

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

School Board Meeting

6:30 P.M.

South Meadow School

Atrium

(Business Meeting in SAU Board Room)

BOARD

Gary Backstrom, Butch Estey,
Tom Ferenc, Janine Lesser,
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,
Pierce Rigrod, Crista Salamy,
Myron Steere, Fiona Tibbetts
Linda Quintanilha

River Marmorstein, CVHS Student Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Colleen Roy, GES
Jim Elder, GBS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Minnihan called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Dr. Minnihan reported that since this is the first meeting after the vote and reorganization that he opens the meeting.

2. South Meadow School Welcome – Anne O'Bryant

Anne O'Bryant shared the work of students and staff in the area of broadcasting. The "behind the scenes" work that takes place to pull off a broadcast was shared. Those present had the opportunity to see what takes place in the broadcast room that isn't visible to everyone as well as view the broadcast from the perspective of the viewer.

3. Introduction and Swearing in of New and Returning Board Members

Marian Alese swore in new and returning School Board members at the onset of this meeting.

4. Call for Election of Officers – Superintendent

Butch Estey is running for Chairman. All in favor of Mr. Estey as Chairman for the upcoming year? All in favor.

Chairman Estey reported that Pierce Rigrod is running for Vice-Chair. All in favor. Unanimous.

Butch Estey introduced Janine Lesser as the new Peterborough School Board Representative.

Myron Steere thanked everyone for their well wishes during the time of his absence.

5. Appoint School District Clerk (Board Action/Vote Required)

Chairman Estey reported that appoint this agenda item reflect the appointing of School District Clerk.

Myron Steere moved to appoint Marian Alese as ConVal School District Clerk. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

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

a. March 3, 2015

Myron Steere moved to accept the minutes of March 3, 2015. Myron Steere, Janine Lesser, Linda Quintanilha, Crista Salamy, and David Martz abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

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.

7. Points of Pride

AES

Recently, Steve Ullman, President of the Antrim Historical Society, organized a wonderful presentation on the history of Antrim schools for the third and fourth graders at AES. The five presenters, who are all Antrim school alumni, described the similarities and differences between Antrim's schools, teachers, and students today and those of thirty to seventy years ago. Among the many things students learned were:

The old school on High Street had a steeple to hold the bell that signaled the start of the school day.

Students had to learn how to dance, and they used authentic, historical costumes.

Girls could not wear pants to school. They could wear ski pants in the winter, but they had to take them off once they got to school.

After WW2, schools received surplus cans of food from the Army for school lunches.

BES

The Bennington Conservation Commission and Bennington Recreation Committee have offered two After School Science Club sessions to all interested 3rd and 4th graders at Pierce School. Taking advantage of nearby Bruce Edes Memorial Forest, students started by learning about animals and their habitats and will soon be observing the changes that spring brings. Students made nature journals in which they have been drawing and labeling their observations as well as collected forest specimens.

FES

Francestown students participated in our annual New Hampshire Dance Institute residency last week. Under the skillful direction of Lisa Cook, NHDI teacher, all students in kindergarten through fourth grade learned two complex dances. The theme this year was the water cycle and students learned embedded facts about this topic as they leaped, spun and danced the week away. Our final performance on Friday evening was wonderful and the FES gymnasium was jam packed.

SMS

SMS production of "Stuart Little" was put on by the Drama club and advisor Taylor Koban this weekend. Great production and lots of students and community members came to see the play.

GES

GES is busy making lots of community connections! 3rd & 4th Graders have been working with Jenn Sutton from the Harris Center. Third grade is learning about vertebrates and 4th grade is learning about NH mammals. Both classes have spent time outside, tracking animals and looking for evidence out in the woods behind our school. Second grade has been learning about states of matter and are in the middle of a unit on maple sugaring in NH. They hope to travel to Old Pound Road Sugar House soon! Students are actively engaged and working hard! Everyone is looking forward to warmer temps so we can extend our learning to the great outdoors even more!

District Special Olympics

The ConVal High School Special Olympics team went to Waterville Valley, March 1st to the 3rd, to participate in the New Hampshire Winter State Games. Ten students represented ConVal High School in cross-country skiing, snowshoe and alpine skiing. We stayed at the Town Square condo's, got to hang with our friends, make our own breakfast and lunches and joined all the other NH participants for dinners. The following three students volunteered to support our team – Emma Mellon, Kara Ammon, and Louis LaFleur.

The team performed very well and came home exhausted and wearing lots of bling.

Meghan Updyke competed in Snow Shoe – she earned a bronze medal.

Three young men competed in Alpine (slalom, giant slalom and super g)

Andrew Hopkins – gold and two bronze

Garrett Shows – bronze medal

Dylan Coyne – three gold medals.

Six athletes competed in Cross Country (50 meter, 100 meter, 200 meter).

Caitlin Ellis – 1 bronze medal

Branden Davis – 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal
Brandon Chase – one gold medal, 1 silver medal, and 1 bronze medal
James MacFarlane – 1 silver medal, 1 bronze medal
Jason Kulgren - bronze medal, two 4th place ribbons
Jarek Noschese – 1 gold medal, 2 bronze medals.

ConVal athletes competed hard, showed great sportsmanship and represented our school district with pride. They are looking forward to next year.

In other District news, SAU #1, ConVal Schools is a member of the 2015 Green Power Leadership Club. By meeting the Leadership Club green power use requirements, ConVal has joined an elite group of Green Power Partners who are demonstrating exemplary environmental leadership!

CVHS

Two ConVal students were given awards at the Sharon Arts Center Exhibition Gallery opening on Friday: Sophia Mackeigan won \$100.00 and the best in category award for her photograph and KayLee Zubhuza won the ONLY scholarship given - \$1,500 a year to attend NHIA! Congratulations ConVal!

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Notice of Co-Curricular Positions

Tim Markley referenced the notice included in tonight's packet for notification purposes.

10. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Election Results

Dr. Minnihan reported the results of the recent school election. The outcome was positive for the school district.

b. Monthly Events Calendar

Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the SAU.

The second School Board meeting in April will take place on April 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Dr. Minnihan reported out on Docstar, a digital filing system. It is compliant, will save space, etc.

Myron Steere moved to accept the recommendation to purchase this system. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

11. Reports

a. Student Representative – River Marmorstein

River Marmorstein reported that this Saturday, the History Bowl will compete. A blood drive will be held next week. Film fest is coming on Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the high school. A student directed play, the Great Gatsby, is moving forward.

b. Teacher Representative – Gil Morris

None.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Pierce Rigrod

Pierce Rigrod reported that time was spent on survey questions at the last meeting. Questions are being designed with the intent to get the answers that we want. The profile has been developed and will be used to look at where we are now and where we want to go. NESDEC is looking for final comments on the profile.

d. Steering Committee – Butch Estey

Butch Estey reported that the setup of the committees was discussed at tonight's meeting. It will be sent out to all board members. Consolidation of subcommittees was a goal to allow for fewer meetings with more quality time.

12. Old Business

a. Expenditure Report – Marian Alese

Marian Alese reported several vacancies, maintenance, para, and library.

Health insurance has a balance as a result of rates.

Line 30 is overdrawn as a result of snow removal from roofs. A transfer will be coming forward at a future meeting.

Butch Estey shared a letter from State Representative Jon Manley, sharing that concealed weapons are allowed in the State House. It is difficult to know who is armed. Representative Manley thought that this information would be useful for the scheduling of field trips.

Chairman Estey reported that he and Dr. Minnihan met with School Board Student Representative and discussed among other things, the placement of a School Board representative (non-voting) on the school board. Mr. Estey asked board members to read the information and come back at the next meeting prepared to vote.

13. New Business

a. Set CVHS Date of Graduation – June 13, 2015

Myron Steere moved to set the date of graduation for June 13, 2015. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

b. Signing of MS22 (Report of Appropriations voted)

Marian Alese asked the Board to sign three (3) copies of the MS22 which reflects what was voted last week.

14. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests totaling \$366,370.17 and Payroll totaling \$1,291,611.94 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 accept the manifests as read. Gary Backstrom second. Unanimous.

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

a. Personnel

Myron Steere moved to enter into non-public at 7:51 p.m. for matters of personnel. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Myron Steere moved to exit non-public session at 8:03 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for a period of 3 years. Gary Backstrom second. Unanimous.

Motion to enter non-public (session #2) at 8:03 for matter of personnel. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Motion to exit non-public session at 8:32 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Motion to seal the minutes of non-public session (#2) for a period of 5 years. Second. Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok