

Board of Education
June 9, 2020 – Regular Meeting
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Tomasi, Suesen Hickey, Jessica Morozowich, Joanne Rose, Mitchell Koziol, Student Members Nick Janus, Shannon Hickey.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Chris McGlynn, Amy Domeika.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Principal 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, Director of Education Operations Mario Hurtado, Director of Human Resources Shannon Ramsby, Darren Smith Director of Digital Learning and Innovation, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove.

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mary Tomasi called this Regular Meeting to order at 4:09 pm with a roll call to establish a quorum. With five members present, a quorum was established.

A live video Pledge of Allegiance was led by students Madeline Hagan (Grade 3 Mrs. Bakai's class) and Liam Hagan (Grade 1 Ms. Roger's class).

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Chair Tomasi requested moving Item 18 Public Comment before Item 17 Executive Session.

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to move Item 18 Public Comment before Item 17 Executive Session.

Second by: S. Hickey.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

3. CELEBRATIONS

3.1 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian Matthew Voiland and Salutatorian Arian Spearin were presented to the Board members. Principal Peel spoke about the accomplishments of the two students.

3.2 JJIS Students Advance to National Invention Convention

The Annual Connecticut Invention Convention Finals is an annual celebration of K-12 inventors and entrepreneurs from across Connecticut. This year's events were held virtually due to Covid-19. Traditionally held at the University of Connecticut for the past 21 years, this is the showcase event for Connecticut Invention Convention young inventors. The event usually provides a live, in-person opportunity for youth inventors and entrepreneurs in grades K-12 to display their critical thinking skills through inventing, innovating, and entrepreneurial activities.

Katherine Belding in Mrs. May's 5th Grade class invented the *Shorty Stepper 2.0*, a step that is convenient and able to stored out of the way to help in reaching an object.

Charlotte Bunting in Mrs. Bakaj's 3rd Grade class invented *The Upsie Daisy* to help her dog go up the stairs by pressing a button that turns a special set of stairs into a conveyor belt.

Abby Belding, Grade 8, invented the *EX Exit 3.0 – The Descent*, the next version of her previous invention to allow an escape window to open with the press of a button. This next step allows for a person to be lowered out of a second story window. Abby was awarded a patent for her invention and has competed in the International Invention Convention.

The inventors above were selected to advance to the United States Finals to be held digitally in Michigan later this month.

3.3 Retirees Slideshow

A slide show of the personnel retiring this year was shown with comments from principals and others about the retirees and their many years with Colchester schools.

Central Office:
Natalie Caverly

Colchester Elementary School Retirees:
Suzanne DiCioccio
Linda Rhodes
Irene Stanavage

Jack Jackter Intermediate School Retirees:
Monica Dostaler
Lynne McCune

William J. Johnston Middle School Retiree:
Maddalena Scrivano

Bacon Academy retirees:
Donna Bonin
Donna DesSureault
Kelly Cook
Melissa Malcolm

Ed Nintean

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments received.

5. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

5.1 Communications

Several emails were received supporting the budget.

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5.2 2020-2021 Budget Process and Timeline Update

The proposed budget is a .19% or a \$76,000 increase over the current year. This budget has been presented to the Board of Finance. The BOF will vote on the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education Budgets on June 15, 2020.

5.3 2019-2020 Budget Update

The current budget will be discussed at a June 18, 2020, Special Meeting for a review of projects, instructional supplies, potential savings, how State recommendations pertain to the budget, taking into consideration the bus contract, etc.

6. POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR FIRST READING

6.1 5131.11P and 5131.11R Surveillance on School Property (Students)

6.2 4128.4P and 4218.4R Surveillance on School Property (Personnel)

As these are first readings, no action was taken.

7. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Bacon Academy Graduation Plans

Continuing to receive information from the State, options are limited until July 6.

The priority is to have all students celebrating together. After July 6 timeframe all grads would be in chairs with distancing, they would be able to cross a stage to receive diplomas. The First Selectman, Emergency Management Director and Chatham Health Department are all in agreement. The goal is to have a personal ceremony and keeping with tradition as much as possible. All planning has considered health and safety of all.

7.2 Technology Integration Specialist Position Description

Motion by: J. Rose

to approve the Technology Integration Specialist Position Description as presented.

Second by: S. Hickey.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

7.3 Front Entrance Security Personnel Position Description (Revised)

Wording to be added to include utilizing the computerized background check system for Visitors.

Motion by: S. Hickey

to approve the revised Front Entrance Security Personnel Position Description as amended.

Second by: J. Morozowich.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

7.4 M&J Bus Contract Revision

The contract negotiations are complete, the lawyers are reviewing and drawing up the documents.

8. GRANTS/OTHER FINANCIALS

8.1 Budget Transfer over \$5,000 – (None at this time)

9. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ASSESSMENT (None at this time.)

10. CONTINUED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 WJJMS Building Project Update

M. Hartudo noted the inside sewer system is no longer a problem and the outside situation is being resolved. The field is going to be awhile before ready for use.

11. POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR SECOND READING

11.1 6172.6P and 6177.6R Virtual Online Courses

The Policy Committee reviewed and made proposed changes to 6172.6P and 6172.6R Virtual Online Courses.

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to approve the revised 6172.6P and 6172.6R Virtual Online Courses as presented.

Second by: M. Koziol.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.1 IT Request for Recycling Equipment

12.2 Approval of May 12, 2020 Minutes

12.3. Approval of June 2, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by: J. Morozowich

to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second by: J. Rose.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

13. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

13.1 Policy – No report

13.2. Budget

Chair J. Morozowich stated the reopening task force is making progress, the new budget must be approved to be able to use savings from this year appropriately. Purchase orders must be sent in before June 30.

13.3 Personnel – No report

13.4 Ad-Hoc Curriculum – No report

13.5. Ad-Hoc Consolidation – No report

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISONS

No reports received.

15. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION ITEMS

15.1 Next Meetings

Meeting	Meeting Time	Date	Location
Budget Committee	9:00AM	June 18, 2020	Virtual
Board of Education (Special Meeting)	4:00PM	June 18, 2020	Virtual
Policy Committee	4:00PM	June 22, 2020	Virtual
Board of Education	4:00PM	July 14, 2020	Virtual
Personnel Committee	4:00PM	Sept. 14, 2020	Virtual

- 15.2 Enrollment Report for June 2020 BOE Meeting for May is 2297 students
 - 15.3 Regulations (None at this time)
 - 15.4. Approved Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 15.5 Monthly Budget Reports
 - 15.6. Health Insurance Reserve Analysis
 - 15.7. Budget Transfer Under \$5,000 (None at this time)
- Information items only, no action taken.

16. INFORMATION ITEMS: NON-SUBSTANTIVE POLICY CHANGES

- 16.1 5000P Concept and Roles in Student Policies
 - 16.2 5140P Student Welfare
 - 16.3 5141P Health
 - 16.4 5143.1P. Student Insurance
- Information items only, no action taken.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments received.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by: J. Rose

to go into Executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and to invite Superintendent Burt into the session.

Second by: S. Hickey.

Vote: Unanimous to go into Executive Session. Time: 5:45 pm.

Chair Tomasi brought the Board members out of Executive Session at 6:36 pm.
No action was taken.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tomasi adjourned this meeting at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Recording Secretary