

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

School Board Meeting

SAU Office

7:00 P.M.

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,
Bernd Foecking, Tom Kelly,
Stephan Morrissey, Linda Quintanilha,
Kristen Reilly, Pierce Rigrod,
Myron Steere

Patrick Cogan, CVEA

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Allwarden, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Helena Bates, PES
Jim Elder, GBS
Amy Janoch, HES
John Jordan, AES/Pierce
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Nicole Pease, DCS

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

a. June 21, 2016

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of June 21, 2016. Dick Dunning second. Tom Kelly and Linda Quintanilha abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

3. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders reported various Points of Pride which included that The New Hampshire Band Directors' Association Executive Board had just announced that they have selected ConVal Band Director Jim Wickham as the NHBDA Outstanding Young Band Director for 2016.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Notice of Stipend Positions - Supplemental

Rich Cahoon asked if staffing and combining of grades has stayed the same. Tim Markley reported that enrollment data is being tabulated. Kindergarten enrollment is down from last year by over 20 students.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. AES/Pierce School Interim Principal Introduction

John Jordan was introduced as the Antrim Elementary School/Pierce School Interim Principal.

b. Monthly Events Calendar

The following meetings were added to the calendar:

Strategic Plan Committee will meet on August 11th at the SAU at 6:30 p.m.

Budget and Property Committee will meet on August 16th at the SAU at 7:00 p.m.

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.

c. Executive Summary

Kimberly shared information outlined in her Executive Summary.

Stephan Morrissey moved to ask administration to share a press release to communicate the out of district tuition opportunity.

d. Board Requests

Marian Alese reported that an email address titled boardrequests@conval.edu is the email address to make a request of ConVal Administration. When responding to requests it will reply to all.

7. Reports

a. Selectmen's Advisory Committee – John Jordan

John Jordan, Hancock, reported that discussion on the budget surplus was discussed, the high school track and ATC were discussed as well.

b. Budget & Property Committee – Richard Dunning

Dick Dunning said that a request to use \$65K for use of HVAC controls at HES, Thermal Envelope at CVHS, and solar tubes at SAU is recommended.

Stephan Morrissey moved to use \$65K for the use of HVAC controls at HES, thermal envelope work at CVHS, and solar tubes at the SAU. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.

Teachers Report – Patrick Cogan

Patrick Cogan reported that he spent several days in DC looking at constitutional law. Teachers across the fifty states participated.

8. Old Business

None.

9. New Business

a. Facilitator Discussion: Primex

- 1) Re: Strategic Plan Goal #3, Action Item 3.4.1- Develop a Framework for considering new school configuration options.

Primex Facilitator, Jonathan Kipp, led a discussion about facilitating a conversation about considering new school configuration options.

Developing a process and parameters for consolidation considerations is the goal tonight.

Mr. Kipp suggested asked for identification of potential parameters.

Parameters shared included: (bolded parameters were decided to be of higher importance)

- School size/number of students
- **Maintaining a nine town cooperative school district**
- **Equity**
- Title I or not
- **Financial**
- **Education quality**
- Proximity
- Transportation time/bussing
- Space utilization
- Community values/public input/public acceptability
- Administration/staff recommendation and implementation
- Class size (min/max)
- Co-curricular offerings
- Professional services i.e. nursing, counseling, other support services
- Impact of configuration change on students
- Building/condition
- Town culture

Mr. Kipp asked if any of the above can be eliminated to narrow the parameters down.

Bolded parameters were noted as of high importance.

Discussion took place about the impact and importance of each of the bullets.

Mr. Kipp asked if the financial decision drives the options or do we want to create the options and determine the financial impact?

It was noted that often throughout this discussion the word "consolidation" and "reconfiguration" were used somewhat interchangeably however they are very different. Consolidation is not off the table.

Different models of reconfiguration would require participation in affected towns as well as an education and understanding to the public of what would be proposed.

Discussion about using outside facilitation to survey, tabulate, and make a recommendation was suggested.

Stephan Morrissey moved to have the SAU put an RFP together for the purposes of hiring an outside firm to gather information. Pierce Rigrod second.

Marian Alese cautioned that although the RFP is to help take this off of the administration's plate, it will still require a lot of work on behalf of administration. Regardless of the decision in the end, it will impact each town differently.

Rich Cahoon said that a consulting firm would not take work off administrator's plates but will provide a perceived objective view.

Pierce Rigrod said that this does not need to be settled tonight.

Dick Dunning supported the motion. A firm might ask questions that have not been asked. We would be paying for experience.

Tom Kelly said that this is so important we need to get it right. Consultants would be valuable.

Bernd Foecking said that receiving feedback from the RFP's might be helpful.

The RFP parameters need consideration and that is what will be bid.

Stephan Morrissey amended his motion to permit the administration to consult with the Strategic Plan Committee.

Pierce Rigrod withdrew his second.

Two opposed; Rich Cahoon and Linda Quintanilha

Kristen Reilly abstained.

All else in favor. Motion carried.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests from 15/16 totaling \$508,026.61 and 16/17 totaling \$115,574.09 as well as 15/16 payroll totaling \$1,779,492.90 and 16/17 totaling \$173,249.21 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 accept the manifests as read. Second. Unanimous.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II at 8:39 p.m. for matters of personnel. Pierce Rigrod second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Rick Matte and Marian Alese exited at 8:40 p.m.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 8:47 p.m. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the contract for the Superintendent as discussed. Linda Quintanilha second. Tom Kelly opposed. Dick Dunning abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the contract for the Assistant Superintendent. Bernd Foecking second. Tom Kelly opposed. All else in favor. Motion carried.

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 8:48 p.m. for matters of negotiations. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 9:14 p.m. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to amend contracts and regularize them as outlined in option 2. Rich Cahoon second.

In favor: 5

Opposed: 3 (Bernd Foecking, Tom Kelly, and Dick Dunning).

Motion carried.

Rich Cahoon moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for 3 years. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session for negotiations. Unanimous on roll call vote at 9:16 p.m.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 9:36 p.m.

Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes for 5 years. Rich Cahoon second.

Pierce Rigrod motioned to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok