

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

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

School Board Meeting

SAU #1

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

BOARD

Gary Backstrom, Rich Cahoon,
Butch Estey, Joel Green,
David Martz (7:11), Stephan Morrissey,
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. Ann Allwarden, AES/Pierce
Jim Elder, GBS
Nicola Fraley, FES
Amy Janoch, HES
Ben Loi, PES
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Brian Pickering, 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. November 18, 2014

A motion to accept the minutes was made and second by Myron Steere. Unanimous.

3. Chairman's Recognition Award

Butch Estey recognized Kelly Marshall, Lerisa Bravo, and Linda Bundy to receive the Chairman's Award on behalf of their tremendous work with students.

4. Points of Pride

Dr. Minnihan showed his appreciation for the number of students who are present at tonight's meeting.

In addition, Dr. Minnihan reported that Conval world language students represented our school well at the annual world language poetry recitation competition. Fifteen different schools participated.

Winners from Conval were:

Spanish 1, third place, Jessica Fiasconaro

Spanish 3, third place, Astrid Kipka

German 1, third place, Bailey Kirkpatrick

German 1, second place, Bekah Loll

German 1, first place, Victoria Sousa

German 2, second place, Madeline Ciocci

German 4, third place, Thayer Taft

Congrats to all students who were amazing and showed a lot of courage by reciting a poem in another language.

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5. Public Comment

Joe Bernstein, President of CVHS Senior Class, reported that students and he brought the topic of equity in terms of athletic fees to the attention of Principal Pickering. Discussion took place and the topic was taken to the Leadership Team. Mr. Bernstein said that it would be a disappointment to see the elimination of athletic fees overturned tonight by the board.

Myron Steere moved not to discuss athletic fees tonight. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Gary Backstrom reported that he will not be present at the next board meeting.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Notice of Co-Curricular Positions

Tim Markley referenced the Notice of Co-Curricular Positions included with tonight's agenda.

b. Enrollment Report – December 1, 2014

Tim Markley reported no significant changes in enrollment.

Myron Steere asked for a list of additional teachers assigned to each of the schools and their positions.

Tim Markley confirmed that he would provide.

7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

Education Committee will meet on Monday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the SAU.

Budget & Property Committee will meet on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the SAU.

Education Committee will also meet on Tuesday, January 6th 5:30 p.m. and on Thursday, January 22nd at 5:30 p.m., both at the SAU.

b. Field Trip Request (Board Vote Required)

ConVal High School – grade 11-12 Spanish 4 students will travel by private car to Manhattan, NY from December 12 – 13th, 2014 to visit Hispanic art and heritage museums, an Argentine restaurant, Spanish Harlem, and Rockefeller Center.

Myron Steere moved to approve the field trip as requested. Gary Backstrom second. Unanimous.

8. Reports

a. Student Representative – River Marmorstein

River Marmorstein reported that students are here tonight to discuss student athletic participation fees. In addition, students were asked to develop a list of what items are important for budgetary purposes. That list is under development and should be ready at the next School Board meeting.

Myron Steere asked River if students would also be looking at potential cuts.

River reported that cuts are not proposed; items in the budget are important. River is working with Mr. Pickering to discuss budget items. The importance of the student voice was stated as significant.

c. Teacher Representative – Gil Morris

None.

d. Selectmen's Advisory Committee – Tom Ferenc

Myron Steere reported that SAC reviewed and answered questions on the budget at the last SAC meeting.

e. Budget Work Session #2 – Butch Estey/Dr. Minnihhan

Arts Enrichment and Co-Curricular stipends were directed to the Education Committee for discussion.

Dr. Minnihhan shared Version 4 of the Default Budget.

9. Old Business

a. Athletic Fees

Tabled to next meeting.

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10. New Business

a. Warrant Articles

Sample Warrant Articles were shared.

Myron Steere moved to add an article to hold a special meeting if the CVEA article fails. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

The Health Insurance article will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Athletics fee – will be discussed at the next meeting.

Capital Reserve and Special Education Trusts were discussed. Should a cap of 1% of the operating budget be implemented?

Myron Steere moved to include Articles 5-7. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Articles 3, 4, Capital Reserve and Special Education Reserve will be discussed at the next School Board meeting.

b. Budget Calendar

Myron Steere moved to hold Deliberative Session, District Meeting Part I, on Saturday, January 31st, at 10:00 a.m. Second. Crista Salamy opposed. Motion carried.

David Martz moved to schedule the snow date for District Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 4th with a back up for Saturday, Feb. 7th. Pierce Rigrod second. Crista Salamy and Rich Cahoon opposed. All else in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Dr. Brendan Minnihan read that Marian Alese has certified that manifests 32 through 33 totaling \$458,644.52 and Payroll 11 totaling \$1,700,719.50 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 motioned to accept the manifests as read. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

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

a. Negotiations

None.

Myron Steere motioned to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

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