

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

School Board Meeting

7:00 P.M.

SAU Office

BOARD

Gary Backstrom, Rich Cahoon,
Richard Dunning, Bernd Foecking,
Tom Kelly, Janine Lesser,
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,
Kristen Reilly, Myron Steere

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
Nicola Fraley, FES
Amy Janoch, HES
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Nicole Pease, DCS
Colleen Roy, GES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. School Board Chairman's Recognition

Myron Steere read the nomination and recipient of the School Board Chairman's Award of Katie Richardson.

3. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. March 15, 2016

Motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2016. Second. David Martz abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

4. Points of Pride

Dr. Minnihan shared many Points of Pride as reported to him from administrators throughout the schools.

5. Public Comment

Myron Steere reported that citizens may address the board under the Public Comment section for two minutes. The time may be extended with a majority vote of the board.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Notice of Stipend Positions

Tim Markley referenced stipends for notification of the board as informational.

Mr. Markley shared an addendum which included the June 2016 retirement of Mark Frawley.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the retirement as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Mr. Markley also shared the notification of resignation for Jean Godlewski at the end of the school year.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the resignation as read. Dick Dunning second.

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.

Rich Cahoon asked what can be done to replace this vacancy with an appropriately credentialed individual to allow Running Start opportunities.

Dr. Minnihan said that it would be listed in the advertisement as a requirement.

Unanimous.

7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

The Strategic Plan Committee will meet on April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

b. School Board Induction

Dr. Minnihan reminded the board that the School Board Induction meeting is this Saturday. Myron Steere recommended the board attend this valuable meeting.

c. April 1, 2016 Enrollment Update

Tim Markley reported very little change in current enrollment.

8. Reports

a. Student Representative – River Marmorstein

River Marmorstein reported that he attended the physics presentation shared in German. It was very interesting. River also reported that fourth quarter started yesterday.

b. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan

None.

c. Education Committee – Crista Salamy

Rich Cahoon reported that an update on OGAP implementation was shared at the last Education Committee meeting. The recommendation is to continue with the plan. Colleen Roy shared information on what exactly OGAP is at the meeting as well.

The Education Committee confirmed that OGAP continue.

In addition, the alternative school start committee shared the delivery of survey data related to altering the start time of school. The committee was asked to report back to the Ed Committee in May on logistical items.

Dick Dunning reported that at one time the actual start times were reversed, with elementary earlier and middle/high later. They were changed to the current practice as a result of athletic events and other factors.

Rich Cahoon confirmed that there are a lot of unanswered questions, of which athletics was one of.

9. Old Business

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

- EBBC: Emergency Care and First Aid

Rich Cahoon referenced this policy for a second read. Considerable input from Dr. Matte, nurses, and attorney have been considered.

Rich Cahoon moved to adopt this policy. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

b. Authorization to Use Narcan in Schools (School Board Vote Required)

Rich Cahoon reported that it is the legal advice that we could vote to authorize opioid antagonists in the school.

Rich Cahoon moved to authorize the use of opioid antagonists in schools. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

10. New Business

a. 1st Read Policies

- JJA: Student Activities & Organizations
- JJIB: Interscholastic Athletics
- JLA: Student Insurance Program
- KMB: Relations with Booster Organizations

Rich Cahoon referenced these four policies for a first read. He requested that feedback on these policies be sent to him as well as Kimberly Saunders and Carol Arnold.

b. Graduation Regalia Policy

Rich Cahoon shared past controversy in the past. Students who completed basic training wearing their uniform at graduation is the discussion. The House passed overwhelmingly and is recommended for passage at the Senate. The Governor has indicated that it will be signed.

There has been discussion about wearing military uniforms at graduation. The only question is whether or not Brendan Garabrandt's alma mater can accept this with grace.

Rich Cahoon moved that military uniforms may be worn by any student at graduation effective immediately and that the issue be forwarded to the policy committee in the future. Stephan Morrissey second.

Any student who has completed basic training may wear their military uniform at graduation.

Dick Dunning said that completion of basic training and in the active military should be the requirement.

Rich Cahoon confirmed that the motion should include that.

Rich Cahoon withdrew his motion and Stephan Morrissey withdrew his second.

Rich Cahoon moved to immediately adopt the language of House Bill 1225. Second. Unanimous.

c. Upcoming Student Travel Abroad

Dr. Minnihan shared a trip that has been scheduled to travel to Italy. He reported that Ben Putnam has met with all families to discuss the trip as a result of recent events abroad. Dr. Minnihan reported that he surveyed other Superintendents who reported that some cancelled trips to Paris. Other trips are continuing as planned. Hyper vigilance is important. Dr. Minnihan wanted to make the board aware.

d. HealthTrust Authorization (School Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese reported two votes are needed. The first is to acknowledge participation with HealthTrust to participate in the pooled risk management program and the second vote would be to combine with the towns for the purposes of ratings.

Dick Dunning moved to authorize ConVal to participate in the pool. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to participate in the combination of member towns for ratings purposes. David Martz second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to authorize Marian Alese to sign the document. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

e. Health Insurance Rate Update – Marian Alese

Marian Alese reported that our base plan has changed. The 16/17 budget was based on a certain plan with a maximum guaranteed rate of 20%. The savings in premium when made the switch to ABSO20 was designated for raises. The projected rates came in less than 14%. There will be a surplus in the health insurance rate next year. More information to come once staffing settles for next year.

11. Public Comment

None.

Marian Alese reported that the Monadnock Transcript Ledger is going to do a report on propane buses. Benji Rosen will be riding the buses.

12. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests totaling \$367,937.84 and Payroll 19 and 20 totaling \$2,705,015.47 have been reviewed by her and found to be proper charges against 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. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere reported that Dick Dunning and Dave Martz are on the list for manifest approvals.

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

a. Personnel

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:48 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 7:57 pm. Second. Unanimous.

David Martz moved to seal the minutes of non-public session until end of April. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere reminded committees to vote for Chairman of their committees.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok