



Colchester Board of Education Minutes Budget Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Time: 7:30 AM

Place: BOE Conference Room

Members Present: Chairman Tim Lamp, Donald Kennedy, Mary Tomasi

Administration Present: Karen Loiselle, Maggie Cosgrove, Greg Plunkett,
Katherine Shaughnessy

Others Present: Ronald Goldstein, Eva Gallupe

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tim Lamp called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM.

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Donald Kennedy

To approve the minutes from the April 7, 2010 meeting.

Seconded by: Tim Lamp

Vote: Unanimous

4. FY 2009-2010 Financial Reports

- **Monthly Budget Reports**

Ms. Cosgrove presented the financial report as of April 30, 2010, indicating that the budget freeze remains in force.

Ms. Loiselle asked for guidance on how to proceed with graduation ceremonies if held outside on the baseball field (as a result of the track renovations) with an estimated cost for rental of chairs and speakers of \$5,000. After a detailed discussion it was the consensus of the Committee to allow for this expenditure.

Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Loiselle noted that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Friends of Football initiative of raising funds for lighting and artificial turf.

Mr. Goldstein requested information concerning the cost of the sports eliminated from the FY 10/11 budget to be provided to the

Sports Booster Club for potential fundraising efforts to reinstate those sports.

- **Budget Transfers**

Ms. Cosgrove reviewed budget transfers to be presented at the May 11, 2010 BOE meeting with the Committee (copies of which have been attached to these minutes).

- **Health Insurance Reserve**

Ms. Cosgrove presented the report for March, noting that there had been no further monthly contributions paid in advance.

- **Special Education Excess Cost Report**

Ms. Shaughnessy reported that there is a State Agency Placement student that will cost the District an additional \$10,000 for a one-to-one paraprofessional deemed necessary by the student's IEP.

5. Old Business

- **Status of OCR Violations**

Ms. Loiselle updated the status on the remaining items to complete

- **2010-11 Budget Development**

Ms. Loiselle reported that the Administrative Team has been asked to prepare for additional budget reductions should the referendum fail.

6. New Business

- **Capital Improvement Needs**

Ms. Loiselle indicated that the main driveway at Bacon will need to be patched due to the bad winter.

- **EastConn – ACT Tuition**

Ms. Loiselle reported that the State Educator Implementer Bill requires the BOE to pay EastConn the additional \$12,750 in magnet school tuition costs for the current fiscal year.

- **Security Upgrades – JJIS**

Ms. Loiselle and Mr. Plunkett reviewed cost estimates for alarming the additional 7 doors and installing additional cameras to secure all entrances.

After a detailed discussion it was determined that the doors can be alarmed with the audio transmission and the additional video cameras would be purchased from any funds remaining in the current fiscal year budget or from budgeted funds in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget.

- **Life/AD&D, LTD Insurance and Health Insurance Contracts**
Ms. Cosgrove reported that the bidding process is completed and that there are savings for the LTD without changing carriers. The Life/AD&D savings will require a change in carriers.

Ms. Loiselle stated that changing the prescription drug coverage will add additional savings however, this will need to be discussed with the unions first.

- **State of CT Department of Public Health Resolution – Tobacco Cessation grant**

Ms. Loiselle presented this as a notification item that a Resolution will be presented to the Full Board authorizing her to sign the contract with the Department of Health for the Tobacco Cessation grant.

7. Adjournment

Motion by: Mary Tomasi

To adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Donald Kennedy

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Tim Lamp adjourned the meeting at 8:49 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eva Gallupe
Financial Administrator