

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Notice of Public Hearing

**Tuesday, November 5, 2013
6:30 p.m.**

**SAU #1
Board Room
106 Hancock Road
Peterborough, NH 03458**

In accordance with RSA 198:20-b, a public hearing will be held by the Contoocook Valley School Board for the purpose of accepting unanticipated Local Government Center revenues for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

**School Board Meeting
*Immediately Following Public Hearing***

BOARD

Stewart Brock, Matthew Craig,
Rich Cahoon, Butch Estey,
Jon Ingram, David Martz,
Pierce Rigrod, Crista Salamy,
Myron Steere, Fiona Tibbetts

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Dr. Cathy Higgins, Tech.
Noreen McAloon, FES/GES/HES
Ann Allwarden, AES/Pierce
Brian Pickering, CVHS
Kim Chandler, CVHS
Steve Bartsch, CVHS
Ben Loi, PES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Butch Estey called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. October 15, 2013

Rich Cahoon moved to accept the minutes of October 15, 2013. **Second.**

An amendment was made to correct the name of Noreen McAloon to accurately reflect her attendance.

Second. Stewart Brock abstained. Unanimous as amended.

3. Chairman's Recognition Award

Butch Estey shared that tonight we want to take a brief moment to recognize the actions of several individuals. A couple of weeks ago, there was an unfortunate event at the high school where a student brought a loaded weapon into the school. However, thanks to the actions of a few student, teacher Eric Bowman, Head of School Counseling, Kimberly Chandler, and Administrators Steve Bartsch and Brian Pickering the situation was resolved without incident. Realizing the need to collaborate and respond quickly, calmly, and professionally these individuals worked in an exemplary manner and we are very grateful. We also want to extend our sincere thanks

MISSION STATEMENT

The ConVal Regional School District, in partnership with its member communities, will inspire all learners to achieve academically, contribute to the global community, and thrive as independent and productive citizens.

and appreciation to the Peterborough Police Department for their prompt response and great assistance in safely handling the incident.

4. Points of Pride

PES

Dr. Minnihan congratulated the winners of the PES School Bus Safety Poster Contest. In recognition of School Bus Safety Week, the PES Student Leadership Team organized a poster contest to help students remember the School Bus Safety Rules. The team received many submissions from the student body. Two winners from each grade were selected by the Leadership Team and were recognized at an All School Meeting. Congratulations to Alyssa Hamlin, Rowan McCluskey, Clara Christensen, Ben Fraley, Sofia Leone, Sophia Lake, Eva McCullough, Bryson Boice, Abe Dreher, and Alissa Cutting and everyone who participated.

CVHS

Eric Bowman, Social Studies teacher, was recently nominated by former CVHS student Danielle Boutwell for the Susquehanna University Russell Galt Award for Outstanding Teaching at the Secondary Level. This award recognizes teachers who have made a difference in a student's life and acknowledges the importance of high school teachers in preparing students for college level study. Mr. Bowman was selected as one of this year's recipients. Congratulations to Mr. Bowman for his commitment to enriching the lives of ConVal students and beyond.

Congratulations go out to Ben Wescott and Sam Cody. Both have been named to the NHIAA Division 2 All-State Golf Team. Ben was selected to the First Team and Sam was selected to the Second Team.

SMS

SMS was recognized again today for being named Middle School of the Year at the State Department of Education. Every other year, a plaque is unveiled honoring the last two year's recipients of schools of excellence. These plaques are then put on display at the Department of Education.

Butch Estey shared a note from the National Honor Society thanking the Board for their participation in the recent food drive.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

Myron Steere moved to accept the resignation of Ellen Bell as read. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Tim Markley referenced a notice of Co-Curricular positions which included the notice of Mark Swasey as CVHS Athletic Director, Jessica Weeks, Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, and Carrie Whittemore for the position of Girls JV Basketball Coach. In addition, Doug Thompson as SMS Boys Blue Basketball Coach and Rick Taft, Girls Blue Basketball Coach.

Myron Steere asked the salary of the past AD. Mr. Markley shared the salary. Mr. Steere asked if this person were more qualified. Tim Markley said that this individual is qualified and this salary fits the salary range based on query around the state.

