

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

7:00 p.m.
SAU Office

Minutes

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,
Jim Fredrickson, Janine Lesser,
Niki McGettigan, Stephan Morrissey,
Linda Quintanilha, Kristen Reilly,
Crista Salamy, Myron Steere,
Jerome Wilson

Molly Janoch/Marina McMahon, Student Reps.
Asher MacLeod, CVEA Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Ben Moenter, Special Ed.
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.
Jim Elder, GBS
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Larry Pimental, PES
Nicole Pease, DCS
Colleen Roy, GES
Stephanie Syre-Hager, AES

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. Accept School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. October 2, 2018

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of October 2, 2018. Dick Dunning second. Crista Salamy abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

3. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders shared various Points of Pride as reported to her by administrators.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Retirements June 2020

Tim Markley referenced three requests for retirement in June 2020; Dana Wood, Andy Bills, and Lise Lemieux.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the June 2020 retirements as shared. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

A Budget Drill Down will take place on Tuesday, November 13th from 10-12 at the SAU.

The November meetings for Strategic Plan Committee and ATC Committee will take place on November 8th at 6:00 and 7:00 respectively were confirmed.

7. Reports

a. Student Representative – Marina McMahon/Molly Janoch

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.

Molly Janoch reported that Savannah Lee will be the Food Service Committee student representative. Marina McMahon said that discussion is underway on how to improve the school.

b. Teacher Representative – Asher MacLeod

Asher MacLeod reported that staff are participating in the Innovation Box project to take on an issue in their school.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Pierce Rigrod

Passed over.

d. Education Committee – Crista Salamy

Crista Salamy reported that the middle school inquiry groups are looking at educational equities between GBS and SMS. Data is being collected about differences and similarities.

A presentation on SWIFT was shared. SWIFT's name may change for ConVal. Lastly, a subcommittee of the Education Committee will look at the "I" policies.

Dick Dunning said that the behavior/conduct matrix being worked on is impressive. Consistency for both schools is important.

e. Communication Committee – Niki McGettigan

Niki McGettigan reported that review of the website renewal and revisions took place at the recent meeting. Focus on uploading valuable information on the website is underway. Discussion about two meetings per month took place; the first is a regular meeting while the second will be a working meeting. Niki shared her appreciation for the communication of the great things happening in our schools; in particular through twitter. Discussion took place about the importance of having a communication person on staff; likely not feasible.

f. Building Committee – Jim Fredrickson

Jim Fredrickson reported on several expenditures for items not previously thought of. The School Safety and Mgmt. Bureau has suggested that an application for improving security to the tune of \$110K to install security cameras in the elementary schools be applied for. The money, if awarded, would have to be spent no later than early next year.

Jim Fredrickson moved to submit the application. Stephan Morrissey second. Dick Dunning clarified that we expend up front and we get reimbursed. Confirmed. A line transfer may be necessary. Reimbursement comes within the same budget year.

Unanimous.

8. Old Business

a. Board Budget Discussion

Kimberly Saunders reported that discussion is underway about what the budget presentation will look like on November 3rd. If the board has direction, it is needed ASAP.

b. Funding Formula Discussion

Kimberly Saunders distributed information about proposed model suggestions for potential funding formulas (see attached).

Kimberly said that initially, the concern identified as a school board to look at models was around equity of services for students. It has shifted to financial.

Janine Lesser asked about the Fall Mountain funding formula. She said that Marian completed an analysis that concluded that the current model is the fairest. Is it possible to look at a different way of funding?

The minimum ADM (average daily membership) concept would charge towns on what a school should look like. For example if 70 students in a building is optimum, towns would be charged for 70 students even if that had fewer. It is the same map. In terms of a change to the Articles of Agreement it is simpler. A shift to greater EV (equalized valuation) affects the town of Sharon in particular and they do not have a school in their town. Towns that have the highest EV have the lowest student counts; not always the case. To assure the smaller schools pay their share, moving toward a minimum is appealing. The math needs to be well defined.

What the financially reasonable census in a school would be needs definition.

A rolling average was considered as a suggestion rather than year to year data. What would that look like?

What is the board's expectation on savings to the taxpayers and addressing the inequities that may or may not exist? For example, if a town is paying for 70 students do they get more services i.e. a full time librarian?

A change to the Articles of Agreement requires 2/3's vote to pass.

What are the next steps and what is required of the board? A reasonable minimum for each school needs determination and review. The tax impact of that needs to be determined.

If a school has a capacity of 125, at what point is it deemed too small? Is it 75, is it 50%?

The rated capacity of the building is not useful. It assumes a certain number of square feet per student. Looking at the reasonable number of students per class and multiplying that by the number of classes was suggested. Combined classrooms need consideration; at what number for student enrollment do we combine classrooms?

The board should narrow the task for administration. A formula needs to be drafted and then a warrant article.
Linda Quintanilha suggested 12 students as a valid number for a classroom times the number of classrooms in a school. She asked what inequities would reverse should this pass.
Kristen Reilly agreed that this originally began about the inequities.
Rich Cahoon and Myron Steere said that this does not solve anything other than the funding. We have not talked about what we are not doing right now because of the small sizes of some of our schools.
Rich suggested a simple spreadsheet, 10 days from now, so that the board can develop questions. Kimberly Saunders agreed.
Linda Quintanilha asked what it looks like for a town when billed for one more student. Kimberly said that information will be coming forward.
Jerry Wilson requested looking at 60/40 (ADM/EV).
Another suggestion was that towns that do not have an enrollment problem should be held harmless.
Linda Quintanilha asked for the opposite 40/60 (ADM/EV).
The most recent tax year data will be used to calculate.
Kimberly said that no discussion has taken place about redistributing adequacy. Confirmed.
Niki McGettigan reminded everyone that we are ConVal even though we are talking about different towns.

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

- BA: Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the policy as read. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

- JLCL: Life Threatening Allergies

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the policy as read. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

9. New Business

a. 1st Read Policy

- BBA: School Board Powers and Duties

- BEDB: Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

Rich Cahoon referenced these as first reads. Please send questions or comments to the Policy Committee.

b. Expenditure Report

Rich Cahoon noted at least eight lines that have a negative balance. At what point are transfers needed. Kimberly said that all of the money is there; things need to get moved around. This is house cleaning. Transfers will come. We are not negative, we did not over spend money.

10. Public Comment

Tory Boyd reported that DCS has had numerous things happening; Cornucopia Project, Arts Integration, town officials have been interviewed, a monarch caterpillar was hatched, a new sandbox, a new Maple Tree, after school book buddies and many more activities.

John Anderson, Antrim, said that fairness in his opinion is very subjective. Is it fair that an owner of a \$200,000 home in one town pays more than in another? It is fair that some schools are subsidized by taxpayers in other towns?

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Kimberly Saunders certified that manifests listed totaling \$602,299.42 and Payroll totaling \$872,894.24 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 in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 8:04 pm for matters of negotiations, personnel, and legal.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 8:34 p.m. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes of negotiations for a period of 15 years. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes of three personnel minutes for a period of three (3) years. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes of legal for a period of ten (10) years. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the retirement requests for the 1st and 3rd request. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the 2nd personnel request and a waiver to the time frame as requested. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Kimberly Saunders reported that the district has received the Guaranteed Maximum Rate (GMR) for health insurance at a rate of 4.2%. This is the Guaranteed Maximum Rate for Health Insurance.

Stephan Morrissey moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Marschok', written in a cursive style.

Brenda Marschok

Proposed Models

ADM	EV
50	50
25	70
Minimum 60	
Minimum 70	
Minimum 80	
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