

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

School Board Meeting

Great Brook School

Cafeteria

7:00 p.m.

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,
Butch Estey, Janine Lesser,
Stephan Morrissey, Linda Quintanilha,
Crista Salamy, Myron Steere,
Fiona Tibbetts, Jerome Wilson

Patrick Cogan, CVEA
River Marmorstein, Student Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Dr. Ann Allwarden, AES/Pierce
Jim Elder, GBS
Nicola Fraley, FES
Amy Janoch, HES
Ben Loi, PES
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Nicole Pease, DCS
Brian Pickering, CVHS
Mark Swasey, CVHS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Butch Estey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. October 6, 2015

Myron Steere moved to accept the minutes of October 6, 2015. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

3. Points of Pride

Dr. Minnihan shared the following Points of Pride:

TES

TES held its first Blood Drive of the season. At the TES blood drive, parents and teacher make a pot luck supper for all those who donate. TES holds three blood drives each year as a show of support for one of its students who was born with a bleeding disorder.

TES held its Open House with nearly every parent in attendance. The children showed their parents their classrooms and work stations. The third and fourth graders also showed parents their PowerPoints and electronic portfolios as part of their tour. Parents were introduced to some websites children can access from home for additional reading, math, and spelling practice.

FES

Across the grades at FES, student have been busy with scientific explorations and learning. During our All School Meeting last week third grade students shared their magnetic inventions. During their science time, they have been learning all about magnets and magnetism. The students created a number of helpful and practical contraptions, such as the magnetic money holder, which ensures that you will not lose your money

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and a magnetic fishing pole - used to pick up items that are far away. They were able to speak knowledgeably about the properties of magnets and apply their learning to their designs.

DCS

On Oct. 8, DCS students and staff went on a field trip to Norway Hill in Hancock to pick apples which were used to make apple sauce, apple bread, and apple pizza! A perfect fall day! That evening, was the well-attended DCS Open House. Students showcased their work including desert dioramas, liberty bells, and self-poems. A great day for all!

GES

On Friday, October 16th GES students participated in our first Literacy Day. Teachers collaborated to create engaging, interesting and fun literacy activities like Fall Mad Libs, Literacy Marshmallow Baseball and creating artwork related to the book *House in The Night* by Susan Swanson, which we read together. We also enjoyed a visit from story teller Len Cabral, who mesmerized everyone with his wonderful stories. The day ended with our annual *Reading under the Stars* event, sponsored by our PTO. GES Families enjoyed reading stories together, visiting with our new Library/Media teacher Ms. Boisvert, and trading old books for new favorites. The day was a huge success and a perfect way to end the GES Read-a-thon! Stay tuned for results!

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Nominations

Tim Markley referenced the nomination of Sarah Russell, Art Teacher SMS.

Myron Steere moved to accept the nomination as read. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

Budget & Property Committee will meet on Tues., October 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the SAU Office.

Education Committee will meet on Wed., October 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.

Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Mon., Nov. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the SAU Office.

Education Committee will meet on Wed., Nov. 18th at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.

7. Reports

a. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan

Patrick Cogan reported that the GBS 5th grade went to the Vermont Institute of National Science.

b. Student Representative – River Marmorstein

River Marmorstein reported that Homecoming activities took place this past weekend and were successful. A "Fill the Void" fundraiser took place on Saturday as well.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Pierce Rigrod

Public Hearings are scheduled for December 8th at GBS at 6:30 p.m. and on December 10th at the SAU at 6:30 p.m. The committee worked on a fact sheet that will share goals and focus areas associated with the goals. December 15th is the scheduled date of completion for the plan.

d. Budget & Property Committee – Myron Steere

Myron Steere reported that Facilities Use policy was discussed; near resolution.

The Capital Plan; one plan with three sections was discussed.

The new payment process with check approval is implemented. Discussion about the upcoming budget took place, the expense report was reviewed. The new food service van will cost more than expected.

Myron Steere moved to spend up to \$16,000 for a food service van. Second. Unanimous.

8. Old Business

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a. 2nd Read/Adoption Policy (School Board Vote Required)

ECA: Building and Grounds Security

Rich Cahoon reported that the change reflects the striking of wording related to who will be allowed to open and close a school for use.

Rich Cahoon moved to adopt the policy as read. Second. Unanimous.

b. Hockey Cooperative (School Board Vote Required)

Brian Pickering said that a cooperative for boy's ice hockey with Monadnock was hoped for tonight. After conversation with Monadnock and the NHIAA, this is not being brought forward tonight for a vote.

Mark Swasey said that the idea of a cooperative in the state was intended to save a sport. A boost is needed in both hockey and football. With Monadnock, when looking to form with them, the requirement to form a JV team was noted. If we can field a JV team, the NHIAA feels that there is no reason to co-op. We will have to look at smaller schools. A conversation with Conant is being pursued. Conant is very open to discussing both ice hockey (girls and boys) and football. Mr. Swasey asks permission to enter into conversation with Conant. We want a long-term program. Conant would be a perfect match. They have never had a football program. With regards to ice hockey, it is not too late to merge with them. In order to merge with Conant for ice hockey, it would not affect our numbers. Having four to six players will not affect our costs. Mr. Swasey would like to embrace and welcome Conant players to ConVal with no fees. Myron Steere said that the original thought to form a cooperative was to save money. Now he understands that cooping with Conant will not save a dime. Mr. Swasey confirmed and said that it allows the sport to be sustainable.

Butch Estey asked if additional money would be needed for hockey. Mark said that no additional money would be needed. Current costs for both girl's and boy's hockey is approximately \$64,000. Mr. Swasey said that he is open to all options for ice hockey, Mascenic is also a possibility should a three-way cooperative be sought.

Linda Quintanilha asked if all that try out for ice hockey or football make the team. Mark Swasey confirmed. Linda further asked if we have an influx of players from Conant would our players be cut. Mark Swasey spoke about projections for student enrollment and spoke about the anticipated drops in enrollment.

Dick Dunning asked Mark that beyond Conant coming one year, free to play, would costs be anticipated to participate in two years. Mark said that there would be discussion. A cooperative is for two years. Continuing with a cooperative beyond two years would be up for review.

Brian Pickering said that all of this would be part of the conversation with Conant. Information will be brought back to the board. What is being asked of tonight is permission to sit down with Conant for discussion.

Rich Cahoon asked that we make it a condition that if we do it for boy's ice hockey that we do it for girl's ice hockey. Mark Swasey said that it is dependent on numbers. Currently, they are aware of one girl who is interested in playing with the boys.

Brian Pickering asked the board to let him and Mark sit with Conant and possibly Mascenic and return with information.

Dick Dunning moved to give permission to enter into discussion with Conant on the formation of a cooperative for ice hockey.

Rich Cahoon second.

Dick Dunning and Rich Cahoon withdrew their motion and second.

Dick Dunning moved to give permission to enter into discussion with Conant and possibly Mascenic on the formation of a cooperative for ice hockey.

Rich Cahoon second.

Myron Steere abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

c. 2016-2017 Budget Guidance

List provided as informational.

9. New Business

a. Expenditure Report (Board Vote Required) - Marian Alese

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Marian Alese referenced the report included in the agenda packet and reported that this reflects through September 30th. Marian reviewed the report included in the agenda packet.

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the Expense Report. Myron Steere second. Unanimous.

b. Presentation on Inclusion – Dr. Richard Matte

Dr. Rick Matte shared a PowerPoint presentation on inclusion. This year marks the 25th anniversary for both ADA (American Disabilities Act) for equal opportunities in the workplace and public access as well as IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). IDEA guides everything that ConVal does. ConVal is currently in the process of a compliance review to make sure that our kids are getting what they need. Inclusion is defined as the educating of students with disabilities in the general education environment in their local schools with students that are non-disabled. This is one of ConVal's core beliefs. Highlights from scientific studies were shared. The biggest reason we do this is because it is the right thing to do for all students.

ConVal has four integrated preschool programs. Discussion took place about expanding preschool programming. The impact of decisions on outside preschool programs and other factors are considerations. Partnerships with Human Service agencies are strong for ConVal. These relationships make Child Find efforts easier as well to locate and identify students with needs through evaluations. Qualified, certified staff are in place in our preschools. A co-teaching long-term plan is under development.

10. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests listed totaling \$610,384.08 and Payroll 8 totaling \$833,741.87 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.

Myron Steere moved to approve the manifests as read. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

Myron Steere motioned to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II at 7:58 p.m. for matters of personnel. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Motion to exit non-public session at 8:05 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to accept the Superintendent's decision not to renew his contract when it expires on June 30, 2015. Second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for 5 years. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Motion to enter non-public session at 8:06 p.m. for matters of personnel. Unanimous on roll call vote.

Myron Steere moved to exit non-public session at 8:23 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for 5 years. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Motion to have Kimberly Saunders serve as interim Superintendent starting July 1, 2016. Second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

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