

Board of Education  
February 11, 2020 – Regular Meeting  
Colchester Elementary School Cafeteria  
315 Norwich Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Mary Tomasi, Vice Chair Chris McGlynn, Amy Domeika, Sue Hickey, Jessica Morozowich, Joanne Rose; Student Members Nick Janus and Shannon Hickey.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mitch Koziol.

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Bacon Academy Principal Matt Peel, Bacon Academy Assistant Principal Amy Begué, William J. Johnston Middle School Principal Chris Bennett, Colchester Elementary School Principal Judy O'Meara, Jack Jackter Intermediate School Principal Elise Butson, Director of Teaching and Learning Charles Hewes, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Kathleen Perry.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Board of Finance Liaison Andrea Migliaccio.

## **1. MEETING OPENING**

### **1.1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Mary Tomasi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Second grade students from Mrs. DiCioccio's class led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Tomasi presented each of the students with a pledge card for their participation.

### **1.2 Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was held for Matthew Turkington and family.

## **2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Superintendent Burt requested adding a WJJMS field trip to New York to the Museum of Natural History, 911 Memorial Museum and the Jewish Heritage Museum on May 27, 2020.

**Motion by:** J. Morozowich

to approve the addition of the field trip as Item 12.5 under the Consent Agenda.

**Second by:** S. Hickey.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

## **3. CELEBRATIONS**

### **3.1 Innovators of the Month: Colchester Elementary School**

February's Innovators of the Month are from Colchester Elementary School: Karen Groves and Barbara Gabriel.

Barbara and Karen are not only working on the ISTE Standards, but they are supporting our second graders in learning about Science and research. For example, a few of the standards they have focused on lately are:

- ISTE- Knowledge Constructor: 3a With guidance from an educator, students use digital tools and resources, contained within a classroom platform or otherwise provided by the teacher, to find information on topics of interest.

- Innovative Learner Dispositions: Ask questions and is curious.
- NGSS 2-ESS1-1: Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.

Their lessons are based on the skills learners need for their non-fiction/research unit. In this unit, students will research, generate their own questions, select a specific topic and research it, and select from a menu of tools to teach/present what they have learned. Students will also be evaluating their wonder questions and revising them to make the questions deeper and more open-ended.

Students used their iPads to show the Board members the land mass research project they are working on.

### 3.2 JJIS's Team Megawatts 1st Place Win at First Lego League State Finals

First Lego League State finals were held at Shelton High School on December 7, 2019. There were 50 teams competing and the Jack Jackter Intermediate School's Team Megawatts won first place for their presentation. Three WJJMS students are part of the team, helping the JJIS students. Brooke Rodgers is from Bacon Academy and is the team mentor. The students gave paraprofessional Renee Anderson a bouquet of flowers "in appreciation of all her hard work" helping the team.

Chair Tomasi presented R. Anderson with a Certificate of Recognition.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 No comments were received.

## 5. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

### 5.1 Communications

No communication received.

### 5.2 District Improvement Update

Superintendent Burt noted the new mission statement "We create innovative thinkers for a dynamic world" and gave a presentation on Board goals being developed for the district improvement plan, operational and instructional improvement and student achievement.

## 6. POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR FIRST READING (NONE)

## 7. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### 7.1 Ratification of Teacher's Contract

Discussion and possible action to ratify the July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023 contract between the Colchester Board of Education and the Colchester Federation of Teachers Local #1827.

**Motion by:** C. McGlynn

to authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract between Colchester Board of Education and the Colchester Federation of Teachers Local #1827 for July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023.

**Second by:** A. Domeika.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

7.2 Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SCADD) Request for Smartboard Donations

**Motion by:** J. Morozowich

to approve the request from Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SCADD) for donation of unused BOE smartboards.

**Second by:** J. Rose.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

7.3 Child Nutrition Programs Authorized Signature Change

The district must annually sign the USDA agreement regarding the responsibilities of a school district in running meal programs. This document changes the authorized signatures to Superintendent Burt and CFO Maggie Cosgrove.

**Motion by:** C. McGlynn

to approve the change to the authorized signatures required for the Child Nutrition Program to Superintendent Burt and CFO M. Cosgrove.

**Second by:** J. Morozowich

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

7.4 Assign BOE Members to Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee

Director of Teaching and Learning Dr. Charles Hewes will have curricular and policy updates to be reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee before June 2020.