7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. November 1st Enrollment

Tim Markley shared the November 1st enrollment information (attached).

b. Monthly Events Calendar

The Communication Committee scheduled a meeting to take place on Wednesday, November 13th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The School Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th will take place at AES. In addition, the Selectmen's Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

c. Field Trip Request (Board Vote Required)

ConVal High School – Students will travel by airplane to Spain from April 18th – 26th, 2014 to experience firsthand, the culture of Spain, language, art, food, history etc.

Robin Kennedy said that this is the second time that he will take ConVal students to Spain. His plan is to try to organize future trips himself to save students dollars. Senor Kennedy said that the economy in Spain is struggling but should be fine. Mr. Kennedy was asked to return with a report on the trip.

Myron Steere moved to approve the trip as requested. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous.

8. Reports

a. Student Representative- Zach Letourneau

CVHS Student Zachary Letourneau reported that he is pleased to report that the Junior class will hold a dodge ball tournament at 3:00 p.m. in the CVHS gym. He invited the board and administration to form a team which they immediately did. Mr. Letourneau also reported that West Side Story will open this Thursday. Lastly, he reported that he will be doing an internship with Tim Grossi.

b. Teacher Representative- Gil Morris

None.

c. District Study Committee – Rich Cahoon

Rich Cahoon reported that the committee met and discussed listening outreach sessions. One will be held tomorrow evening at the Antrim Grange at 7:00 p.m.. Fiona Tibbetts reported that she met in Dublin last evening. Mr. Cahoon reported that three people have committed to writing articles.

d. School Board Budget Work Session - Butch Estey

Butch Estey reported that the Budget Work Session was held this past Saturday. It is the lowest budget ever brought before the Board. Still much work lies ahead. Other work sessions will be scheduled. Possible warrant articles on the parking lot were discussed. It was a well attended meeting. Mr. Estey thanked the administration for the work conducted ahead of time to bring this budget forward.

9. Old Business

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

IGE: Parental Objections to Specific Course Material; rescinding IIAC-E

Myron Steere moved to adopt policy IGE as read. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to rescind policy IIAC-E. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous.

IHBCA: Pregnant Students; rescinding IGBD

Myron Steere moved to accept policy IHBCA. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to rescind policy IGBD. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous.

b. Amended Policies (School Board Vote Required)

GCO: Teacher Performance and Evaluation

Myron Steere moved to amend policy GCO as read. Stewart Brock second. Unanimous.

c. Rescind Policies (School Board Vote Required)

GBE-E: Medical Examination of School Employees

GCQAAA: Professional Activities of Teachers

IGBB: Programs for Gifted Students

IGD: Curriculum Programs

IGDA: Student Organizations

IGDD: Student Performances

Myron Steere read the policies and moved to rescind. Second.

Myron shared the policies in place for gifted students. Discussion took place.

Kimberly Saunders reviewed the information on extension and enrichment available for students.

Rich Cahoon asked why rescind before replacing the policy. Myron Steere reported that a replacement policy will not be coming forward. It is not a policy required by law; it is an optional policy.

Myron Steere suggested that if the Board wants a gifted policy that one should be proposed.

Matt Craig said that it is hard for him to rescind which would result in no policy on gifted students.

Kimberly Saunders said that you can have a policy but cautioned that one should put money where their mouth is. The Board cannot say that we should do this but then not fund it.

Rich Cahoon said that he sees the current practice but did not understand why that could not be elevated.

Jon Ingram said that we are going into a place as a Board that we do not belong. He suggested that the Board rescind this policy and charge the Superintendent to come back with answers to questions. There is a huge philosophical discussion about the notion of leveling etc.

Matthew Craig and Rich Cahoon shared their view that they were uncomfortable with rescinding the current policy. Myron Steere suggested removing that policy from the vote and voting separately.

Motion and second were rescinded.

Myron Steere reread the list above without IGBB and moved to rescind. Second. Unanimous.

Butch charged the Assistant Superintendent and the Education Committee to work on this topic.

Kimberly Saunders reiterated that this policy is for academically gifted students. Discussion took place.

10. New Business

a. 1st Read Policies

ECAF: Audio and video surveillance on School Buses

IHBG: Home Education Instruction

IMC: Controversial Speakers and Programs

IMDA: Patriotic Exercises

JJA: Student Activities & Organizations

JICE: Student Publications

Myron Steere read the list of policies brought forward for a first read collectively. Mr. Steere requested that Board members email him with any proposed changes

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests 23f14013 through 23f14015 and 30 through 35 totaling \$971,356.77 and Payroll 8, 9, and Q1 totaling \$2,838,866.77 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.

Stewart Brock moved to accept the manifests as read. Myron Steere second. Unanimous.

Rich Cahoon asked about Matthewson breakdown. Marian Alese reported that Mr. Grossi will come to the meeting on the 19th.

12. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II

a. Personnel

b. Student

Matthew Craig moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:28 p.m. for personnel and student matters. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stewart Brock moved to exit non-public session at 8:32 p.m. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stewart Brock moved to seal the minutes of personnel for 10 years. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous.

Stewart Brock moved to seal the minutes on the student issue for perpetuity. Matthew Craig second. Unanimous.

Matthew Craig moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

Grade	Total	148	157	152	148	171	776	FTE Teachers
SCHOOL	10,30.13						Total	
AES	# of Students	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	133	
	Teacher	30	28	26	19	30		
	Teacher	2	2	2	1	2		9
	Ratio	15.0	14.0	13.0	19.0	15.0		
BES	# of Students	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade		57	
	Teacher	16	16	8	8 + 10 = 18			4
	Ratio	16.0	16.0	8.0	18.0			
DCS	# of Students	Kindergarten & 1st	1st & 2nd Grade		3rd & 4th Grade	4th & 5th Grade	71	
	Teacher	14 + 5 = 19	8 + 10 = 18		7 + 8 = 15	9 + 8 = 17		4
	Para	1	1		1	1		
	Ratio	19.0	18.0		15.0	17.0		
FES	# of Students	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade		67	
	Teacher	15	18	12	6 + 14 = 20			4
	Para	1	1	1	1			
	Ratio	15.0	18.0	12.0	20.0			
GES	# of Students	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	84	
	Teacher	14	14	21	17	18		5
	Ratio	14.0	14.0	21.0	17.0	18.0		
HES	# of Students	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	66	
	Teacher	10	11	13	19	13		5
	Ratio	10.0	11.0	13.0	19.0	13.0		
PES	# of Students	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	249	
	Teacher	43	42	55	54	55		15
	Teacher	3	3	3	3	3		
	Ratio	14.3	14.0	18.3	18.0	18.3		
TES	# of Students	Kindergarten & 1st	1st & 2nd Grade		3rd Grade	4th Grade	60	
	Teacher	6 + 7 = 13	8 + 7 = 15		18	14		4
	Para	1	1		1	1		
	Ratio	13.0	15.0		18.0	14.0		
* Teaching Principal para								
Enrollment numbers may include tuitioned-in student								
Total Elementary Students K-4								
Total Students K-5								
784								50
776								

SCHOOL	10.30.13	Grade 5 4th & 5th Grade 9 + 8 = 17	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total	FTE Teachers
DCS	# of Students	1 Teacher Para* Ratio				8	1
	# of Sections						
	Teacher						
GBS	Para						
	Ratio	17					
	# of Students	66	62	61	74	263	13
	# of Sections	3	3	3	4		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher			
SMS	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
Ratio	22.0	20.7	20.3	18.5			
CVHS	# of Students	88	103	101	125	417	20
	# of Sections	4	5	5	6		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher		
	Ratio	22.0	20.6	20.2	20.8		
Total Students		162	165	162	199	688	33
Grade Teachers	Grade	9	10	11	12	868	50.0
	Teachers	217	222	209	220		
		14	14	14	14		
						K to 4	776
					5-8	688	56
					9-12	868	139.0
					Total 2013-14	2332	
					2012-13	2342	
					2011-12	2434	
					2010-11	2534	
					2009-10	2755	
					2008-09	2855	
					2007-08	2969	
					2006-07	3104	

NOTICE OF CO-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

CVHS

Mark Swasey	Athletic Director	\$77,500.00
Jessica Weeks	Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach	\$2,711.70
Carrie Whittemore	Girls JV Basketball Coach	\$2,711.70

SMS

Doug Thompson	Boys Blue Basketball	\$2,711.70
Rick Taft	Girls Blue Basketball	\$2,711.70