

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

May 9, 2016  
SAU Boardroom  
5:30 PM

**Minutes**

Committee Members:

Crista Salamy, Linda Quintanilha, Bernd Foecking, Janine Lesser, Rich Cahoon

**Committee Members Present:** Crista Salamy, Linda Quintanilha, Bernd Foecking, Janine Lesser, Rich Cahoon

**Others Present:** Kimberly Saunders, Myron Steere, Pierce Rigrod, Brian Pickering, Ann O'Bryant, Jim Elder, Scott Baldwin

**1. Approval of April 25, 2016 Minutes – 5 minutes**

**Janine Lesser moved to accept the minutes of April 25, 2016. Bernd Foecking second. Unanimous.**

**2. Sabbatical – S. Baldwin**

Scott Baldwin, GBS Physical Education Teacher of 20 years, shared a sabbatical request to hike the Appalachian Trail.

Mr. Baldwin shared his proposal. He reported that his proposal has been shared with the Professional Development Committee. In addition, the Superintendent has approved this request. The next step is Ed Committee.

Mr. Baldwin shared educational opportunities for students tracking distance over time as well as weather and geology integration. Mr. Baldwin works with a running club and will work to compare distance over time with this group as well. The GBS Morning Show will feature weekly segments sharing pieces of his experience hiking. Goal setting exercises, paralleling breaking down the hike into smaller pieces, will be used so that students can do this on their own with other problems. Health Class integration will be done by keeping a food log, water consumption record, etc. The value of a sabbatical was shared.

Mr. Baldwin wants to show his students that there is more out there beyond Antrim.

Up to one year Sabbaticals can be approved each year. The goal is for staff to improve professionally and to give back to the students and community of the district. Once they return,

they have to stay for two years or they are required to pay back the cost of the salary and benefits when they are gone.

The process to request a sabbatical was outlined.

**Rich Cahoon moved to recommend the sabbatical request to the board. Second. Unanimous.**

### **3. Middle School Summer Programming**

Jim Elder spoke about offering middle school opportunities during the summer. A bus available to transport students to SMS to participate in the program and back was suggested. It would be less money than starting a new program.

Mr. Elder asked permission to provide transportation from GBS to SMS during the summer.

Rich Cahoon asked why the offerings have to be location bound. Why not distribute the programming into both schools? Jim Elder spoke about the cost effectiveness for paying a teacher. The program could be located at GBS and transportation from SMS to GBS.

Kimberly Saunders spoke about having one facility open vs. two. ESY Programming takes place at SMS. Facility work takes place over the summer.

Mr. Elder spoke about the reading program, which allows students to be current and not regress. There is a math component as well.

What is the percentage of SMS and GBS students? Unknown.

Pierce Rigrod suggested conducting an interest survey. Mr. Elder said that a survey could be conducted.

There are two, two week sessions.

Are kids recommended for these programs? No. Those students who show regression are invited and a recommendation is made for special education students. Regular education students could participate so that they do not regress.

Linda Quintanilha said that we are already busing students to SMS from GBS.

Kimberly Saunders reported that transportation for ESY students is funded by IDEA dollars. A regular education student cannot access the transportation.

Kimberly Saunders said that transportation has not been budgeted for the summer.

A survey could be sent asking questions in different ways.

How can SWIFT help figure out the transportation component?

Transportation for this year as currently done, coupled with surveying so that transportation could be budgeted next year if there were interest was recommended.

Switching up the offerings and locations was suggested.

Caution to setting precedent for middle school transportation and not high school was made.

What is the cost to run transportation twice a day for Summer Academy at the high school?

Similar targeted outreach would be made at both SMS and GBS to pursue. Different scenarios could be outlined.

Discussion took place about paying a teacher's salary at each of the schools. The suggestion was made to provide transportation to SMS from GBS this year. Next year, money could be budgeted for teachers at GBS next year.

Kimberly Saunders said that if we keep jumping when we are going to start programs within the Strategic Plan it is difficult to set priorities. Other pieces of the plan will lose traction.

If we are looking to do the busing this summer, we need to check with the Business Administrator first to see if this is viable.

Would this cover busing from GBS to Summer Academy at the high school?

**Linda Quintanilha moved that if transportation were less than \$7K that the Ed Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.**

The transportation being requested is from GBS to SMS.

**Second. Unanimous.**

Targeted students are communicated to first and then the opportunity is opened up to everyone. For 17/18, discussion took place about moving it beyond remedial and adding enrichment opportunities.

Recap: Education Committee will bring this to the board for consideration of transporting students from GBS to SMS if it is under \$7K. Jim Elder will then send a letter to parents of targeted students to attend at SMS. Additional students could be included to simply come to school and read.

**4. Joint Football - Conant**

Brian Pickering proposed to enter into a middle school partnership with Conant. A draft MOU was shared. An interest in flag football under the Youth Sports Association exists.

Middle School Football is under the ConVal School District but funded by boosters.

At what point does Conant have to decide if they are in or out? The hope is that there are good numbers from Jaffrey and a partnership grows into the high school. It makes the experience better for students.

A conversation with the Mountaineers was suggested first before proceeding. Mark Swasey will connect with Jaffrey-Rindge before speaking to the Mountaineers on their behalf.

**5. Ed Committee Goals**

Tabled until June.

**Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Bernd Foecking second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok