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106 Hancock Road
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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Selectmen's Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 30, 2017

7:00 p.m.

SAU #1

Agenda

1. Accept Minutes of October 26, 2017
2. 2018-2019 Budget
3. CVHS Science Labs
4. Teachers' Contract
5. Discussion of Models
6. Other

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Minutes

Present: John Jordan (Hancock), Gail Cromwell (Temple), Dale Gabel (Dublin), John Robertson (Bennington)

Others Present: Rich Cahoon (Antrim), Myron Steere (Greenfield)

John Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Accept Minutes of September 28, 2017

Gail Cromwell moved to accept the minutes of September 28, 2017. John Robertson second. Unanimous.

2. Presentation of Science Labs Proposal

Myron Steere reported that science labs will be discussed at the November 4th Board Budget Work session. The thought is to renovate two with capital reserves and two through a bond. The projected cost is \$1.7 million with the furniture. The reserves will allow approximately \$1M, with the possibility of budgeting a portion.

The 16/17 year-end balance is pending, which will then result in capital reserve fund balances being satisfied according to the warrant.

Myron Steere reported that the State has said that the labs are not safe and do not meet ADA. John Jordan said that they should have been renovated 10 years ago.

Gail Cromwell distributed a copy of the 2016/2017 budget. Money was transferred into various accounts and \$300K was encumbered due to working on projects that could not be addressed when school was in session.

\$550K was transferred into trust funds. \$725K will offset future taxes. Gail asked about the \$504K and asked why that was not being returned to the towns as well.

Myron Steere said that some of those funds may be returned to the taxpayers but that is unknown until the auditors complete their work.

Gail Cromwell reported that the tax rates in the towns are being held up pending this information. Myron said that we want to do it right.

Myron said that he hopes that the Selectmen will share their support of the work on the labs at deliberative session.

3. Discussion of Models

John Jordan asked if progress has been made in this area. Myron said that it is likely that the hiring of people to come in and work on cost information for these models may be necessary.

Rich Cahoon said that these models are conceptual only and were never designed to go on the warrant. It was an intellectual exercise of administrators brainstorming.

Discussion took place about broadband in the area. Affordable housing is the number one item that is discussed when discussion about the economic vitality of the district takes place.

John Jordan noted that the school district has a Free & Reduced Lunch percentage of over 30%. Peterborough has a rate of 50%.

Myron Steere said that at some point, the model will go on the ballot. It will help establish a fact.

Various plans have been voted on four times in six years. Never has one been brought forward by the board.

The model that considers reconfiguration does not have to go on the ballot. Consolidation would.

4. Budget Timeline

November 4th is the School Board budget work session. Zero-based budget for staffing is underway. In addition, the teacher's contract will be on the ballot. January 16th is the deadline to bring something forward on the contract.

5. Other

John Jordan referenced information about the ATC.

Myron Steere said that a Manufacturing Night took place last night to discuss opportunities that exist in the area. Manufacturers need staffing. We are trying to learn more about what they need of our students to enter that work force.

Rich Cahoon said that manufacturing is under consideration as a program in the future. In addition, revamping of accounting and health careers will also be looked at.

We receive approximately \$90K in Perkins Grant funding.

Myron Steere said that we also have a Firefighter Program to help support local towns.

Any chance the district will see additional funding from the State? Not likely, the State sees their investment when 75% of the cost was provided to build the ATC, from there, they would look at renovations on a rotating schedule.

Further discussion took place about the manufacturing program. We are working on the programming with the State. They are very supportive.

Opportunities for a plumbing or electrical apprenticeship program was discussed. Small companies don't have the manpower to do what is necessary to support this.

The hope is that students leaving these programs (manufacturing) will have an advantage over someone walking in off the street.

Gail Cromwell motioned to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok