



Colchester Board of Education Special Meeting

Minutes

Date: Friday, August 22, 2014
Time: 4:00 pm
Place: Bacon Academy Media Center

Board Members Present: Chairman Ronald Goldstein, Don Kennedy, Mary Tomasi, Mitch Koziol, Brad Bernier, Michael Voiland; Student Member Mitchell Hallee

Members Absent: Mike Egan, Student Member Lauren Hickey

Others Present: Superintendent Jeff Mathieu, Bacon Academy Interim Principal Don Gates, and Technology Integration Specialist Roger Jessee

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Goldstein called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

2. **Citizen Comments**

None

3. **Introduction to Bacon Academy Interim Principal**

BA Interim Principal Don Gates was welcomed by Board members. Don comes to Colchester with experience as a longtime educator and administrator in Connecticut. He became an administrator at Portland High School in 1975 and was named principal in 1977 where he served until his retirement in 2006. Since retiring, he has served as an interim principal in five CT school districts.

Don brings a wealth of knowledge in the area of the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC) having chaired numerous visitation committees. He was the 1996 Connecticut State Principal of the Year and also the recipient of the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Citation award, the highest honor they bestow upon an administrator. Don also served as President of the Board of Directors of CAS and is the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of National Honor Societies.

4. **2014-15 Enrollment Report as of August 21, 2014**

Superintendent Mathieu presented the latest 2014-15 school year enrollment numbers. The Board discussed the numbers, which are higher than the projected enrollment for some grades, and the potential implications.

Superintendent Mathieu will continue to monitor enrollment and present updated information to the Board at its September 9, 2014 meeting. Current enrollment is always provided to the Board at the first meeting of each month.

5. **District Email Changes from Outlook to Google**

The district is in the process of transitioning from Outlook to Google for email, calendaring, and document processing. Technology Integration Specialist Roger Jessee spoke about the changes and provided Board members with training for the new applications.

6. Adjournment

Motion: M. Tomasi
To adjourn the meeting.
Second: D. Kennedy
Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Goldstein adjourned the meeting at 4:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mathieu
Superintendent of Schools