

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

School Board Meeting

SAU Office

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,
Jim Fredrickson, Bernd Foecking,
Janine Lesser, Niki McGettigan,
Stephan Morrissey, Linda Quintanilha,
Kristen Reilly, Pierce Rigrod,
Myron Steere, Jerome Wilson

Molly Janoch, Student Rep.
Asher MacLeod, CVEA Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Mindy Ryan, B.A.
Ben Moenter, Special Ed.
Jim Elder, GBS
Amy Janoch, HES
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
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. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A: 3, II (If Required)

a. Legal

Stephan Morrissey motioned to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:00 pm for legal matters. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to exit non-public session at 7:07 p.m. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

3. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. January 3, 2019

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of January 3, 2019. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

b. January 8, 2019

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of January 8, 2019. Dick Dunning second. Linda Quintanilha abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

4. Points of Pride

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

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) 1:1 Para Justification – SMS

Kimberly Saunders referenced a 1:1 para justification.

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.

Linda Quintanilha moved to approve the request as presented. Dick Dunning second. This position will continue beyond the current year and will be ongoing.

Unanimous.

7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

- Public Hearing – Football Helmets

The date for the Public Hearing on Football Helmets was set for Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

b. ESSA designations – Ann Forrest, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Ann Forrest and Stephanie Syre-Hager shared information about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds ACT). The plan needs to identify an accountability plan. The plan uses state assessment for grades 3-8. One indicator is an achievement indicator – the average performance level of all students who participated in NH's Statewide Assessment System.

Growth – the average growth percentile (AGP) for all students with AGP's.

Progress toward English Language Proficiency –

Equity – the average student growth percentile for the lowest performing in a school.

This information is taken and translated into a score from 1-4. Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools are identified as a result. AES scored a 1 in achievement and a 2 in growth. Subgroups were not large enough to determine scores for English language proficiency and Equity.

AES was identified in November/December.

Diagnostic review is pending from the State. The RFP Diagnostic Review has not been identified.

While we are waiting for the State, we have started looking at information.

Stephanie Syre-Hager reported that data is being reviewed. In particular, student performance on district and state assessment is being compared with other data collected on students.

A review of instructional practices took place. A review of district professional development (PD) offered and an assessment of that PD took place. In addition, a review of district/school leadership practices occurred. Lastly, a review of available supports and interventions was looked at. Rigor is being looked at in terms of student work. Looking at the barriers that students experience in the learning process took place.

AES is on the list for three years. In the next two years, we need to show improvement.

Rich Cahoon said that as a matter of statistical analysis, it should be noted that this is junk.

Ann Forrest confirmed, however she said that students are not performing where we would like them to.

Rich Cahoon said that concerns about sample size were noted. Kimberly Saunders said that this provides information and causes us to look at better ways to stretch and grow. It also provides dollars for this purpose.

The appeal process is fuzzy. The State is willing to sit down and discuss how the status was arrived at.

Rich said that a year from now we will either show growth or not; and it will be a different group of students. He shared concern if the board did not push back; this could become a significant issue for a town that is growing and its elementary school.

Kimberly recommended reaching out to the NHSBA and NHSAA and ask some questions as a starter. Meeting with the DOE is also an option to share concerns about being identified.

Rich asked the board's permission to contact the NHSBA.

Stephan Morrissey moved that Rich Cahoon contact the NHSBA on the ESSA designation for AES.

Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Dick Dunning expressed the positive things that he hears about AES.

c. Board Requests

None.

d. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

- 1) South Meadow School requests authorization to accept from: Kimberly and Tom Sell, the following gift/donation of a Suzuki Baby Grand Digital Piano valued at \$1,000.00 for the purpose of use in choir, general music and NHD.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the donation with gratitude. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

- 2) Dublin Consolidated School requests authorization to accept from: Dublin Community Foundation, the following gift/donation of a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of the April 15th Residency with the Children's Stage Adventures Program.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the donation with gratitude. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

- 3) Dublin Consolidated School requests authorization to accept from: DCS PTO, the following gift/donation of a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the purpose of the Children's Stage Adventures Program.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the donation with gratitude. Dick Dunning second.