The curriculum committee concerning Humanities will have members J. Rose, J. Morozowich and A. Domeika. The Math curriculum committee members will be C. McGlynn and S. Hickey.

7.5 Establish Ad-Hoc Communications Committee and Assign BOE Members

The Ad-Hoc Communications Committee will seek to improve district communications. This item will be tabled until next meeting for further discussion.

**8. GRANTS/OTHER FINANCIALS (NONE)**

**9. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ASSESSMENT**

9.1 Bacon Academy Program of Studies 2020-2021

A summary of proposed additions and changes to the 2020-2021 Bacon Academy Program of studies was presented. Assistant Principal Amy Begué summarized the changes and responded to Board member questions.

**Motion by:** J. Morozowich

to approve the 2020-2021 Bacon Academy Program of Studies as presented.

**Second by:** C. McGlynn.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

9.2 William J. Johnston Middle School Program of Studies 2020-2021

Principal Bennett was in attendance for any questions pertaining to changes or additions to the William J. Johnston Middle School Program of Studies 2020-2021.

**Motion by:** C. McGlynn

to approve the William J. Johnston Middle School Program of Studies 2020-2021 as presented.

**Second by:** S. Hickey.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

## **10. CONTINUED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 WJMS Building Project Update**

Superintendent Burt noted there are two issues still unresolved and the project will not be closed out until those are resolved.

## **11. POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR SECOND READING**

### **11.1 3110P Budget Planning**

The Policy Committee reviewed this policy and recommended changes.

### **11.2 9402 Bylaw: Facilities Review**

**Motion by:** J. Morozowich

to approve revised policy 3110P Budget Planning and Bylaw 9402 Facilities Review.

**Second by:** J. Rose.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve both items.

## **12. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **12.1 Approval of 1/14/2020 Minutes**

### **12.2 Approval of 1/23/2020 BOE Special Meeting Minutes**

### **12.3 Approval of 1/28/2020 BOE Special Meeting Minutes**

### **12.4 Field Trip: Bacon Academy Spanish students to NYC**

### **12.5 Field Trip to American Museum of Natural History, 9/11 Memorial Museum and Museum Of Jewish Heritage**

**Motion by:** J. Morozowich

to approve the Consent Agenda with a correction to the minutes of January 14, 2020, Item 10.3 Policy 5141.214 was incorrectly identified as Policy 5142.21.

**Second by:** S. Hickey

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve Consent Agenda with one correction.

## **13. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

### **13.1 Policy – No report.**

**13.2 Budget –** J. Morozowich was elected Chair at February 5 Budget Committee meeting and gave a report including: the soft freeze is still on and next month Superintendent Burt with CFO Cosgrove will determine if a hard freeze is necessary. The budget presentations are scheduled with a public meeting on March 31, budget questions may be submitted and will be answered anonymously at the meeting. Discussion with other districts for 'flat tuition rates' for students to attend schools outside districts is ongoing. Colchester is discussing combining resources with another town for the 18-21 program.

### **13.3 Personnel – No report.**

### **13.4 Ad-Hoc Curriculum – Membership established.**

### **13.5 Ad-Hoc Consolidation – No report.**

#### **14. REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISONS**

S. Hickey, liaison to C3, noted C3 is sponsoring a Village Parenting Support Program presentation and as liaison to Youth First, reported they recently presented a movie on social media and youth.

#### **15. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **15.1 Next Meetings**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>MeetingTime</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
BOE - Budget Presentation	7:00PM	February 18, 2020	CES Cafeteria
Policy Committee	6:30PM	February 24, 2020	BOE Conference Room
BOE-Budget Workshops	7:00PM 7:00PM	February 25, 2020 March 3, 2020	CES Cafeteria
Budget Committee	9:00AM	March 5, 2020	BOE Conference Room

15.2 Enrollment for February 2020 is **2298** students.

15.3 Regulations (None at this time)

15.4 Approved Committee Meeting Minutes: Budget Committee 1/9/2020

15.5 Monthly Budget Reports

15.6 Health Insurance Reserve Analysis

15.7 Budget Transfers Under \$5,000 (None at this time)

Information items only – no action taken

#### **16. INFORMATION ITEMS: NON-SUBSTANTIVE POLICY CHANGES (NONE)**

#### **17. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW ISSUES RAISED OR SUBJECTS DEVELOPED**

No comments received.

#### **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tomasi adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Recording Secretary