChance. Board Director Nic Longo attended the meeting virtually. Administrators and employees in attendance were Superintendent Amy Minor, Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmoli, Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz, MBS Principal Jordan Burke, PPS Principal Carolyn Millham, and UMS Principal Colleen Birner. There was one audience member present.

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. Fall Principal Reports: MBS, PPS, UMS

Informational

MBS Principal Jordan Burke, PPS Principal Carolyn Millham, and UMS Principal Colleen Birner each gave a brief presentation on their school's opening, how they're building community, and their professional and academic goals for the year. The board asked some questions about the principal's biggest challenges and ways they are engaging students.

IV. Approval of Merger Study Committee Appointee

Action

Superintendent Amy Minor provided the board with information about the announcement of John Everitt being named the Regional Facilitator for the Champlain Valley North Region Merger Study Committee. Colchester has been placed in this merger study group along with the Grand Isle Supervisory Union and the Milton Town School District. The board had a brief discussion about which board member will serve on the committee.

Director Yousey-Hindes moved that the Board appoint the School Board Chair, Lindsey Cox, to represent Colchester on the Merger Study Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Hear Year End Financial Report

Informational

Chief Financial and Operations Officer George Trieb presented an overview of the total budget, revenue, and expenses for the fiscal year ending in June 2026. The district ended the year with a \$1,577,821 surplus. He shared details about revenue and expenditures and offered a list of accounts with budgeted versus actual spending amounts.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA Revised

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Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

[illegible]

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

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to approve the minutes from September 1, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports

Informational

- An update on the Cooperative Education Service Area (CESA) Board. There is now a CESA button on the CSD Board Meeting web page linking to the meeting announcements, agendas and minutes.
- An update with photos was given for construction projects at PPS and UMS. The oldest wing of PPS began removal on September 14. The waterproofing of the basement walls is taking place and they are adding stone to level out the basement floor at UMS.
- A reminder for the Board Retreat on October 12th.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Informational

- FY'28 Budget Timeline
- Policy and Board Work Plan
- CSD VTCAP Results Presentation
- Principal Reports
- Quarterly Financial Report
- CSD Food Service Report

X. Adjournment

Director Kigonya moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Gabrielle Brooks

Recording Secretary



Ben Yousey-Hindes

Board Clerk