What is Children's Stage Adventures Program? How do we address if this creates inequities in our schools? Kimberly said that not all of the schools participate in these particular programs.

Unanimous.

8. Reports

a. Student Representative - Molly Janoch/Marina McMahon

Molly Janoch reported that ConVal held its *Celebration of Learning* and it was a great success. For sports, Lindsay Carey got her 1,000th point in basketball; it's first in over a decade. Finals begin tomorrow and last two days. The new semester follows.

b. Teacher Representative – Asher MacLeod

Asher MacLeod reported CVEA fundraiser on snow predictions to benefit *End 68 Hours of Hunger*.

c. Budget & Property Committee – Jim Fredrickson

Jim Fredrickson reported discussion on a review of the Capital Improvement Plan.

The Capital Improvement Plan, over the next several years, totals \$4M. In addition, discussion about the possibility of a bond issue next March for some of this work took place. Security cameras for elementary schools, requiring funding from the district, in part, and completion of the work by April was discussed.

\$20K for LED for PES and AES with a payback in two years in savings was shared. Funds would be needed for this as well. A hearing will be needed for \$42K.

Lastly, the Town of Hancock requested use of trust funds for work to improve facilities used by Hancock Elementary School students was discussed.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exempt the bidding policy, DJE, on security. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Jim Fredrickson also reported on discussion on the impact of the funding formula change proposal and the impact on towns.

d. Communications Committee – Niki McGettigan

Communications reviewed the work Jim Fredrickson has been working tirelessly on around the impact of the budget as a whole and through certain warrant articles.

Niki put together Jim's information and will meet with Helfried Zrzavy to get parts up on the website.

Meanwhile, Kristen Reilly has worked hard on disseminating information about the default budget. It is also available on the website. This week, Niki said that she hopes to talk to the newspaper about single tier bussing.

e. Strategic Plan Committee - Bernd Foecking

Bernd Foecking reported that a decision to halt Strategic Plan meetings until after the vote was made. A mode of shepherding and determining work for next year will take place.

9. Old Business

a. Updated Operating Budget Versions– Mindy Ryan

Mindy Ryan reported that the Budget Version 5 remains the same. Default budget calculations were shared.

b. Other Warrant Articles

Rich Cahoon moved to include the tallies on all of the warrant articles that the board votes on for recommendations. Stephan Morrissey second. Linda Quintanilha, Dick Dunning, and Stephan Morrissey opposed. Motion carried.

Stephan Morrissey moved to recommend Article 03. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

c. Warrant Assignments

Board members volunteered to speak at District Meeting about specific warrant articles.

Discussion took place about the presentation for District Meeting. Jim said that slides and information should be ready. A spreadsheet of the last 10 years of budget totals should be available with decline in enrollment and decline in staffing.

Sharing information about what has been downshifted to the district should be shared as well. A slide on the change in the default budget calculation was asked. The Monadnock Ledger-Transcript explained it well, people still don't understand.

10. New Business

a. 1st Read Policy

- IMBA: Distance Education

Rich Cahoon referenced this policy as a first read. Please send comments or concerns to Carol Hills or Policy Committee members.

b. Default Budget and Recommendations

Kimberly Saunders asked the board if there was further conversation about the default.

Jim Fredrickson asked if any of the board received feedback about the proposed cuts. Several had.

Rich Cahoon reported that parents are concerned about programmatic cuts for programs that their children are involved.

Tim Markley referenced a job description for Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant for a first read.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Mindy Ryan certified that manifests totaling \$1,003,118.80 and Payroll totaling \$794,594.01 have been reviewed by her and found to be proper charges against 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 approval the manifests as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

13. 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 for negotiations and personnel at 8:12 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 8:39 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for legal and personnel in perpetuity. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the recommendation to add the insurance plan to programming. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok