

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458-1197

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 11, 2016  
SAU Boardroom  
5:00 PM

**Minutes**

Committee Members: Crista Salamy – Chair, Linda Quintanilha, Fiona Tibbetts, Rich Cahoon,  
Gary Backstrom

**Present:** Crista Salamy, Linda Quintanilha, Rich Cahoon

**Crista Salamy called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.**

**1. Approval of December 12, 2015 Minutes**

**Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the minutes of December 12, 2015. Rich Cahoon second.  
Unanimous.**

**2. Principal discussion follow up**

Crista Salamy referenced a documentation about the elementary school schedule. Consideration for adding 30 minutes to allow for 60 minutes of free play in a day has been asked.

Rich Cahoon asked if adding time to the day is being asked or reallocating time during the current schedule. Reallocating was the response.

Kimberly Saunders said that there is a finite time during the day. It would mean looking at giving up instructional time or finding it during the confines of the day.

Crista Salamy asked the committee if this is within the purview of the Education Committee. Should the committee be dictating this down or should it be left to the professionals.

Discussion took place about the placement of recess time; end of the day etc.

Adding another 30 minutes during the day takes other opportunities away for unscheduled breaks when needed.

The SAU should deal with recess time scheduled late in the day. Kimberly Saunders will meet with the Superintendent to look at this further.

Crista Salamy agreed to report out at the next board meeting that another 30 minutes is not being sought for during the day but rather that the schedule at one specific school be reviewed.

Kimberly Saunders asked for clarification if this is a problem in only one school. Confirmed.

Ms. Saunders said that this is an area where principals need to be allowed to manage their time.

Linda Quintanilha asked if PIE has considered making a change to the Articles of Agreement to open their own Charter School.

**Rich Cahoon moved to ask administration to look at late day recess within the existing break time without changing the total amount of free time. Linda Quintanilha second.**

Discussion took place about making a recommendation.

The motion might be to ask the board to support the Ed Committee not to increase the amount of recess time.

After looking at the elementary school free time minutes, it is felt that there is adequate time during the school day, bell to bell, to allow teachers to adjust the school day as needed. Jerome Wilson added that the late day recess has been investigated and steps are being taken to address it.

### **3. Title I and school-wide services**

Kimberly Saunders shared the opportunity in multiple buildings when free and reduced rates meet or exceed the cutoff. When this occurs, the application to become a School Wide School can begin. The allocation does not change. It will allow for a Title I teacher to push into a classroom. This allows for support for those students who are on the cusp of needing services to receive them.

Linda Quintanilha made the recommendation to apply for school wide services wherever it is needed. More than 40% free and reduced lunch rate allows the possibility of providing free lunch for the entire school. Full reimbursement from the federal government occurs when 65% of the school population meets the guideline.

Kimberly Saunders reported that Marian Alese is looking into this further.

### **4. Impact – Monadnock information**

Impact Monadnock is looking at what happens to children before they enter school. They have asked for a screening of “Raising New Hampshire” and the importance of the 0-5 age group. They will talk about the preschool piece but mostly early intervention for immunizations, the absence of sufficient day care facilities, and other factors. The follow-up from the screening asks the district to send out flyers, provide space for the screening, and space for follow-up conversations. It would be a regional dialogue.

Rich Cahoon said that he would like a financial analysis of the First Friends Program. What is our tuition revenue? What is the impact of the program? What would open enrollment look like? Universal preschool was being asked but not in every school. Transportation considerations? Full-day program? Every day program? If the current program was made free, what would it cost the district?

Crista Salamy asked committee members to send agenda items of interest to her; they are scheduling out into April.

Linda Quintanilha asked for an update on SWIFT.

Myron Steere asked for an evaluation on continuing specific athletic opportunities.

Crista Salamy added athletic participation fees. Baseline participation data is needed.

Rich Cahoon asked for an update on what a default budget would look like before the public hearing.

Linda Quintanilha asked for consideration of what it might look like to change the school year up. Year round school with longer breaks was one suggestion.

Other options might include teachers working three-quarters of a day, year round.

Continuous professional development is needed.

**Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok