

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET & PROPERTY

April 11, 2017

**SAU Office
7:00 PM**

Minutes

Committee Members:

- Dick Dunning, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- Jim Fredrickson
- Tom Kelly
- Stephan Morrissey

Committee Members Present: Dick Dunning, Jim Fredrickson, Tom Kelly

Others Present: Myron Steere, Kimberly Saunders, Tim Grossi, John Jordan (SAC), Bob Edwards, Chris Anderson (Borrego Solar)

Dick Dunning was nominated as Budget & Property Committee Chair.

Jim Fredrickson will serve as the Budget & Property representative to the Communication Committee.

1. Call to Order

Dick Dunning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2017

Jim Fredrickson moved to accept the minutes of January 10, 2017. Tom Kelly second. Unanimous.

3. Solar Energy Discussion

Chris Anderson, Borrego Solar, was present to share information on passive solar energy.

Mr. Anderson reported that Borrego is the third largest solar commercial company in the United States.

Currently, the value of energy is under determination in New Hampshire. 300KW could be placed on ConVal High School. The netting period is annually; energy can be put in and taken out throughout the year and is netted out at the end of the year. The netting period and rate are both important. The 100MW CAP will likely go away. In ConVal, each building that would implement solar energy would be considered their own category.

Incentives for solar include rebate money.

Components of a solar power system were shared.

The Power Purchase Agreement Services Model begins with a limited liability company that would be bought by some investors. The solar panels have a 25 year warranty.

Considerations include the condition of the roof. Placing solar panels on a roof should only be done if the life expectancy of the roof is long.

Financing options, depending on the size of the project and how the project would be funded, were shared.

The risk for the district include presence on the property, error, etc.

If the district is considering closing a school they should not include it in the portfolio otherwise the district would still be on the hook for the utility.

Project size, credit worthiness are important. Seven buildings are necessary for this project to move forward. Roof conditions, anticipated roof replacement needs consideration. If the district will need to replace roofs in ten years it would not want to take up the solar panels.

Dick Dunning said that viable options need consideration. Is it worth doing? Educational value for the public and our students is important. Cost savings is important. Mr. Anderson provided a lot of information to think about.

4. Bond Discussion

Moving the scope of the bond project narrowed to just the renovation of the science labs and assuring ADA Compliance should be considered rather than a massive project. Capital Reserve funds might be used for this purpose because the risk lies in that if a bond fails no work on the proposed project would be possible.

Tim Grossi cautioned that the 1969 portions of the high school are more than just the science labs.

Tom Kelly said that he would like to see an architectural firm come in because using Hutter results in Hutter getting the project.

Tim Grossi shared that a vote took place to go with Hutter to create plans. The project could be toned down.

Kimberly Saunders said that a decision needs to be made by June. Information needs to be shared with the community for them to digest.

\$725,000 has been committed to return to the taxpayers. It might be more practical to address these concerns with these funds rather than return them. Coupling a bond and a teacher's contract in the same year is difficult.

Prioritizing essential work needed; the outdated non-compliant labs, and the 1969 portions of the school would come first.

5. Other

Cop Sync is a software program that connects school personnel with emergency services. School computers would have an icon on their computer that would allow a click on the computer to call for an emergency response. The system allows the police to monitor the video surveillance system in a school to get a better understanding of what is taking place in the school. Grant funding might be available to offset some of the initial costs.

Dick Dunning asked the committee if there was interest in hearing more about Cop Sync. Confirmed.

Kimberly Saunders referenced an amendment to the VPAC Agreement (The ConVal Visual and Performing Arts Center). A presentation will be made to the full board to apprise them of the status of the group. This will move forward to the board.

6. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Needed)

None.

Jim Fredrickson moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Tom Kelly second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok