

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Plan Committee
SAU Office/Boardroom

Thursday, March 9, 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, Riley Young

Others Present: Ed Juengst, Jim Fredrickson, John Jordan, Myron Steere, Kimberly Saunders

Pierce Rigrod called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2017

Dick Dunning motioned to accept the minutes of January 12, 2017. Bernd Foecking second. Unanimous.

2. Comment – Proposed Models & Criteria Table (shared via Google)

A spreadsheet which listed four potential models across four columns with a lengthy list of characteristics/features for consideration in which to rate within the potential models was shared. Companion reports for each of these models will be developed.

Capital Improvement Planning will be included in both the financial and status quo models.

Reconfiguration and consolidation needs definition before going further on these models.

Administrators have teamed together to review and define what reconfiguration and consolidation might look like with recommendations.

Impact on a house property value of \$200K by town should be included. The district impact should be listed as well.

Critical to Quality (CTQ) might be considered; each one is weighted and can be applied to determine the impact of the CTQ.

A financial formula needs to work into the unforeseeable future. The fairest model would hurt certain towns.

For example, one who owns a \$200K home anywhere in the district should pay the same taxes regardless of which the town is in. It would take town evaluation offset by adequacy. It may likely mean a 10-20% increase in the school tax portion of taxes in some towns.

A public process to gain feedback before moving forward with any given model will be important.

Comments on the spreadsheet contents and models should be forward to Kimberly Saunders by March 17th. Weighing the values will be critical.

When considering special education across the models, we need to remember that populations will change from one year to the next. This might be a separate consideration for the purpose of this analysis.

3. Financial Equity Report (Peer Review) Update

The Peer Review of the Financial Equity Audit has been returned. It is awaiting Marian's review before release. Methodologically it is solid. Comments are coming back as part of a summary letter.

4. Regular Public Communications

Should committee members write regular updates regarding the Strategic Plan progress? Periodic newsletters? Distill minutes into one or two paragraphs. Put items into town news. Work in conjunction with the Superintendent as a cross check.

It is important to have a quick summary and then distribute through a variety of channels. It is important to keep continuous contact.

5. Web Updates

Older district goals are listed. We should put new goals on Strategic Plan site.

Pierce Rigrod agreed to distill tonight's meeting.

6. Other

None.

If consolidation or reconfiguration had contract restraints, we need to know now.

7. Non-Public Session (if needed)

None.

Motion to adjourn at 7:31. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok