



COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Colchester, Connecticut

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

BOE Special Meeting 6:00PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Tomasi, Vice Chair Chris McGlynn, Amy Domeika, Jessica Morozowich, Joanne Rose, Suesen Hickey (joined at 6:35PM)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Director of Teaching and Learning Dr. Charles Hewes, Bacon Academy Principal Matthew Peel, William J. Johnston principal Chris Bennett, Jack Jackter Intermediate School Principal Elise Butson, Colchester Elementary School Principal Judy O'Meara, Director of Human Resources Shannon Ramsby, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation Darren Smith, Director of Educational Operations Mario Hurtado, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Kathleen Perry, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Finance Liaison Michael Egan

1. MEETING OPENING

Chair Tomasi called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. *PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 2021-2022 Budget Discussion

Superintendent Burt presented possible reductions to the proposed budget in the amount of \$275,000, as requested by the Board of Finance. While the Esser III, American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations will be sent to Districts next week, the Superintendent shared that some technology improvements may be covered by those funds. Discussion ensued on the Capital Reserve fund, Capital Outlay, and Technology Supplies. Information Technology expenses to be covered under Federal funding are proposed, pending guidance from the State on use of funds.

One expense that we are certain will be covered by the ARPA grant is HVAC replacements/repairs to improve air quality in our schools. Coverage of these expenses by federal grants will allow the District to allocate funds toward other initiatives, including preventative maintenance to avoid costlier repair in the future. Of note is the roof at Bacon Academy; Principal Peel and Director of Educational Operations Mario Hurtado shared that substantial repair is necessary.

The BOE was in agreement that the proposed reductions are acceptable.

No action taken.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:49PM.