

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**SAU Office**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD**

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

Maeve Newman, Student Rep.  
Linda Compton, CVEA Rep.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.  
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.  
Tim Markley, H.R.  
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services  
Colleen Roy, GES  
Amy Janoch, HES  
Nicky Fraley, FES

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

**a. February 14, 2017**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of February 14, 2017. Rich Cahoon second. Pierce Rigrod abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.**

**3. Points of Pride**

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

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**5. Consent Agenda**

**a. Personnel**

None.

**b. Board Requests**

None.

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

**a. Monthly Events Calendar**

**1) School Board Spring Retreat**

Kimberly Saunders suggested a Spring meeting to set goals before school administration began their goal setting work for the upcoming year. Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 to 12:00 was set for this purpose.

**b. Calendar Survey Results**

Kimberly Saunders reported that 2/3's of students want school to start in late August as opposed to after Labor Day, based on data from a recent calendar survey.

In terms of Thanksgiving week near half like the present model.

A majority favor a holiday break in December beginning on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*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.*

Input on February and April breaks need more follow-up.

A parent advisory may be put together to take a closer look at Thanksgiving break as well as February and April vacations.

ConVal Policy states that we count days; we currently go to school 180 days.

Dick Dunning spoke about the pros to looking at clock hours.

**Dick Dunning moved to bring forward a discussion about clock hours vs. days and look at the advantages and disadvantages. Stephan Morrissey second.**

This conversation would go to Policy Committee, then Education Committee, and then Negotiations. **Linda Quintanilha and Janine Lesser opposed. All else in favor. Motion carried.**

Rich Cahoon pointed out that he has heard that it is a burden during Thanksgiving week for families needing daycare.

### **c. ConVal School District Communication of Upcoming Vote**

Kimberly Saunders shared two press releases: The first was a Press Release from Selectmen's Advisory Committee about support for proposed budget. The second was a Press Release about the proposed budget; proposed increase, and the great job done keeping the taxes down etc.

### **d. Executive Summary**

Kimberly Saunders reported on SB 193, which states that a parent of an eligible child can apply to receive a grant from a scholarship organization to pay for educational expenses; it is the equivalent of a voucher program. These are publicly raised monies that would be sent to schools outside those that the funds were raised in. There are major concerns about this bill across the public education system. Would this apply to homeschool students?

Dick Dunning said that the motion would be to speak in opposition of SB 193 of this and vote not in favor and share with each Representative and Senators of the ConVal School District. As a board we oppose it is the statement. This gives choice to everyone except those students who are already at a disadvantage.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to provide the board with SB 193 and financial notes.

Rich Cahoon said that he is hesitant to take a position on something he has not read.

Stephan Morrissey suggested that individual board members read up on SB 193 and call their individual State Representatives and Senators.

In favor of advising our reps and senators that the board is in opposition: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

Kimberly agreed to put something together to send to all of the reps and senators from all of the towns.

Discussion took place about why the SAU would do this work. In the end, Kristen Reilly and Janine Lesser agreed to work to draft a document to send. Confirmed.

## **7. Reports**

### **a. Student Representative – Maeve Newman**

Maeve Newman reported that the whole school gathered to watch the Unified Basketball Team, and they won, which was a nice way to end Spirit of Kindness Week.

The Class of 2021 is meeting tonight at the high school.

### **b. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan/Linda Compton**

Linda Compton reported that teachers are reviewing curriculum in various committee meetings.

### **c. Education Committee – Crista Salamy**

Crista Salamy reported that discussion on the 1:1 initiative, grades 5-12 took place. More discussion will take place in March.

Graduation requirements were discussed for Health and Physical Education. In the past, sports participation could be used to receive .5 of the 1.0 credit. More discussion in March.

Fill the Void Meeting – At this point \$10.4 million is needed. It would be lovely to have. A feasibility study meeting of raising the \$10.4 is forthcoming.

## **8. Old Business**

### **a. Board Officer(s) Presentations**

Rich Cahoon said that he is running for Vice-Chair. This board is a lot less dysfunctional than previous boards. He has been on the board for four years and served on multiple committees. He will try hard to do a good job at being Vice-Chair.

Myron Steere reported he is running for Chairman. He has been on the board for five years. He has served on multiple committees and attends near all committee meetings.

Linda thanked Myron for his work which she attributed to making this board less dysfunctional.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Primex Contribution Assurance Program**

Kimberly reported on a proposal from Primex to join their CAP Program which sets the cap for workman's compensation at no more than 8% for the next three years. In order to participate, we need to extend our membership for a period of three years. If we do well, we can get below the 8%.

Stephan moved to proceed with the three-year option. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

### **b. Set Out of District Tuition Rate (Board Vote Required)**

Kimberly Saunders reported out on current tuition for out-of-district students. We currently charge 40% of the average cost of a elementary, middle school, and high school education as determined by the NH Department of Education.

Discussion took place about special education students. If we need to take on the liability for identified students we may not want to continue.

Linda Quintanilha said that she is less concerned about the cost of tuition than she is about discriminating against students with disabilities.

Rich Cahoon said that he does not see it as discrimination. It is discrimination if it is a member of our community.

Janine Lesser said that she would have a hard time making the case to our taxpayers when paying for a student with disabilities with higher costs.

This discussion was tabled for a future discussion.

**Stephan Morrissey moved to table this discussion for the future. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

Pierce Rigrod reported that on March 9<sup>th</sup>, a training coordinator will come to ConVal to present on water treatment careers. It is an opportunity for students to learn more about a career in this area.

## **10. Public Comment**

None.

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

Kimberly Saunders certified that manifests totaling \$129,667.17 and Payroll totaling \$1,727,140.61 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 approve the Manifests as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

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

### **a. Personnel**

### **b. Negotiations**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II for matters of personnel at 8:16 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 9:26 p.m. Second. Unanimous.**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes of non-public for 10 years. Second.**

**David Martz moved to award a one-time outstanding performance award to the Superintendent for her work. Second. Unanimous.**

**Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok