

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Road
Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Selectmen's Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 26, 2016
7:00 p.m.
SAU #1

Minutes

Present: John Jordan, Bob Edwards, Ed Juengst, Henry Kunhardt, Bernd Foecking, Myron Steere, Tom Kelly, John Vance, Kimberly Saunders

John Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Accept Minutes of April 28, 2016

A vote on the minutes was not taken due to a lack of a quorum.

2. Strategic Plan Re: Reconfiguration

The School Board Priorities list was reviewed. The chemistry labs are in need of replacement. The Applied Technology Center is under program review; looking long term. Discussion took place about ATC subscription and utilization of space. The trades were discussed.

Reconfiguration-Awareness of the impact on towns is important. Examining the configuration is really what is taking place more so than "reconfiguration". Looking at what services are provided in each of the schools in terms of equity is vital. Equity does not mean that everyone gets the same exact things; but rather they leave with similar experiences and education.

Consolidation and reconfiguration have been discussed throughout the district for years. A sense of urgency is needed. Pressure on the tax rate for some towns makes it very difficult. The vote in Peterborough was a call to see some actions. The perception is that something isn't fair.

State funding of education was discussed.

3. Budget Surplus

The anticipated budget surplus was discussed. An estimated \$500K is anticipated to reduce taxes. Trust Fund Balance information was reviewed.

A brief discussion took place about legislation around bathroom usage in terms of transgender populations.

4. Student Interns/Volunteers

John Jordan and Bob Edwards reported having visited the high school to speak about civic engagement and student learning opportunities. A student could further their education and knowledge in a specific field. It is not intended to provide labor to an organization nor provide an income to a student. It is intended to be educational.

5. Other

John Vance, Peterborough resident, said that the recent Peterborough withdrawal vote has sparked much discussion at Rivermead. Rivermead has a large population that has an interest in the school district. They are inclined to vote against the withdrawal study. Rivermead residents would like to help. Mr. Vance spoke about the need for public relations and its importance. He also cited Rivermead as a pool of highly intelligent people with expertise in areas that could benefit.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok