

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual Meeting
ConVal High School
School District Meeting Part I
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Moderator Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rules:

Moderator Clark informed those present to check in if they are residents with their respective towns. Members of the School Board and SAU Leadership Team introduced themselves.

Only registered voters may speak unless a majority vote is taken to allow others to speak. Those wishing to speak should raise their hand, be recognized, and come to the microphone to speak. Announce your full name and town of residence for the record. No one shall speak more than once until everyone wishing to speak once has had the opportunity. Running debate will not be allowed. Address the issue under consideration, and nothing else, or one will be ruled out of order. When voting on an article, motions to call the question will not be considered unless all wishing to speak have had the opportunity to do so. All warrant articles will move on to the March ballot.

One reconsideration will be considered only. Motions to restrict the reconsideration will be considered by majority vote. Seven voters are needed to question the decision of the Moderator. Five voters are needed to request secret ballot.

Amendments – motions must be put in writing and given to the clerk and must have a specific dollar figure if it is a motion to reduce or change a dollar amount.

NH Supreme court has ruled that any amendment cannot change the subject of the warrant article. You can change the intent but you cannot make it about a different subject.

A reminder to those who are not voters; you may not vote but you may request to speak.

The Moderator asked permission for members of the SAU Office who are not voters in the District to speak. No objection was made.

The Moderator asked for a motion on the minutes of last year's District Meeting.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of last year's District Meeting. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere, School Board Chair, reported out that the school budget has declined once again this year. The District is working hard to keep the budget down while maintaining a quality education for our students. As this budget has gone down, we have still been able to add services. Our elementary schools are nearly 20 years old. Portions of our high school are near 40 years old. Work is needed in the high school science labs which are found to be non-compliant by the accreditation committee; that will be coming down the road. Work on a District Strategic Plan is underway. Information is posted on the District website. Money has put given back and put away to offset taxes. This year we have put away approximately \$725,000 to offset taxes. Mr. Steere shared his appreciation for the hard work that went into making this possible.

WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Contoocook Valley School District consisting of the Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **ConVal High School** at 184 Hancock Rd., (Route 202 North) in Peterborough on the **eighth day of February** next at **6 o'clock in the evening** for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting, and you are further notified to meet at the following places in the Town of your residence:

Antrim	Antrim Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Bennington	Pierce Elementary School	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Dublin	Dublin Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Francestown	Francestown Town Office	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Greenfield	Greenfield Town Hall	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Hancock	Hancock Town Office	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Peterborough	Peterborough Town House	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sharon	Sharon Meeting House	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Temple	Temple Town Hall	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

on the **fourteenth day of March** next for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting at the second session) to act upon the following subjects:

Article 01: Operating Budget-School District-SB2

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$45,377,117? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$44,828,934, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Dick Dunning moved this article. Second.

Dick Dunning moved to amend this warrant article to read:

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$45,308,369? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$44,760,186, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Second.

The reason for the amendment represents reductions in the amendment of 68,748 per advisement of the Department of Revenue Administration. We should not include Trust Fund monies in the budget. This amendment is to meet the reduction.

Discussion on the amendment? None.

Moderator Clark asked all those in favor of amending Article to signify. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Article one moves to the ballot in amended form.

Article 02: Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Stephan Morrissey moved this article as read. Second.

Mr. Morrissey reported that this article is used to smooth out the capital expenditures from year to year.

David Martz pointed out while no amount is to be raised from taxation this year, it could impact taxes in the next year.

The Moderator reported that this article now moves to the ballot.

Article 03: Appropriate to Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017 with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Pierce Rigrod moved this article as read. Second.

Mr. Rigrod reported that this fund was set up so as not to spend funds from other trusts that are truly not capital expenses. This fund covers more short lived assets.

The Moderator reported that this article will now move forward to the ballot.

Article 04: Appropriate to Athletics/Co-Curricular Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Athletics/Co-Curricular Fund as previously established under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c? This sum to come from June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017 with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Rich Cahoon moved this article as read. Second.

Mr. Cahoon reported that the district began funding this in anticipation of the Daniel's Trust Fund running out of money. The school district has athletic fields and other capital expenses outside of buildings to maintain. This fund serves those purposes.

The Moderator reported that this article will move forward to the ballot.

Article 05: Appropriate to Health Insurance Maintenance Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Health Insurance Maintenance Fund as previously established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 198:20-c? This sum to come from June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Jim Fredrickson moved this article as read. Second.

Trisha Saenger, Temple, asked how the funds are distributed at the end of the year. Are they prorated?

Marian Alese, Business Administrator, reported that the funds are addressed on a first come basis as listed on the warrant.

The Moderator reported that this will move forward on the March ballot.

Article 06: Agents to Expend

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to affirm and designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Contoocook Valley School District Building Capital Reserve Fund? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Myron Steere moved this article as read. Second.

Myron Steere reported that the Department of Revenue Administration has requested that this be designated for record keeping and is a housekeeping article.

The Moderator reported that this will move forward onto the ballot.

Article 07: Accept Reports of Agents and Auditors

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

Bernd Foecking moved this article as read. Second.

Bernd Foecking said that this article allows the school district to accept reports of Agents, Auditors Committees, and Officers.

The Moderator reported that this will move forward on the ballot.

Article 08: School Board Salaries

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1500; each member, \$1000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Janine Lesser moved this article as read. Second.

The Moderator reported that this article moves to the ballot.

Article 09: School Board Members

To choose Contoocook Valley School District Officers as follows: Four (4) Members of the School Board; one (1) from the Town of Antrim for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Francetown for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Peterborough for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Sharon for a term of three (3) years.

The Moderator reported that this will be move on to the ballots in individual towns.

Motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok