

Board of Education
February 18, 2020 – Regular Meeting
Colchester Elementary School Cafeteria
315 Halls Hill Road

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Tomasi, Vice Chair Chris McGlynn, Amy Domeika by telephone, Mitch Koziol, Jessica Morozowich, Joanne Rose, Sue Hickey; Student Members Nick Janus.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Student Member Shannon Hickey.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Bacon Academy Principal Matt Peel, 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, Darren Smith, Director of Educational Technology and Instructional Innovation, Chief Financial Officer M. Cosgrove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Finance Chair Rob Tarlov, Board of Finance Liaison Andrea Migliaccio.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair M. Tomasi called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Michael Healey and family.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No additions or changes were requested.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received.

4. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 2020-2021 Superintendent's Proposed Education Budget Presentation

Superintendent Burt presented the 2020-2021 proposed budget based on the Mission Statement – “We Create Innovative Thinkers for a Dynamic World”. The proposed budget is \$42,430,088, an increase of \$1,192,966 or a 2.89% increase over the 2019-2020.

Superintendent Burt said the budget goals support the new Mission Statement and the new District goals, sustain current instructional and operational programming, strengthen instructional and operational programming and balance the needs of the district with stewardship.

Superintendent Burt explained how the budget development was a collaborative effort with building administrators. Each line item in each school budget was reviewed by the principal and teacher leaders. There are many great programs from grants that should be sustained, budget requests were reviewed that will strengthen operations and instruction. Each building budget includes a capital improvement plan, a plan for large purchases over

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time and a plan to stay ahead of potential problems.

A power point presentation will be available online with the email address budget@colchesterct.org for public questions.

The next Board of Education budget discussions will be held on February 25, 2020 and March 3, 2020.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tomasi adjourned this meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Recording Secretary