

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

School Board Meeting

SAU Office

7:00 p.m.

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Dick Dunning,
Bernd Foecking, Janine Lesser,
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,
Kristen Reilly, Pierce Rigrod,
Crista Salamy, Myron Steere

Maeve Newman, Student Rep.
Lori Groleau, CVEA Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Allwarden, Asst. Supt.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Marian Alese, B.A.
Jim Elder, GBS
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Gib West, CVHS
Nicole Pease, DCS
Colleen Roy, GES
Amy Janoch, GES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Myron Steere called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Accept School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. September 6, 2016

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of September 6, 2016. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

3. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders shared various Points of Pride as reported to her by administrators.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Nominations – Jennifer Ahlquist, Stephanie Smart

Ann Allwarden asked for the board's approval for these positions.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the nominations as presented. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

2) Retirement – Joan Lavoie Tazelaar - June 2018

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

3) Stipends

Ann Allwarden referenced a list of stipend positions for notification purposes only.

David Martz asked that each category state a sub-total and then a grand total. Confirmed.

4) Job Description –Careers in Education (1st Read)

Ann Allwarden referenced the job description as a first read. It is not a new job; just a new job description.

b. Board Requests

Kimberly Saunders referenced School Board request emails included in tonight's back up.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

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.

A public hearing was scheduled for October 4th for athletics. A School Board Budget Work Session was scheduled for Saturday, November 5th.

b. Field Trip Request (Board Vote Required)

- 1) ConVal High School – students will fly to Ecuador in April 2017 to participate in community engagement, physical challenge, and develop life skills such as teamwork and leadership.

Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the field trip request. Rich Cahoon second.

Questions were posed about student accessibility, costs, and the option to cancel without loss should the need arise.

Stephan Morrissey called the vote.

Bernd Foecking opposed. All others in favor. Motion carried.

c. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

- 1) The ConVal School District requests authorization to accept a gift/donation totaling \$14,392.00 from The Peterborough Area Youth Soccer for the purpose of enhancing or creating an outdoor soccer space.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the donation with thanks.

Marian Alese reported that the amount may be more. Up to \$15K would be her suggestion.

Stephan Morrissey amended his motion to read “up to \$15K”. Dick Dunning second.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the donation up to \$15,000 with thanks. Dick Dunning second. Dick Dunning wanted to assure the changes related to allocation were accepted by this organization.

Stephan Morrissey moved to amend his motion as discussed in Budget & Property Committee.

This group plays primarily at PES but they are not adverse to a different location. It is likely that is where it will be located.

Second. Unanimous.

d. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

- 1) The ConVal School District requests authorization to accept a gift/donation totaling \$2,275.00 from the New Hampshire Arts Council for the purpose of supporting an artist residency with Marek Bennett on environmental science and civic engagement.

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

e. Summer and Opening Days Professional Development – Ann Allwarden & Kimberly Saunders

Ann Allwarden shared information about curriculum work and summer professional development. Curriculum Mapping and Development, Substance Abuse Task Force work, Responsive Classroom Training, and Summer Summit were just a few of the offerings that staff worked and trained in. The process of curriculum mapping was shared.

Beginning of Year PD Days included work in math at the elementary level. The middle school focused on competencies and key elements of learning. The high school focused on 21st Century Learning Skills, trained on a new student information system called PowerSchool, and worked on rubrics on active reading and problem solving. On October 20th a viewing of “Most Likely to Succeed” will be shared which looks at the delivery of rich learning opportunities and different ways to assess student learning.

The board asked for a demo on PowerSchool. Confirmed.

f. NHSBA Resolutions

Kimberly Saunders shared the NHSBA resolutions.

Rich Cahoon recommended that no action be taken on the resolutions. The board may consider writing a proposed resolution.

Rich Cahoon moved to take notice of the resolutions. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Rich Cahoon volunteered to work as the liaison to work on any proposed resolution. Email any thoughts for proposed resolutions to Kimberly and Rich by the end of the week.

g. Study Recommendation

Kimberly Saunders referenced Policy LC, which directs any study that involves our students, come before the board. RENEW is a program that involves students. It is a valuable program. Ms. Saunders said that this is in conjunction with UNH and the goal is to better understand the effects of the RENEW Program.

