

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Great Brook School

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Dick Dunning,
Tom Kelly, Janine Lesser,
David Martz, Stephan Morrissey,
Linda Quintanilha, Kristen Reilly,
Myron Steere

Linda Compton, CVEA
Maeve Newman, Student Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Allwarden, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Dr. Rick Matte, Student Services
Tim Markley, H.R.
Nicky Fraley, FES
Colleen Roy, HES
Gib West, CVHS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Myron Steere called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II

a. Legal

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:00 p.m. for legal matters. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

David Martz moved to exit non-public session at 7:47 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

3. Accept School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. October 4, 2016

A motion to accept the minutes of October 4, 2016 was made. Second. Unanimous.

4. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders reported out on various Points of Pride that have occurred throughout the district.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) 2016-2017 Nomination

Tim Markley referenced the nomination of Susan Fass, Speech Pathologist.

Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the nomination as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

2) Notice of Stipend Positions

Tim Markley referenced the stipend positions for notification of the board.

Kimberly shared a request for additional staff at FES.

b. Board Requests

Kimberly Saunders noted requests for information made of the board to the SAU.

7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

CVAA Negotiations will meet on Tuesday, October 25th and Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in non-public session.

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.

b. Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) & SAT Presentation

Dr. Ann Allwarden shared ELA and Math SBAC data. Gains have been made in these areas. The percentage of students who have scored at level 3 or 4 has risen in many levels.

When looking at results from last spring, we note that ELA, speaking and listening, is a strength in multiple areas.

Areas to strengthen include reading text. Math concepts and procedures is an area to strengthen.

More work dissecting the results will take place to mine further into what it all means. This test measures the understanding of the Common Core Standards.

SAT's were used for the first time last year for State testing in 2016.

For reading and math, areas of proficient and proficient with distinction were shared.

Next steps include focus on reviewing math content with goal of bringing K-12 recommendations forward. Reading recommendations will be developed as well.

Myron Steere asked the board to think about configuration possibilities that may be more efficient. Kimberly Saunders said that the administration does not have those parameters yet.

A financial and educational equity analysis has been requested with a resulting RFP. There has been less clarity on what the parameters are. Administration is under the assumption that the board wants to be actively involved in developing the models.

Strategic Plan Committee is talking about what would be contained in an educational RFP. The only known parameter is keeping the nine towns intact and not closing schools.

Dick Dunning said that he thought, after looking at financial and educational impacts that more might be asked. Confirmed.

Kimberly Saunders said that she understands that models are to be considered. We need to know what is on and off the table. Are we doing everything we can to operate efficiently under our current Articles of Agreement? Status quo is always on the table.

Dick Dunning said that status quo would be unacceptable to the Town of Peterborough. They want to know the financial impact on each town so equity is apparent.

Administration should be asked what other options should be considered. A Public Relations firm was to be hired.

Rich Cahoon asked to defer this conversation to the first meeting in November until RFP's come in. Once we know if there is a financial equity issue the board can move forward.

c. Executive Summary

Kimberly Saunders referenced a copy of her Executive Summary weekly report.

8. Reports

a. Student Representative – Maeve Newman

Maeve Newman reported that in a recent A Cappella competition, boys got silver and girls got gold. Homecoming went well. Fifteen exchange students are shadowing ConVal students. *Most Likely to Succeed* movie will be viewed by students next week. ConVal Drama will perform "Pride and Prejudice" soon.

b. Teacher Representative – Linda Compton

Linda Compton reported that the NEA Conference on October 7th provided great professional development opportunities. ConVal Music has a Haunted Trail fundraiser coming up.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Pierce Rigrod

Tabled.

d. Budget & Property Committee – Dick Dunning

Dick Dunning reported that the Daniels Fund Update is pending. 2017/2018 Budget Assumptions were shared. Marian reported that NHRS rate increase is actually a 10% rate increase for teachers but impact is still the same in terms of dollars.

Dick referenced the revised transfer request included in folders.

Marian Alese reviewed transfer requests.

Stephan Morrissey moved that Marian make the transfers as outlined. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

e. Communication Committee – Stephan Morrissey

Stephan Morrissey reported that the committee met with Scott Spradling about tweeting and other forms of communication that would bring ConVal into modern age while not ignoring traditional communication.

1) Priorities for Press Releases

Timeliness of budget news and potential future bond issue was discussed. Strategic Plan dates can be scheduled for release.

9. Old Business

a. 2nd Read Policy/Adoption (Board Vote Required)

- IMDA – Patriotic Exercises

Rich Cahoon moved this policy for adoption. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.

10. New Business

a. Budget Transfer Requests

- Fund Sabbatical Request

Kimberly Saunders reported that a request for a sabbatical is pending funding if available.

A motion to approve the funding for a sabbatical was made. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

b. Expenditure Report

Marian Alese reported that the expenditure report will be revised and brought to a future meeting.

c. CVHS Raised Beds

A proposal for raised beds at CVHS was shared. It is the beginning of more facility requirements.

A motion was made to put in raised beds. Second. Unanimous.

Request for additional staff at FES – current enrollment is 69. Freestanding Kindergarten and adding a first grade teacher is proposed. Needs are great enough that a single para would not be sufficient.

David Martz moved to accept the addition of a teacher at FES. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests listed totaling \$385,923.33 and Payroll 8 totaling \$830,799.19 have been reviewed by her and found to be proper charges against Contoocook valley School District for goods and or services received and have been properly processed prior to their submittal to the School Board.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the manifests as shared. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

Stephan Morrissey motioned to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 8:41pm for student matters. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to exit non-public session at 8:45pm. Second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II for personnel at 8:45pm. Unanimous on roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to exit non-public session at 9:00pm. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to allow, in the case of rescinding a retirement, if not yet budgeted. In addition, if it is already budgeted, than the request to rescind a formerly noticed retirement would be denied. Second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II for negotiations at 9:01 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to exit non-public session at 9:08 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

David Martz motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session for a student matter in perpetuity. Second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session for teacher retirement for 5 years. Second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to accept letter of agreement for Shea Field. Second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to seal the minutes related to the document shared by the Superintendent for one month. Second. Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok