

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

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET & PROPERTY

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

**SAU #1 Board Room
5:30 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 – September 25, 2018**
- 3. Proposed Solar Project Update**
- 4. 2019-2020 Budget – Changes to Budget Guidance**
- 5. High School Science Project**
- 6. Plans for School Board Budget Work Session Meeting on November 3, 2018**
- 7. Other**

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Tuesday, September 25, 2018

**South Meadow School Library
7:00 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, Kimberly Saunders, Tim Grossi, Myron Steere (7:34 p.m.), Rich Cahoon (7:36 p.m.), John Jordan (SAC)

1. Call to Order

Jim Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2018

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

3. 2019-2020 Budget - update/status, budget presentation requirements

None.

4. Default Budget - NHSBA guidance

Kimberly Saunders reported that the default budget is a number; interesting changes are underway as to what can and cannot be included in the default number. Kimberly will attend a workshop on October 3rd to learn more. The default budget cannot be more than the last approved budget. If the transportation contract is scheduled to go up, the budget can only be calculated at the previous approved budget. Suppose this year, we got a default budget. Does a default next year mean that the last approved budget is used?

Jim Fredrickson said that there is a new law that is open to interpretation. This committee has a duty to understand this topic.

Dick Dunning suggested asking the School Board Association lawyer to attend a meeting with the board on this topic.

Developing a list of items that would be slated for cuts was suggested. Looking at athletics was asked in terms of enrollments and the numbers of athletic offerings was asked. Summer academy numbers should be looked at to identify credit recovery enrollment and supplemental courses.

Course requirements at the high school and class loads should be reviewed.

Stipends for athletics might be considered for increases should the number of offerings be decreased.

ATC program additions might be further considered while identifying another for elimination.

If a student can take as many VLACS classes as they like toward graduation credits, limiting them needs review. It is a budget consideration.

Rich Cahoon asked if separate warrant articles for budget additions to the default should be asked. For example, Quest Camp, Cornucopia, JV Field Hockey etc.

How many programs does ConVal offer that are not mandatory? What do they look like? If we are looking at enrichment, these would be the first things to come out, not core programming.

Discussion about sports in existence that were said to be fully supported by booster organizations and never through the budget took place i.e. equestrian, boys ice hockey, football lights, and the pilot program running at DCS.

Tim Grossi spoke about the impact of athletic and co-curricular participation for students and the positive environment that it provides for them.

Administration needs to provide a recommendation. Is there demand to justify a program?

For boy's ice hockey, either increasing the participation fee or asking Jaffrey to contribute more was stated as a possibility.

Larger considerations include the arts integration program and the administrative model at the high school. What capital improvement projects will be able to be addressed in the foreseeable future?

5. Solar project - next steps

Dick Dunning suggested that a subcommittee would/could be developed for this purpose. Discussion about hiring a professional group to investigate took place along with associated costs.

Tim Grossi said that three vendors have been met with on this topic. The overlying reason districts move in this direction is to reduce the carbon footprint. Consideration for the life of the project to return a savings to the district is needed. In addition, conditions of the proposed roofs in terms of repair/replace during the term of the solar panels should be a concern.

Dick Dunning said having an independent body look at this is right.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to investigate hiring a third party consultant to conduct a solar power feasibility study for the high school and middle school. It must be revenue neutral and must come at no cost to taxpayers.

Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

6. Antrim update - gym and field

Jim Fredrickson reported a response from Antrim asking to share the cost of excavation necessary to assure no moisture is in the gym floor. They propose a 50/50 split. Jim suggested a commission be formed to develop a usage formula. Antrim declined; Bob Edwards moved forward to develop a commission but received no second to the motion. An alternative usage proposal will be developed; 60/40 is proposed. Usage calculation on the fields is under consideration as well.

7. High School Science project – est. final costs/Trust Fund balance

Jim Fredrickson reported that the high school science room's project came in under budget. The punch list remains to be completed. Hoods should have arrived today.

Jim estimated that the unofficial result is anticipated to be \$288,918 below budget.

Trust Fund Summary – There is a public hearing on Tuesday to expend trust funds from the Special Education Trust; approximate of \$200K.

If numbers for the project come in as anticipated, \$418,168 would be needed from Capital Reserve.

Athletics/Co-Curricular – far less than \$77K is anticipated which would leave more than the estimated end of year balance at \$211,694.

Equipment – discussion about more equipment for science labs and a tractor are anticipated.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok