

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

**School Board Meeting**

**7:00 P.M.**

**SAU Office**

**BOARD**

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,  
Bernd Foecking, Tom, Kelly,  
Janine Lesser, David Martz,  
Stephan Morrissey, Linda Quintanilha,  
Kristen Reilly, Pierce Rigrod,  
Crista Salamy, Myron Steere

Patrick Cogan, CVEA Rep  
River Marmorstein, Student Rep

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.  
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.  
Marian Alese, B.A.  
Tim Markley, H.R.  
Anne O'Bryant, SMS  
Brian Pickering, CVHS  
Amy Janoch, HES  
Nicky Fraley, FES  
Nicole Pease, DCS  
Jim Elder, GBS

**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**

Linda Bundy, Lexy Heatley, Diane Clark and Butch Estey were recognized for their outstanding dedication and support for students and staff in the ConVal School District.

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

**a. April 19, 2016**

**Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of April 19, 2016. Stephan Morrissey second. Tom Kelly abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.**

**3. Points of Pride**

Dr. Minnihan shared various Points of Pride as reported to him from administrators in the district.

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**a. Personnel**

**1) Staff Nominations**

Annual to Annual Contract-

Three additions were noted to the list that was included with the agenda: Roberta Wilmot, J Colaneri, and Allyson Irvine – grant funded should be added to this list.

Annual to Annual Contract-

Kevin Morneault, Sarah Russell, and Kristen Allen should have been included in this list and no other lists.

**Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the nominations as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

Annual to Continuing Contract-

**Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the nominations as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

*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.*

Continuing to Continuing Contract-

**Stephan Morrissey motioned to accept the nominations as read. Linda Quintanilha second. Dick Dunning, Crista Salamy, and Bernd Foeking abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.**

2) June 2016 Resignations

Tim Markley referenced the resignation of Andrea Jurewich.

**Stephan Morrissey motioned to accept the resignation as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

**7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business**

**a. Monthly Events Calendar**

Budget & Property Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Selectmen's Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

**b. May 1, 2016 Enrollment Update**

Current Enrollment reflects very little change.

Straight-Line projection enrollment reflects current projections.

**c. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)**

- 1) South Meadow School Food Pantry requests authorization to accept a gift/donation totaling \$500.00 from The ConVal High School Baseball Teams for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the food pantry at SMS for ConVal School District families.

**Stephan Morrissey motioned to accept the donation with gratitude. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

- 2) South Meadow School Food Pantry requests authorization to accept a gift/donation totaling \$552.50 from The Antrim Elementary School PTO for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the food pantry at SMS for ConVal School District families.

**Stephan Morrissey motioned to accept the donation with gratitude. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

**8. Reports**

**a. Student Representative – River Marmorstein**

River Marmorstein reported that Annie Kuster and Community College Representatives met at the high school to conduct a college affordability forum. In addition, the opioid crisis was discussed.

In coming weeks, the Project Crash will be executed on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come and observe.

ConVal High School Graduation is Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

River Marmorstein introduced Lily Denehey as his successor as Student Rep to the Board.

**b. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan**

Patrick Cogan reported that the middle school students are attending an All-State Music Festival this weekend. In addition, an all-district string concert will take place this Thursday at CVHS.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students did an "around the school" clean up in recognition for Earth Day.

Linda Compton is the new Co-President of CVEA for next two years.

Monadnock Region gave the CVEA award for their communication plan.

**c. Education Committee – Crista Salamy**

**1) Technology Plan (Board Vote Required)**

Crista Salamy reported that the Tech Plan was discussed at the last Education Committee meeting.

JV Golf was voted on to be reinstated as a club sport.

Competency based and PACE District was discussed at the last meeting.

Rich Cahoon recommended that whatever is decided about the later start time, that it would not be until the 17/18 school year at the earliest.

**Linda Quintanilha moved to approve the Technology Plan. Dick Dunning second.**

The board has already adopted the access to technology piece which is the largest monetary piece.

Discussion took place.

**The vote was called. Kristen Reilly abstained. All else in favor to call the vote.**

**Motion to approve the Technology Plan. Second. Kristen Reilly abstained. Motion carried.**

**d. Communication Committee – Crista Salamy**

**1) Communication Statement on Withdrawal Study (School Board Vote Required)**

Crista Salamy reported that the Petition Warrant Article to Study the Peterborough Withdrawal was discussed at the recent Communication meeting. As a result, a communication statement including facts, not opinions, was draft.

**Linda Quintanilha moved to present the statement to the local newspaper. Stephan Morrissey second.**

Stephan Morrissey moved to swap the first two paragraphs. Kristen Reilly said that the reason that the placement of the paragraphs was so as not to sound inflammatory.

**In favor: Stephan Morrissey.**

**Opposed: All others**

**Motion failed.**

**Crista Salamy moved the statement forward to the newspaper. David Martz second.**

**Dick Dunning and Tom Kelly abstained.**

**Motion carried.**

**e. Selectmen's Advisory Committee – John Jordan**

John Jordan reported that the student initiative for students to volunteer in the towns was discussed. The major discussion was on the withdrawal study.

A motion was made to share a statement of concern on the withdrawal study by SAC.

Pierce Rigrod added that the withdrawal would halt progress on the Strategic Plan.

**9. Old Business**

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

- GBAA – Sexual Harassment – Employees/Staff

**Rich Cahoon moved this policy for adoption.**

Discussion took place about Paragraph III, on page 17. The advantage of the language is that employees are now required to report sexual harassment. No one can be exempt from reporting. This language is that which is recommended by Human Resources and our labor attorney.

**Linda Quintanilha moved the question. Stephan Morrissey second.**

Bernd Foecking suggested changing the word "principal" to "supervisor".

Kimberly said that the goal is to recognize that not everyone's supervisor is the principal.

Rich would rather not wordsmith. He would rather it be kicked back to policy.

**David Martz moved this policy return back to Policy Committee.**

**No second.**

Back to original motion to pass.

**Linda Quintanilha moved to adopt policy GBAA. David Martz and Bernd Foecking abstained.**

**Motion passed.**

**10. 1<sup>st</sup> Read Policies**

- KFA – Public Conduct on School Property

Rich Cahoon asked that any feedback be sent to policy committee.

**11. Public Comment**

Myron Steere reminded the board that they may contact the State DOE as an individual and not as a board member. Otherwise, all communications should go through the SAU. Kimberly Saunders will put a program together to track requests.

**12. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)**

Marian Alese certified that manifests listed totaling \$718,684.03 and Payroll 22 totaling \$1,713,924.62 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. Second. Unanimous.**

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

**a. Negotiations**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II at 7:59 p.m. for matters of negotiations. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 8:35 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for 5 years. Unanimous.**

**David Martz moved to seal the minutes of a previous grievance hearing for 7 years. Second. Unanimous.**

**b. Personnel**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 8:36 p.m. for matters of personnel. Unanimous on roll call vote.**

**Motion and second to exit non-public session at 9:01 p.m. Unanimous.**

**Motion to seal the meeting minutes of non-public session for 15 years. Second. Unanimous.**

**Linda Quintanilha motioned to pay the buyback in August 2016. Rich Cahoon second.**

**In favor: 5**

**Opposed: 4**

**Kristen Reilly abstained.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok