

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road
Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

SAU Office

7:00 p.m.

BOARD

Gary Backstrom, Rich Cahoon,
Richard Dunning, Butch Estey,
Janine Lesser, David Martz,
Stephan Morrissey, Crista Salamy,
Myron Steere, Jerome Wilson

Patrick Cogan, CVEA
River Marmorstein, CVHS Student Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Supt.
Kimberly Saunders, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Dr. Richard Matte, Student Services
Brian Pickering, CVHS
Ben Loi, PES
Dr. Ann Allwarden, AES/Pierce School
Nicole Pease, DCS
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
James Elder, GBS

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.

Butch Estey asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence for Jane Momeyer, retired SMS teacher, who recently passed away.

2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. July 14, 2015

Butch Estey reported to the board that the non-public minutes of July 14th were not sealed and asked the board their intent.

Myron Steere moved to seal minutes of the July 14, 2015 Non-Public session for a period of three years. David Martz, Gary Backstrom, and Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

Myron Steere moved to accept the minutes of July 14, 2015 as read. Stephan Morrissey second. David Martz, Gary Backstrom, and Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

3. Points of Pride

Dr. Brendan Minnihan shared the following Points of Pride:

Antrim Elementary School (AES) has been awarded an Artist in Residence Grant for the 2015-2016 school year. This award is made possible by appropriations from the Governor and State Legislature and a National Endowment for the Arts grant to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. The intention behind this funding is to benefit communities in New Hampshire and improve the quality of life through the arts. In order to be awarded this grant, interested applicants need to complete an extensive and rigorous application process. The following educators embraced this opportunity with enthusiasm--Jeannie Connolly (Coordinator of ConVal's Arts Integration Program), Carole Storro (AES Art and Music Teacher), Kathy Stacy (AES Kindergarten Teacher), and Liz Lawler (AES Second Grade Teacher).

Artist in Residence

Mark Ragonese, a multi-disciplinary artist, will work with students and teachers in grades kindergarten through fourth to create a large wooden puzzle mural. Each student will paint and pattern at least one puzzle piece.

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.

Teachers and other staff members will also contribute a piece. Incorporated into the mural will be landscape and animal habitat elements present in the Antrim area. Families and community members will be invited to an unveiling and pot-luck supper when the mural is completed.

ConVal High School has been awarded the National Federation of State High School Associations Award of Excellence by the NHIAA. This award recognizes outstanding sportsmanship this past school year. CVHS is one of 37 schools that did not receive a game disqualification by a player or coach during the 2014/15 school year.

Dr. Minnihan reported that he had visited every school today; everyone is working hard getting school ready.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Nominations

Tim Markley referenced the nominations listed and asked the board for a vote excluding that of Aidan Holding, pending additional paperwork.

Myron Steere moved to accept the nominations listed with the exception of Aidan Holding. Stephan Morrissey second.

Discussion took place about the need for the part-time German teaching position proposed but tabled until additional paperwork is in.

Unanimous.

2) Notice of Co-Curricular

Tim Markley referenced the notice of Co-Curricular.

Myron Steere asked what a PBIS Assistant is. Mr. Markley reported that it is a behavioral support position that is budgeted.

Myron Steere noted the percentage of co-curricular that go to one individual in each of the middle schools.

3) Resignations

Tim Markley referenced the resignation of Shelly Gardner included on the agenda.

Myron Steere moved to accept the resignation. Stephan Morrissey second. Myron Steere asked if she is included in the penalty period. Tim Markley confirmed. **Unanimous.**

Tim Markley reported that three additional staff are pending paperwork. Mr. Markley asked the board if the process of hiring through the Superintendent was still in place. Confirmed.

4) Job Description – 504 Interventionist – High School (1st Read)

Tim Markley noted this as a first read. Send any questions or recommendations to Mr. Markley.

This is a new position but replaces another position as an offset. It is budgeted.

- Special Educator, Emotional Support Program, CVHS (2nd Read/Adoption)

Tim Markley noted changes made in this job description for a second read.

Myron Steere moved to adopt the job description as presented. Stephan Morrissey second. Gary Backstrom abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

The Education Committee will meet on Monday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 5:30 p.m. at the SAU.

Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the SAU.

Education Committee will meet on Monday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU.

b. Superintendent Update Report

1) Superintendent Goals Update

Dr. Minnihan referenced information shared as he provided an update on his goals.

7. Reports

a. Student Representative –River Marmorstein

River Marmorstein, reported that three students and three teachers recently attended a Positive Behavior conference. In addition, Just for Freshmen Day planning is underway.

b. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan

Patrick Cogan reported that teachers are eager to return and are busy setting up.

c. Budget & Property Committee – Myron Steere

Myron Steere reported that the long range capital plan was discussed at the last meeting. Our Food Service mini-van is in dire need of replacement for food transportation.

Myron Steere moved to approve up to \$15,000 to purchase a van for food service. Stephan Morrissey second. Marian reported that the vans are ConVal's assets and not Café Services. Marian reported that the current van is more expensive to repair than to purchase. Gary Backstrom asked that review of this option be conducted in the future.

In addition, four food service staff have recently resigned or retired.

Unanimous.

Myron Steere further reported that several policies were discussed as well. Research is underway. Myron highlighted the specific discussion under each policy.

Food Service policy on collection of unpaid accounts is proposed to allow the reporting of non-payment to credit bureaus.

Rich Cahoon asked if authorization to withhold meals is being asked. It was confirmed that this is not the case. Children will be fed. Marian said that some families owe several hundred dollars.

Dick Dunning said that it is important to aggressively pursue nonpayment.

Marian Alese said that the school district would have to reimburse for non-payment.

In addition, the committee recommended placing \$20,000 in the budget for facility use for custodial costs.

Myron Steere moved to allow Marian to pursue a 5013C. Second. Unanimous.

Myron Steere reported that track bids came in significantly higher than expected. Donations will be sought to make up the difference through fundraising.

Rich Cahoon asked if the bids assume full replacement. Confirmed.

Rich Cahoon asked about the replacement top coating maintenance. Can this be divided into a yearly cost and added to capital reserve? Confirmed.

8. Old Business

a. School Board Goals (School Board Vote Required)

Rich Cahoon asked that these board goals be approved. The actions to achieve these goals may change.

Rich Cahoon moved to approve the goals as presented. Second. Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

b. Strategic Plan Committee Update – Pierce Rigrod

Dr. Minnihan reported that drafts on the objectives for each of the goals have been worked on. Two goals will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming meeting. Good progress has been made. Further updates will be coming.

c. Rescind/Waive Policies (School Board Vote Required)

Facility Fee Schedule: Pending further discussion on Community Use of School Facilities (Policy KF)

Myron Steere moved to suspend. Second. This is limited to non-profit and ConVal community based activities. **Unanimous.**

- KBA: Publics' Right to Know

Rich said that this will be replaced with a policy with stronger language.

Rich Cahoon moved to rescind policy KBA. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

- KBAA: Policy on Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A

Rich Cahoon moved to replace this policy. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

- KJB: Posting of Community Notices

Rich Cahoon moved to replace this policy which is covered by another policy. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

9. New Business

a. 1st Read Policy

- DBJ: Transfer of Appropriation
- EEA: Student Transportation Services
- JEB: Entrance Age

Rich Cahoon referenced the policies above as first reads. Send feedback to the Policy Committee. JEB incorporates the possibility of a waiver.

b. Kinder Morgan Pipeline Discussion – David Martz

David Martz introduced Sean Radcliffe who was present to help answer questions. Mr. Martz said that the proposed pipeline will enter in Massachusetts and exit near Dracut. It will approach Temple Elementary School within one-half mile. The pipeline compressor is proposed to be built in New Ipswich. It is of significant size. There is no industry in the proposed area. The fallout from the compressor includes the elementary school and the reservoir that supplies water to the school. The compressors are noisy. They are exempt from EPA restrictions and other local restrictions. Mr. Martz said that the pipeline is unnecessary for this area. It has almost none, if any, economic benefit to this state. It will disrupt a major amount of landscape. In terms of pollution, reports reflect health impacts on humans. Mr. Martz said that this will discourage people from moving into Temple in turn resulting in a decline in student population and enrollment, as well as taxes to the school district. Mr. Martz asked the School Board to come out with a resolution on the proposed pipeline.

Butch Estey said that he would like to hear the other side first.

There are other pipelines further along in the process that are being expanded and used for power generations. The proposed pipeline will not be used for power generation. The only portion of significance goes to Liberty for industrial and residential use; a very small percentage; approximately 4%. Where is the remaining fuel going? Kinder Morgan says that it can be exported. Many believe this to be the case but still unsure.

Gary Backstrom reported that representatives from the Town of Sharon have submitted a letter to the State.

Rich Cahoon spoke about the hundreds of things that impact the school district that the board does not take a position on. David Martz said that the compressor station will impact Temple Elementary School.

Crista Salamy moved to have the other side come in to present and then the board can decide if they would like to take a position on it. Second. Unanimous.

c. 2016/2017 Budget and Planning Considerations – Butch Estey

Butch Estey asked the board to think about a time table to work on the upcoming budget. Bench marks for completed items was asked. Myron Steere said that this will be discussed at the September 8th meeting.

d. Primex Agreement

Marian Alese reported that this is an extension to provide property liability and workers compensation for the next two years.

Myron Steere moved to continue the relationship with Primex. Stephan Morrissey second. Marian Alese said that the GMR is 10% but is realistically based on our own experience. Marian expects the workers compensation to decline.

Unanimous.

10. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests totaling \$71,207.08 for June, \$481,106.89 for July, and \$372,911.99 for August and Payroll totaling \$1,062,836.66 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

Non-public on negotiations was cancelled.

Myron Steere moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. David Martz second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok