

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Communication Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**SAU #1**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members:**

- Niki McGettigan, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- James Fredrickson
- Stephan Morrissey
- Janine Lesser
- Kristen Reilly

**Present:** Niki McGettigan, Rich Cahoon, James Fredrickson, Stephan Morrissey, Janine Lesser, Kristen Reilly, Myron Steere

**1. Call to order**

**Niki McGettigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**2. Accept minutes of June 26, 2018**

**Kristen Reilly moved to accept the minutes of June 26, 2018. Janine Lesser second. Rich Cahoon abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.**

**3. Plan the roll out of “Reimagining ConVal” ( model(s) ) / SB Communication’s Committee Role**

Niki McGettigan said that a revision to the communication plan is needed as a result of recent conversation about reconfiguration/consolidation of the ConVal District.

The Science Lab communication was moved to the end of September to allow final pictures and reporting out on total cost savings.

Historical information about the creation of the ConVal School District is needed. The information about the formation of ConVal is being sought.

A building of understanding about the District and Articles of Agreement are needed.

Janine Lesser said that we can’t forget that what is missing is a viable proposal.

Special Education is the difference in why fifty students in a school no longer works. We need a lot more services in each school and that costs a lot of money. It is about providing equitable services today.

When looking at enrollment across the years, it is important to discuss why having 50 students in a school years ago was viable and it might not be now. In a small school, students who require a 1:1 aid might be served in a larger school with one person and more than one student. But, because the needs of a student might be specific, a single person serves that student. This results in more adults needed.

It was also stated that Building Aid played a factor in the formation of ConVal.

#### **4. Assign tasks and deadlines / check in's**

Topic/Month assignments for communication:

History of ConVal in October.

History of the process should be communicated in October.

ATC Communication – whose role is it to communicate? Administration or Communication Committee?

October/November - Impact of the contract and the budget impact on tax bills was discussed.

Understanding Your Tax Bill as an article for the newspaper- Jim Fredrickson.

Tax bills have to be a part of the conversation. It is not just about the teacher's contract, it is about unfunded mandates, push downs from the State, special education costs needed, town spending etc.

The communities are aware of the board vote to put something on the ballot in March. Communication is needed sooner than later.

The actual warrant article on consolidation/reconfiguration needs discussion in terms of wording.

Communication in front of selling a 7-12 model is necessary. It needs to be said that an implementation plan is being written.

A change to the Articles of Agreement would need to be voted to implement the proposed change.

#### **5. Set next meeting time? Do we need additional meetings considering warrant?**

More than one meeting in October, November and December will be needed.

#### **6. Other**

None.

**Stephan Morrissey moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok