

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**School Board Goal Setting Work Session**  
**SAU BOARD ROOM**

**NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016**  
**Immediately Following School Board Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD**

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,  
Bernd Foecking, Janine Lesser,  
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,  
Kristen Reilly, Pierce Rigrod,  
Crista Salamy, Myron Steere

**ADMINISTRATION**

Kimberly Saunders, Interim Supt.  
Marian Alese, B.A.  
Tim Markley, H.R.  
Rick Matte, Student Services

**The goal setting work session began at 9:00 p.m.**

**- FY'17 Priorities**

- Education Committee
- Budget & Property Committee
- Policy Committee
- Communications Committee
- Strategic Plan Committee

A list of School Board Priorities was shared.

1. High School Renovation Bond – science lab priorities
2. ATC and future programming.

Brian Pickering reported that this is ongoing. Having a full-time ATC Director will make a difference. This is an important priority but Mr. Pickering was unsure that he would necessarily put it ahead of other priorities.

Maker space was discussed as well. It is also ongoing and has minimal impact.

If we look at a bond, will it only be for high school renovations or will it be greater than that? We have two 30 year old middle schools.

Bond for high school should be a top priority. Gaining the support of Selectmen's Advisory Committee is important.

Myron Steere suggested communicating the NEASC correspondence publically.

Moving a communications plan up on the list is important for bond passage.

The ATC is not directly tied to the bond.

Brian Pickering said that the Board is critical for the bond but not as strongly for ATC.

Crista Salamy said that Balanced Assessment must be number three on the priority list and not where it currently lies or is suggested.

Marian Alese said that priorities three and four drive the rest.

Rich Cahoon asked how the list of priorities before the board get developed. There are other items in the Strategic Plan that are important.

Pierce Rigrod said that they were pulled, in part, due to the timeline of the Strategic Plan. They are items due this year for the most part.

Dick Dunning moved to drop #6 – “Partnerships” off the list of priorities. Brian Pickering confirmed that just because it is dropped off the list does not mean that it won’t be happening.

Marian Alese said that reconfiguration is the most important piece. Decisions on multiage or multi-grade, what we do at our community schools, etc. is important. The high school bond is important and we will be working on that. One way to sell the bond is to have the discussion about the structure of the district. We need to take a stand on what we believe is the best for the district and stand behind it.

Pierce Rigrod confirmed that configuration discussion should be in play this summer and into the fall. Options to consider under certain circumstances is the discussion.

Bernd Foecking said that the board is constraining themselves in trying to rank the list. A list of priorities can be worked on by the board and B list priorities can go back to the committees.

Stephan Morrissey spoke about changing the perception to “what is best for the students” rather than the financial pieces. Emphasis on what would be better for a student in the event of consolidation should be the focus.

Marian Alese said that reconfiguration is not just the perception; it is about making educational decisions for our schools.

Rich Cahoon said that a SMART goal on reconfiguration might be to either preserve the current configuration or place a proposal on the table.

The plan is to have a facilitator on the configuration goal.

**- Measureable Goal Setting**

Administration will work on goal language on the area of priorities. The configuration goal will have a facilitator.

Goal language on a bond might be related to more than the high school.

Proposed scope of bond language is needed. What is needed for life safety? What would significantly improve student learning:

**- Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II**

- a. Personnel
- b. Negotiations

**Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II, for matters of personnel at 9:45 p.m. Unanimous on roll call vote.**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 9:46 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

Myron Steere reported out on a discussion with the interim Superintendent. She has requested until Friday to consider.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok