

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

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET & PROPERTY

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

South Meadow School Library

7:00 PM

Agenda

Committee Members:

- Jim Fredrickson, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- Richard Dunning
- Niki McGettigan
- Stephan Morrissey
- Pierce Rigrod

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2018**
- 3. 2019-2020 Budget - update/status, budget presentation requirements**
- 4. Default Budget - NHSBA guidance**
- 5. Solar project - next steps**
- 6. Antrim update - gym and field**
- 7. High School Science project – est. final costs/Trust Fund balance**

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**SAU Office
5:30 PM**

Minutes

Committee Members:

- Jim Fredrickson, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- Richard Dunning
- Niki McGettigan
- Stephan Morrissey
- Pierce Rigrod

Present: Jim Fredrickson, Richard Dunning, Niki McGettigan, Stephan Morrissey, John Jordan, Kimberly Saunders

1. Call to Order

Jim Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – July 24, 2018

June 26 – Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2018. Stephan Morrissey second. Dick Dunning abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

July 24 – Rich Cahoon moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2018. Jim Fredrickson second. Dick Dunning, Stephan Morrissey, and Niki McGettigan abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

3. 2019-20 Budget Guidance

Default figures for the CVEA next year are needed. The overall CVEA salary line, if there is no contract, was asked.

Kimberly Saunders reported that she anticipates that between \$700 and \$780K will be returned to the taxpayers. Is food service included in this figure? There is a difference between what the food service company and what our auditors are saying that our deficit is. We are awaiting additional information.

Fruits and Vegetables is a separate line and not part of their contract. Rich Cahoon said that it should be part of the contract because it is a guarantee. It is a direct subsidy.

What percentage of students who participate in our programs participate in breakfast?

Dick Dunning asked about the before and after school care and the commitment for there to be no cost to the district. He asked about the \$51 per hour charge for transportation if we go over and who would be paying that cost.

Kimberly Saunders said that she will want to know how the board wants the budget presented. What specific information is important to know?

Dick Dunning said that the cost of athletics is important to know. He wants to know about the number of teams that CVHS has. Are we filling the teams that we have?

Kimberly said that discussion might be warranted about continuing specific sports/teams.

Kimberly said that information about our teams, both middle and high school will be discussed.

What was deferred, if anything, to protect the unreserved fund balance?

4. High School Science Project Update

Jim Fredrickson reported that the \$1.7M estimate was original; it is currently \$200K over which does not include \$400K in reductions; resulting in an estimated \$200K savings over what was planned. The project should be complete in the third week of September. Hutter Construction has done a great job on this project. The District facilities staff has had an impact on cutting costs.

5. Antrim Gym Update

Jim Fredrickson reported that the lack of timely communication continues. Antrim made a decision to do some drainage work. Jim has been requested to attend another Select board meeting.

6. Solar Energy Discussion (see attached)

Michelle Russell reported that her hope is to install solar panels on the CVHS and SMS roofs in 2019. Current tax breaks are 30% by the end of 2019 if the project is completed.

This is still in the proposal phase. Emily Manns, Peterborough Energy Committee, said that the hope is to gain approval and complete by the end of 2019.

Michelle spoke about the RFQ process and shared a draft. The offer is "what can they do to help to make this possible in the best interest of the school district?"

Emily Manns said that she has reached out to learn more about energy rates. The RFQ would be a competitive process.

Stephan Morrissey spoke about the need to minimize expenses and be revenue neutral or revenue gain to get off the mark.

Jim said that discussion about establishing a smaller committee on this topic took place. Nothing has moved from that earlier discussion.

Discussion took place about our aging facilities and capital work that needs to take place.

Ms. Manns said that there is money out there for solar energy projects. In addition, there are educational aspects that tie in to such a project.

Jim cited two issues of resources – (cost, time and people), and (opportunity costs of the project to do this work). Kimberly said that the board would need to decide the prioritization of such a project and when/if it would be feasible.

Jim asked Michelle to call Tim Grossi to get the figures for energy from National Grid.

Dick Dunning said that we would need to get hard figures to see if this is worth it. At what point do the two roofs proposed for solar need to be replaced? This would need to be calculated into the project.

Michelle said that this is an exploration to learn what the hard numbers are.

Emily Manns said that they are committed to the result to be a cost savings for the district.

Dick Dunning spoke about decisions needed that factor in to this such as the proposed consolidation of schools. There is interest in a solar project.

Niki McGettigan said that she is hopeful that this group does not get discouraged and continues forward.

It is a worthy project, however, the thought was to aim for 2020 given other considerations currently impacting this proposal.

Emily Manns said that they are not asking to build solar panels. They are asking to put out an RFP.

Jim said that there is a lot on the plate right now; realistically it is tough to move this up in que. The question is timing. There are ballot initiatives, negotiations, and consolidation/reconfiguration considerations.

Jim offered a meeting of key district people to meet and talk about the information that is needed. Early October was proposed.

7. Old Business/Open Items

None.

8. Other

None.

Rich Cahoon moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok