

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Plan Committee
SAU Office/Boardroom

Thursday, January 12, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

School Board Committee Members:

- Pierce Rigrod
- Rich Cahoon
- Richard Dunning
- Bernd Foecking
- Kristen Reilly

Committee Members Present: Pierce Rigrod, Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning, Bernd Foecking, Kristen Reilly

Others Present: Stephan Morrissey, Myron Steere, Jim Fredrickson, David Martz, Kimberly Saunders, Marian Alese, Jon Jordan, Bob Edwards, Ed Juengst

Pierce Rigrod called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2016

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of December 8, 2016. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.

It was noted that the Workforce Housing Report for the Town of Hancock is online, doing good job allowing for affordable housing.

2. Financial Equity Analysis Update (M. Alese)

Marian reported she is nearing the end of the financial equity analysis. A request to have the analysis undergo a peer review has been made; what order should that occur? Peer review first was one suggestion. Then to the full board. Confirmed.

Kimberly Saunders noted the amount of work was herculean for Marian to produce this analysis. The committee shared their deepest appreciation for the work done.

The analysis is in line; it accounts for shared burden of cost and housing. Next will come the conclusion.

Pierce spoke about the Hollis-Brookline analysis that focused on net burden by household. It is different than our analysis. Homeowners pay property taxes and not towns. Ability to pay and usage are the underlying factors. The different funding formulas that various districts use were discussed.

A definition of equity was shared.

Adequacy is intended to mitigate the impact on local property taxes. ConVal receives \$7M in aid across the district.

Marian shared a definition and explanation of how adequacy is applied. It can be applied to the district as a whole but must be voted on, 2/3's in favor, because it changes the funding formula. Currently, adequacy is applied to the towns. Applying it to the district, in Marian's opinion, is not fair; it defeats the purpose of the aid.

Pierce Rigrod said that personal income is directly related to the ability to pay.

Marian Alese reminded him that property value is the basis and not income.

Myron Steere cautioned using median income.

Marian Alese will run the model of using 100% equalized valuation and adequacy applied to the district.

3. Educational Equity Audit Update (K. Saunders)

Kimberly Saunders reported that three teacher quality indicators (level of degree, experience, and turnover rate). Programmatic indicators were outlined.

Do participation rates in courses align with other data. For example, if our free and reduced numbers are a certain percent, does it correlate to the number of student certain classes; for example, Advanced Placement. Disaggregated data; i.e. Achievement data.

Can data be disaggregated by school of origin and socio-economic? Can multi-age/multi-grade be considered?

Male/Female data might be considered.

What is the output of the peer review? The responses will be shared. Peers will be asked to validate the data points, methodology.

Pierce's preference was that the report came to this committee before peer review.

Rich said that the point of peer review is to avoid a biased view.

Does it come back to this committee after peer review?

Marian will input conclusions after peer review. The methodology and data will be reviewed.

Peer review, conclusions added, then to the Strategic Plan Committee? Would the Strategic Plan Committee debate the conclusion?

The analysis will be shared by Google Doc with the entire board.

Process questions were asked. After the board has opportunity to review, public sessions will take place.

Process: before board makes a recommendation in late May/early June public sessions will be scheduled.

Project overviews were shared.

4. Non-Public Session (if needed)

None.

Bernd Foecking motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok