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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Plan Committee
SAU Office/Boardroom

Thursday, August 9, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

School Board Committee Members:

- Pierce Rigrod, Chair
- Richard Dunning
- Bernd Foecking
- Jim Fredrickson
- Janine Lesser
- Kristen Reilly

Present: Pierce Rigrod, Janine Lesser, Kristen Reilly, Kimberly Saunders, Dr. Ann Forrest,
John Jordan, Myron Steere, Jerome Wilson

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Pierce Rigrod called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2018

Janine Lesser moved to accept the minutes of June 14, 2018. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.

3. Finalizing Reconfiguration (cost question, # of days, other questions, issues)

Kimberly Saunders confirmed that the plan was to wait to create the full implementation plan until the third concept is brought to the Board. The thought was to bring the models forward in September, the full Board needs to choose one, and then it will be shared with the community to gain input. (Copies of the two former models were distributed)

Is the second board meeting in September acceptable to vote on a model? The most educationally sound model for the dollar needs consideration. Confirmed.

Kristen Reilly asked that the draft of the third model be sent to the full board in advance of the next Board meeting. Kimberly Saunders confirmed.

Pierce Rigrod asked that Google Drive be utilized to share the three models and the opportunity to post questions and comments.

Discussion took place about the potential of a 205 day school year for teachers. The lack of negotiation for this is in conflict with what teachers are asking for; more time in the classroom and not being pulled out for professional development.

The savings anticipated in the consolidation model was discussed (approximately \$3M per year). Staffing assumptions account for the bulk of the savings.

The \$3M savings includes the factoring in of preschool and other items stated.

Pierce Rigrod said that this information should be uploaded onto the website, in one place, for the public to review and have access to. It should be clearly detailed identifying which model was selected to bring forward as well as the other models considered but not selected.

The third model, under development and near completion, is a middle ground compromise addressing many options, but not all. It will be educationally sound.

Is a moderator or facilitator necessary for the September meeting to keep the conversation forward moving? Myron Steere said that he felt confident in moving the conversation. If needed, a special meeting could be called.

4. Third SAU Model - [date] - (Discussion of what this could look like)

5. Process & Timeline

- July - Survey Monkey Survey of Board

Kimberly Saunders reported that she can go through and combine the two surveys but there would be a statistical difference. She could also send the second out again. It was confirmed that Kimberly would send the second survey out again to the full board.

- August - 3rd Model Implementation Outline
- September - Multi-Age Policy

Is a multi-age policy necessary as a next step? The point of the policy is so that all models would reflect the grouping of kids that would take place. It will direct decision making; it would provide a framework. It is difficult to develop a policy until more is known about the potential model. This will be placed on the back burner.

- October - Board Vote on Concepts (Moved up to 2nd Board Meeting in September)
- November - Build Concept to Implementation Plan
- December to March Public Forums

Being ready to go in December for the March vote was discussed.

What are the thoughts on forums? Committee members were asked to share their vision.

Jerry Wilson said that the position of the board should be shared. As an example only, the configuration could be stated to be unsustainable, declining enrollments exist; the benefit in the future for reconfiguring or consolidated will be "X".

Kimberly said that hard work developing the message is needed. Using social media and other media to share information is critical. The conversation comes down to money. The reason is the inability to drive the budget down is of concern. The message needs to be about the re-imagining of what ConVal can be. We still have the problem of declining enrollment.

The board needs to clearly articulate to people that if this does not pass, that the community is agreeing that this will be laid to rest for a number of years.

The message should be unified in presentation form. The Communications Committee can address this and take it forward. "Go2Meeting" was cited as one option. Talking points should be developed. FAQ's should be put out ahead of time.

6. Other Business

Edits to the Strategic Plan from April were asked. The SAU is reviewing the edits; it should be complete by August 22nd.

Is a version with tracked changes necessary? A revision date on the first page should be documented. Two revised documents exist currently.

7. Adjourn

Kristen motioned to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok