

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
106 Hancock Road  
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

**School Board Meeting**

**SAU Office**

**7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD**

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,  
Butch Estey, Janine Lesser,  
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,  
Pierce Rigrod, Crista Salamy,  
Myron Steere, Fiona Tibbetts,  
Jerome Wilson

Patrick Cogan, CVEA  
River Marmorstein, Student Rep.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.  
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.  
Marian Alese, B.A.  
Tim Markley, H.R.  
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services  
Dr. Ann Allwarden, AES/Pierce  
Jim Elder, GBS  
Nicola Fraley, FES  
Amy Janoch, HES  
Anne O'Bryant, SMS  
Kelly Parker, SMS  
Nicole Pease, DCS  
Brian Pickering, CVHS  
Colleen Roy, GES

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Butch Estey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)**

**a. February 16, 2016**

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes as read. Stephan Morrissey Second. Rich Cahoon not in the room at time of motion. Unanimous.

**3. School Board Chairman's Recognition**

Chairman, Butch Estey, recognized DCS Administrative Assistant, Jo-Ann Hopkins, SMS Teacher, Kimberly Wall, and Executive Administrative Assistant, Brenda Marschok as recipients of the last School Board Chairman's Awards given under his chairmanship.

**4. School Board Member Recognition**

Chairman, Butch Estey recognized School Board member Fiona Tibbetts for her three years of service on the board,

**5. Points of Pride**

**SMS**

"SMS Math Counts" won the regionals math competition at Keene State College last week. They will move on to the State Competition.

**TES**

TES 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders went to the polls with their teacher to learn about voting in the NH primary. The town moderator gave the children a lesson, walked them through the process, and showed them the ballots. The children returned to school and held a mock election where Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump were the front runners. Later on in the evening, these numbers held true for NH as well.

*MISSION STATEMENT*

*The ConVal Regional School District, in partnership with its member communities, will inspire all learners to achieve academically, contribute to the global community, and thrive as independent and productive citizens.*

The first and second graders worked with Katie from the Harris Center to compare two different habitats. They learned how to identify different plants using a field guide. They identified black-eyed Susan, white pine, hemlock, milkweed and goldenrod plants. They also learned about different animals, such as porcupines, deer, brown bear, and red squirrels. The students were able to explore the field and forest areas near the school to look for animal evidence. They found animal tracks, squirrel caches, plants, and deer beds.

## **HES**

This week, HES is reading and celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Each day, we will feature a different book. Today we read *Fox in Sox* and wore our crazy socks. Tomorrow we will read *Wacky Wednesday* and wear our mismatched clothes. The week will culminate with a visit from the high school chapter of National Honor Society. High school students will visit each classroom in order to read their favorite children's book.

## **CVHS**

At the start of vacation Conval hosted the Division II State tournament. Seven CV wrestlers qualified for the Meet of Champions this past weekend, they were:

Eric Wall 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dan Curran 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tim Young 3<sup>rd</sup>, Josh Curran 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ryan Murray 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt Kimball 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Nick Bernier 5<sup>th</sup>

At the Meet of Champions, Dan Curran placed 3rd qualifying him for New England's next weekend in Providence RI

## **PES**

PES is proud to showcase our very own inventors. This is the first year that PES has participated in the NH Young Inventors Program. First and Second Place Winners will advance to the Statewide NH Young Inventors Convention. The 1st place winner is Laura Phillips, the 2nd place winner is Ava Van Horn, and the 3rd place winner is Clara Christensen.

## **FES**

During the week before vacation, students and staff at FES celebrated the arts with an incredible All School Art Day. Through the collaboration of our art educator and the arts enrichment team, the students participated in five engaging art activities all focused on kindness. Student danced with Kristen Leach from NHDI, built a village with milk carton houses and personalized peeps (clothespin people), designed individual peace flags, and learned about the giving spirit of Geoffrey, a kind and thoughtful giraffe. The day ended with an Art Show in which students were invited back to the school to share their work with family and friends. It was a fabulous day.

## **6. Public Comment**

None.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Personnel**

#### **1) Notice of Stipend Positions**

Tim Markley referenced a stipend position for drama tech. This individual performs sound, lighting and other technical needs.

#### **2) Job Description (1<sup>st</sup> Read)**

- Region 14 Applied Technology Center Director

Tim Markley referenced this job description for a first read.

## **8. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business**

### **a. Monthly Events Calendar**

The Education Committee will meet on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Motion that committees remain as present until committees are reformed. Second. Unanimous.**

### **b. March 1, 2016 Enrollment Update**

Tim Markley referenced enrollment information as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Very little change. Pre-screening for kindergarten has begun. Twenty-one students were screened at the first screening. Two more screenings remain plus summer movement.

Rich Cahoon asked for a breakout by town of First Friends enrollment.  
David Martz asked how many were screened last year. Rick Matte agreed to report back.

## **9. Reports**

### **a. Student Representative –River Marmorstein**

River Marmorstein reported that the seniors won at spirit week. Junior students will take SAT's tomorrow. River reported how proud he is to have been a part of the ConVal community for the past 13 years. He has come to realize that he only has 3 months left. He appreciates and is proud of ConVal students and those who have made ConVal what it is today.

### **b. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan**

Patrick Cogan reported that teachers are happy to be back from vacation.

### **c. Selectmen's Advisory Committee**

John Jordan reported that he had asked each Selectboard to poll their town membership on the ConVal budget and Teachers contract. Negative for the budget, positive for the teacher's contract, and in favor of the firefighter program.

## **10. Old Business**

### **a. 2nd Read/Adoption (School Board Vote Required)**

- EBBC: Emergency Care and First Aid

Rich Cahoon tabled this for a second read on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

- IHBAC: Student Evaluations: Specific Learning Disability

**Rich Cahoon moved to adopt this policy as read. Myron Steere second. Unanimous.**

- JHCC: Communicable Disease Control Policy

**Rich Cahoon moved to adopt this policy as read. Myron Steere second. Unanimous.**

- JICF: Gang Activity

Rich Cahoon tabled this until the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **11. New Business**

None.

## **12. Public Comment**

None.

## **13. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)**

Marian Alese certified that manifests listed totaling \$314,441.99 have been reviewed by her and found to be proper charges against the Contoocook Valley School District for goods and/or services received and have been properly processed prior to their submittal to the School Board.

**Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the manifests as read. Myron Steere second. Unanimous.**

## **14. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Required)**

### **a. Personnel**

**Myron Steere moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:29 p.m. for matters of personnel. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Motion to exit non-public session at 8:07 p.m. Second. Unanimous.**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Second.**

David Martz thanked Butch Estey for his years of service on the board and his dedication toward being Chairman.

**Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok