

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Tomasi, Suesen Hickey, Jessica Morozowich, Joanne Rose.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Chris McGlynn, Amy Domeika, Mitch Koziol.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Colchester Elementary School Principal Judy O'Meara, Jack Jackter Intermediate School Principal Elise Butson, William J. Johnston Middle School Principal Chris Bennett, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Kathleen Perry, Director of Teaching and Learning Charles Hewes, Director of Education Operations Mario Hurtado, Director of Human Resources Shannon Ramsby, Chief Financial Officer M. Cosgrove.

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Mary Tomasi called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 pm with a roll call to establish a quorum.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None at this time.

3. RECOGNITIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

None at this time.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments received.

5. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

5.1 Pandemic Update

Superintendent Burt reported that the numbers are holding steady with only one case in town in the last two weeks. Connecticut has a 65% vaccination rate. At this time, new CDC guidelines are not available. Each state has the right to determine the response to the pandemic. The Connecticut Department of Health will determine whether masks will be required.

As of now, Superintendent Burt anticipates full time school, no remote learning, normal instruction, no screen dividers, elementary students back to group tables, but may wear masks. The Administration is not permitted to ask about Covid-19 vaccinations. There are a lot of unknowns but decisions will be made based on best guidance at that time.

5.2 2021-2022 Budget Updates

The Board of Education is now operating on the 2021-2022 budget as of July 1, 2021.

5.3 Update on Board Meetings and Meetings Spaces

The August Board meeting is planned to be in person at Town Hall in Rooms 1 and 2. Recording or live streaming the meeting is being looked into. At the minimum, meetings will be recorded for FaceBook and/or YouTube.

5.4 School Resource Officer (SRO) Process Update

The final draft of the SRO policy has been reviewed, interview process is beginning and it is hoped the officer will be hired before the end of July and will be introduced to the Board at the September BOE Meeting.

5.5 Communications – None at time.

6. POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR FIRST READING – None at this time.

7. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 APRA/ESER Draft Allocations

Superintendent Burt stated that this grant requires participation from the community, staff, parents, and Board members. The timeline is tight and requests for feedback will be sent out. The presentation is available on Board Docs.

8. GRANTS/OTHER FINANCIALS

8.1. Pay to Play Reimbursement

The Pay to Play reimbursements are being reviewed and each student will receive the same amount of reimbursement.

9. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCION/ASSESSMENT - None at this time.

10. POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR A SECOND READING

10.1 1110.1P School, Family, and Community Partnerships

10.2 9325B Meeting Conduct

This item will be further reviewed and brought back at a future meeting.

10.3 9326B. Minutes, Taping, Broadcasting

10.4 9321B Time, Place, Notification for Meetings

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to approve Item 10.1 10.3 and 10.4 as presented.

Second by: J. Rose.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

11. NON-SUBSTANTIVE POLICIES – None at this time.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.1 Minutes of the June 8, 2021 BOE Meeting

12.2 Minutes of the June 21, 2021 Special Meeting

12.3 Minutes of the June 25, 3032 Special Meeting of the BOE

Motion by: S. Hickey

to approve the minutes in items 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 on the Consent Agenda, as read.

Second by: J. Morozowich.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

12.4 Bacon Academy Request for Disposal

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to approve Item 12.4 BA Request for Disposal on the Consent Agenda.

Second by: J. Rose.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

12.5 CES Request for Disposal (ELA Program)

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to approve Items 12.5 Request for ELA Program Disposal materials.

Second by: S. Hickey.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

13. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

13.1 Policy

13.2 Budget

13.3 Personnel – Budget, Policy and Personnel will meet August 5, 2021.

13.4 Ad-Hoc Curriculum

13.5. Ad-Hoc Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – J. Rose stated this Committee will present a report to the Board of Selectmen on July 15, 2021.

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISONS

1. BA Project Grad Liaison

2. Board of Finance Liaison

3. Board of Selectmen Liaison

4. Building Committee Liaison

5. Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) Liaison

6. Commission on Aging Liaison – M. Tomasi said the Senior/Community Center project referendum is scheduled for September.

7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Liaison

8. Fire Department Liaison

9. Parks & Recreation Liaison –

10. Police Commission Liaison

11. PTO Collaborative Liaison

12. Scholl Readiness Council Liaison

13. Senior Center Liaison

14. Youth & Social Services Liaison - S. Hickey noted that Youth First Coalition is working on the objective for a Drug Free Grant.

15. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION ITEMS

15.1 Next Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Policy Committee	August 3, 2021	5:00 PM	Virtual
Personnel Committee	August 3, 2021	5:30 PM	Virtual
Board of Education	August 10, 2021	6:00 PM	Town Hall
Budget Committee	TBD	9:00 AM	Virtual
DEI Committee	TBD		Virtual

15.2 New Safe School Climate and Bullying Protocols

15.3 Monthly Student Enrollment

15.4 Approved Committee Meeting Minutes

15.5. Monthly Budget Reports – None at this time

15.6. Cafeteria Fund – None at this time

15.7. Budget Transfers Under \$5,000 – None at this time

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- 15.8. Notices of Retirement/Resignation – None at this time
 - 15.9. Regulations – None at this time
- Information items only, no action taken.

Due to the Executive Session being next on the agenda, Chair Tomasi asked if any citizens would like to comment now rather than wait until after the Executive Session. No comments were received.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16.1 Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation

16.2 Executive Session to hear Staff Request for Leave of Absence

Motion by: J. Rose

to into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and a staff request for leave of absence and to invite Superintendent Burt into the session.

Second by: S. Hickey.

Vote: Unanimous to approve. Time: 7:02 pm.

Chair Tomasi brought the Board out of Executive Session at 7:16 pm.
See below for action.

17. POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to extend Superintendent Burt's contract an additional year from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Second by: S. Hickey.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion by: S. Hickey

to approve the staff request for a leave of absence.

Second by: J. Rose.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT - see above.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tomasi adjourned this meeting at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Recording Secretary