

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

SAU Office

Peterborough, NH

School Board Meeting

Immediately Following Public Hearing

Minutes

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,
Jim Fredrickson, Bernd Foecking,
Janine Lesser, Niki McGettigan,
Stephan Morrissey, Linda Quintanilha,
Pierce Rigrod, Crista Salamy,
Myron Steere, Jerome Wilson

Lily Denehy, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Mindy Ryan, B.A.
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.
Stephanie Syre-Hager, AES/Pierce
Kat Foecking, FES
Fabiola Woods, TES
Helena Bates, PES
Nicole Pease, DCS
Amy Janoch, HES
Colleen Roy, GES
Tim Grossi, Facilities Dir.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Myron Steere called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

a. January 2, 2018

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of January 2, 2018. Second. Stephan Morrissey, Linda Quintanilha, and Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

3. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders reported that we were in school for five straight days last week. Weather has been cooperating.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Nominations

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the nomination of Shannon Sweeney, CVHS Math Teacher. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

2) Notice of Stipend Positions

Tim Markley referenced the stipend positions for notification only.

b. Board Requests

Kimberly Saunders reported having received a request about the way that we determine indoor recess.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

1) Budget Road Shows

Kimberly Saunders asked the board if there is the intent to conduct Budget Road Shows. Dick Dunning recommended doing a presentation for SAC.

Board members will reach out to the Town Select board to see if there is interest in district staff meeting with them in their towns.

Dick Dunning suggested going with SAC and the opportunity to go to individual towns if desired. John Jordan agreed to send out an email to SAC.

2) Public Hearing – Petitioned Warrant Articles

b. Update on Trustee's

Kimberly Saunders reported out on a meeting with Andrew Mann's. We have a clear understanding of where our Trust Funds are currently.

c. Meeting with Commissioner of Department of Education

Kimberly Saunders reported that she met with the DOE Commissioner of Education. It was a productive meeting on the topic of reconfiguration options and the potential support that might be offered by the DOE in the area of Community Engagement Grants. The Commissioner was very receptive. The Scholastic Community Grant was one way that assistance might be provided.

d. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

- 1) ConVal High School requests authorization to accept from: Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship Foundation, the following gift/donation of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of student scholarships.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to accept the gift as read with thanks. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

7. Reports

a. Student Representative – Lily Denehy

Lily Denehy reported that the Celebration of Learning took place last week. The first semester is ending.

b. Teacher Representative – Patrick Cogan/Linda Compton

None.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Bernd Foecking

Bernd Foecking reported that an update on goals and timing on the Strategic Plan was provided by the Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent provided new wording on Goal 1 of the plan. Discussion took place on reconfiguration. Professional help is needed to determine the impact of a school closing in a town.

8. Old Business

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

- IHBAD: Independent Special Education Evaluation

Rich Cahoon reported that this policy is pulled for tonight until further discussion.

- JLCK: Special Physical Health Needs of Students

Rich Cahoon motioned to adopt this policy as presented. Stephan second. Unanimous.

b. Arts Enrichment Recommendation

The recommendation is to collect data over the 2018-2019 school year and make recommendations. One option was a Building Based Fund Allocation where the approximate \$100K would be distributed to each school on a per student basis.

The recommendation is to continue with the current model and look at providing STEAM into the current model.

Rich Cahoon asked about the data collection in Option 2; what will the follow-up look like. Any recommendation for change would be for the 2019-2020 budget.

What types of data would be collected? How many teachers take advantage of the program; how many students are touched by the program; is it equitable across the district; what is actually being integrated, etc.

Niki McGettigan cautioned that money would be allocated by student. A performance costs a specific amount of money; not per person.

Rich Cahoon asked that a note be made on the date and time. Is a formal data collection effort worthwhile next year with everything else on the plate? He was in favor of extending to STEAM.

Dick Dunning said that he would like a recommendation for budget purposes before next year's budget. Kimberly confirmed.

c. Tuition Rate

Kimberly Saunders reported that current tuition is \$6,975.00 for students outside of the district to attend ConVal schools. Does the board want to continue using this rate or do something else?

Rich Cahoon asked if this could be deferred until we see what happens with SB193. Kimberly Saunders said that we could defer but parents begin to make decisions on tuition requests at this time of year.

Rich Cahoon suggested that the board stay with status quo for three months and return. Enrollees would use current prices

Rich Cahoon moved to keep the rate the same for three months. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous. We currently have five students who tuition into ConVal schools. **Unanimous.**

d. Warrant Assignments

Board members volunteered to speak on specific warrant articles at District Meeting on February 6th.

e. Delegate Assembly

NHSB Delegate Assembly is January 20th. Board members were asked if they could attend. Janine Lesser volunteered to attend on behalf of the board.

f. NHSBA Resolutions

Rich Cahoon referenced submissions by other school boards.

Rich Cahoon suggested that this board support Resolution #15 submitted by the Keene School Board.

Rich Cahoon motioned to support in Keene's favor. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha moved to support the NHSB recommendations with the exception of #15. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

9. New Business

a. Primex Contribution Assurance Program

Kimberly Saunders reported that every year we have the opportunity to participate in this; it would be 2020-2022 and would cap a rate increase at 7% for July 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Stephan Morrissey moved to follow the recommendation. There is no cost to this. It is an incentive to stay with our present insurer.

This locks us into a contract for three years.

Rich Cahoon said that we would be waiving our competitive bid policy as a result of this costing more than the threshold. DJE is the bidding requirement policy – the threshold is 15K or more.

Stephan Morrissey withdrew his motion.

Stephan Morrissey moved to waive the policy on bidding for this purpose. Jerome Wilson second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to authorize the Superintendent to proceed with this. Jerome Wilson second. Unanimous.

Bernd Foecking said that at some point this should be bid out again as a result of the length of time the district will be with Primex.

b. Insurance Rates

Kimberly Saunders said that at this point, the board makes a decision on the insurance rate for those staff that are not covered by the CVEA.

Stephan Morrissey moved to keep the insurance rate employee contributions the same as prior years for those staff that are not covered by the CVEA. Rich Cahoon second.

Rich Cahoon said that the board needs to signal that the employee contribution rate needs to increase at some point. Typical is 20%. The board needs to state publically that our contribution needs to change. Rich does not want to disadvantage non-bargaining employees but we need to look at this. 12% is below what is typical of surrounding areas as well as the entire state.

Unanimous.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Mindy Ryan certified that manifests listed totaling \$654,860.13 and Payroll totaling \$841,894.77 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.

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

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session at 7:35 p.m. for matters of negotiation, personnel, and legal. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to exit non-public session at 8:18 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha moved to approve personal leave. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha moved to approve leave of absence for sabbatical. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha moved to give administration the authority to release legal correspondence if needed. Second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to seal the minutes on non-public session for personal leave and leave of absence for five years. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha moved to seal the minutes of negotiations for two years 2 years. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok