



COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Colchester, CT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: COMMUNITY FORUM

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:00 PM HYBRID

**William J. Johnston Middle School
The Commons (Black Box Theater)**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alexander Oliphant, Vice-Chair Mary Tomasi, Donna Antonacci, Christopher Rivers

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Daniel P. Sullivan, III, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Charles E. Hewes, Bacon Academy Principal Amy Begué, Bacon Academy Assistant Principal Melissa Cyr, Bacon Academy Assistant Principal Michael Mal, William J. Johnston Middle School Principal Christopher Bennett, William J. Johnston Middle School Assistant Principal Stacy Ewings, Jack Jackter Intermediate School Principal Elise Butson, Jack Jackter Intermediate School Assistant Principal Jennifer Reynolds, Colchester Elementary School Principal Judy O'Meara, Colchester Elementary School Assistant Principal Meghan Amado, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Amy Emory, Assistant Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Elisa Fabiszak, Supervisor of Special Education Laurie Labato-DiTomasso

OTHERS PRESENT: Business Director Rachel Linkkila, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Clerk Heather Petit, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation Darren Smith, Athletic Director Kevin Burke

1. **5:00 PM SCHOOL AND PROGRAM EXPO**

1.1 School and Program Expo in The Commons Area at William J. Johnston Middle School

Students, families, administrators, staff and Board of Education members participated in an expo highlighting Colchester schools and programs. Board member Donna Antonacci gave a virtual tour of the expo for community members who joined virtually.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

2.1 Call to Order

Chair Oliphant called the meeting to order at 5:47 PM

3. ***COMMUNITY FORUM**

3.1 Open Forum on the Budget, Schools, and Programs

Rosemary Gignac thanked the community for joining the forum and encouraged everyone to treat each other with dignity and respect through a video message. Ms.

Gignac stated the importance of being an example for students as they are watching and learning.

Superintendent Sullivan thanked administration and staff at William J. Johnston Middle School for getting everything set up for the expo, Mr. Sullivan also thanked teachers, families and students for taking part in the expo as well as administrators, the athletic director, and central office staff for their help and participation.

Superintendent Sullivan stated that Board Members, administration and staff were all available this evening to answer any questions or receive feedback related to schools, programs and budget.

A community forum was held.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Heather R. Petit
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Clerk