Stephan Morrissey moved to participate in this study. Dick Dunning second.

Rich Cahoon noted that paragraph three requires advanced consent for participation from students and staff. Kimberly confirmed. This is an academic study involving major research. It is a well-established study.

Unanimous.

h. Executive Summary

Kimberly Saunders reported that she has included her report to board members in tonight’s backup. In addition, the press release for surplus information has been drafted. Ms. Saunders asked for the board to review and give input to her by tomorrow.

7. Reports

a. Student Representative – Maeve Newman

Maeve Newman reported that Student Council held their retreat and planned out the rest of the year. On Friday, the first ConVal games took place in the form of a competition of grades. Friday night was the second football game. The band played at Harvest Fest. Girl's XC is doing well. CVHS Open House is this Thursday.

b. Teacher Representative – Lori Groleau

Lori Groleau reported that 5th grade GBS students went to Sargent Camp for a team building exercise. SMS 6th grade students went up Mt. Washington on the Cog Railway to study weather. In other news, both middle schools held open houses. SMS parents are happy with the third turning lane in the SMS driveway. The teacher's union held their first executive meeting. Listening sessions are being scheduled.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Pierce Rigrod

Pierce Rigrod reported financial and education issues were discussed. No responses were received for the financial RFP from vendors. The deadline was extended to November 1st. Primex will continue to be met with to consider options for configuration. The Strategic Plan has been updated and posted on the website.

d. Budget & Property Committee – Dick Dunning

Dick Dunning reported that the soccer donation was discussed at the last committee meeting.

1) CVSD Athletic Trust & Batting Tunnel Discussion (**Board Vote Required**)

A Public Hearing is needed to expend athletic/co-curricular trust funds.

Dick Dunning moved to approve the batting cage. Stephan Morrissey second. The batting cage is an outside setup. **Unanimous.**

Dick Dunning reported a lengthy discussion on the proposed bond in a future year; not this year but possibly next.

8. Old Business

a. Primex Agreement Reauthorization (**Board Vote Required**)

Marian Alese said that this is a continuation in Primex. A vote is needed to continue with them through 2019.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the Primex contract. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

b. 2nd Read Policy/Adoption (**Board Vote Required**)

- JBAA – Sexual Harassment – Students

Rich Cahoon reported receiving no feedback and moved that this be adopted as written. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

9. New Business

a. 1st Read Policy

- IKFB – Graduation Regalia

Rich Cahoon reported that this policy is a first read. Please send any comments to Policy Committee members as well as Kimberly and Carol.

b. MS25 School Board Signing – Marian Alese

Marian Alese reported that she has the MS25 and the DOE25 year-end financials. We are going to be returning approximately \$1,068,000. At District meeting, a \$1.3M increase in district assessment was voted. Because of the loss of State revenue, we are returning more than was expected, so district assessment is only going up approximately \$900,000.

Kimberly shared the press release about the surplus being returned to taxpayers.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the press release. Dick Dunning second.

It was noted that this is a result of hard work on behalf of staff, administration, and the board.

Unanimous.

10. Public Comment

None.

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

Marian Alese certified that manifests listed totaling \$162,738.60 and Payroll listed totaling \$782,413.66 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 accept the manifests as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal Advice

Stephan moved to enter into non-public at 8:22 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II for legal matters. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

David Martz moved to exit non-public session at 8:50 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter non-public session at 8:50 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II for matters of negotiation. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Motion to exit non-public session at 9:04 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Motion to enter into non-public session at 9:04 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II for matters of personnel. Unanimous on roll call vote.

Motion to exit non-public session at 9:27 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Motion to seal the non-public minutes for negotiations until November 1, 2016, and to seal the minutes of personnel for 5 years. Second. Unanimous.

Motion to seal the non-public minutes for legal purposes for 5 years. Second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. David Martz second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok