

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

School Board Meeting

SAU #1

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Butch Estey,
Tom Ferenc, Jon Ingram (7:32),
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,
Linda Quintanilha, Pierce Rigrod,
Crista Salamy, Myron Steere,
Fiona Tibbetts (7:04)

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Nicola Fraley, FES
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Kelly Parker, SMS
Dr. Ann Allwarden, AES/Pierce
Jim Elder, GBS
Ben Loi, PES
Amy Janoch, HES
Colleen Roy, GES

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 21, 2014

Myron Steere moved to accept the minutes of October 21, 2014. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous

3. Chairman's Recognition Award

Lori Groleau and Amy Janoch were both recognized for the Chairman's Award for their dedication to both their students and their schools.

Butch Estey spoke about an article in the local newspaper today and the numerous inaccuracies included within it. Mr. Estey shared a prepared response to the newspaper for the board's review correcting the inaccurate information.

Consensus of the board was in favor of the response.

4. Points of Pride

Dr. Minnihan reported the following Points of Pride:

TES held their Fall Blood Drive, making and offering soups, breads and desserts to all donors. Blood Drives began at TES when one of our families had a child with a special bleeding disorder. It is our way to give the community a chance to reach out to this family and to the Red Cross.

TES also spent Friday, Halloween, going on a Halloween Hike and ending with students and families sending in treats for our troops. They were able to bring in enough treats for us to send out a dozen boxes to the Adopt A Soldier Resource Center so the students' treats and cards, letters and special products like soaps, shavers, sauces, and more were boxed and made ready to send. Great success! Congrats TES students for sharing your treats.

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On October 27th, Hancock Elementary School teachers, PTO, and community members hosted approximately 75 people at our annual Harvest Feast. Students harvested and prepared butternut squash, carrots, kale and potatoes that went into three delicious soups.

As a part of our social studies and science instruction, the students at HES have taken learning to the field.

The fourth grade students spent a day at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in order to learn about the diverse North American Indian Cultures. The second grade visited the Monadnock Center to understand what learning looked like in the 1800's and the third grade headed to Ruggles Mine as a part of their unit on rocks and minerals.

On Monday, November 3rd, 36 Great Brook Bobcats attended a leadership workshop at the Harris Center. The training was led by "Hutch" Hutchinson, a professor at the Boston University School of Management. His emphasis was on moral leadership, on how to segment large jobs into separate parts, and on personal responsibility. Students will display their leadership skills as they plan and implement the annual GBS Turkey Trot.

SMS had over 170 athletes recognized at the Sports Award Night last week. Over 300 people attend the event which was a wonderful tribute to the student participation in athletics .

Ann Henry was awarded Advisor of the Year by the 4H club on Saturday night and former SMS student Patrick Roberts, was awarded member of the year.

Dr. Minnihan reported that Kimberly Saunders has been selected to present at a national conference in Texas this winter.

Linda Quintanilha reported that she was at a workshop today where a GBS student spoke to the entire staff using an assistive technology device. This student spoke about how she is now treated as "one of the kids" at GBS.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Retirements

Tim Markley referenced the retirement included in tonight's agenda packet for Helen Sullivan, Title I Teacher, in June 2016.

Myron Steere moved to accept the retirement as read. David Martz second. Unanimous.

2) Athletics

Tim read the athletic notification of Robin Kennedy for SMS Volleyball.

b. Enrollment Report – November 1, 2014

Tim Markley noted that the enrollment numbers have changed very little. DCS moved from 8 to 10 kindergarten students.

7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

The Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. at PES.

The Budget Work Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The Negotiations Committee meeting on December 18th will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and will be confirmed.

b. Keene State College Cohort

Dr. Minnihan reported that ConVal is working in conjunction with Keene State College to develop ConVal teachers who are interested in pursuing their Masters in Education or Principal certification through a series of classes over a three year period. The program is funded through a combination of staff paying, professional development funds, and grant funding. Dr. Minnihan, Kimberly Saunders, and KSC are co-teaching.

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c. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

1) South Meadow School requests the authorization to accept a gift/donation totaling \$500.00 from the Kiwanis Club of Peterborough for the purpose of American Heritage Tour scholarships.

Myron Steere moved to accept the gift as read. Linda Quintanilha second with gratitude. Unanimous.

8. Reports

a. Student Representative – River Marmorstein

River Marmorstein, CVHS student, reported that Jay Asher attended “Spirit of Kindness Week” and presented. Kind behavior was rewarded throughout the week. Students filled out cards titled “Reasons Why I Matter”. River also reported that a TASC talk focused on using words with dignity when speaking about special needs students occurred.

b. Teacher Representative – Gil Morris

None.

c. Education Committee – Crista Salamy

Crista Salamy reported that that discussion on the Curriculum Renewal Cycle took place at the last Education Committee meeting. Science Curriculum was voted on to implement in steps. A leveling effect was decided to avoid spikes in the budget cycle.

Co-curriculars, summer academy, and fifth block were discussed. The stipend for fifth block and summer academy was discussed from a historical perspective; the stipend has been in place.

Cougar Cubs has been broadened to include more than basketball.

d. Selectmen’s Advisory Committee – Tom Ferenc

Tom Ferenc reported that SAC discussed science and the cost of a science curriculum at their most recent meeting. In addition, the Strategic Plan was discussed. Regional issues were discussed such as contacting legislators regarding unfunded mandates.

Linda Quintanilha asked if it would be advantageous for Dr. Matte to attend some of these meetings to answer questions such as those related to IDEA etc. Dr. Matte reported that he would be pleased to attend.

e. Budget Work Session – Butch Estey/Dr. Minnihan

Butch Estey reported that the mentor program was reduced at the work session meeting. Athletic fees were removed as well. Administration shared priorities with community partnerships. A lot of work lies ahead. Linda Quintanilha reported that she was proud to be in the room at Saturday’s meeting.

9. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests 25-27 totaling \$231,144.69 and Payroll 9, 301, and 910 totaling \$1,977,252.81 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.

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

a. Negotiations

Myron Steere motioned to enter into non-public in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:38 p.m. for matters of negotiations. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Myron Steere motioned to exit non-public session at 7:44 p.m. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to accept the recommendation with the CVAA as proposed. Stephan Morrissey second. Crista Salamy and Fiona Tibbetts abstained. Motion carried.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session for a period of two years. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

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Myron Steere motioned to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II for student matters at 7:45 p.m. Unanimous on roll call vote.

Myron Steere moved to exit non-public session at 8:01 p.m. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session in perpetuity at 8:01 p.m. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere motioned to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

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