

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Communication Committee Meeting**

**SAU #1 Board Room**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members:**

- Niki McGettigan, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- James Fredrickson
- Stephan Morrissey
- Janine Lesser
- Kristen Reilly

**Present:** Niki McGettigan, Rich Cahoon, James Fredrickson, Stephan Morrissey, Kristen Reilly, Kimberly Saunders, Myron Steere

**1. Call to order**

**Niki McGettigan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.**

**2. Accept minutes of February 18, 2019**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the minutes of February 18, 2019. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.**

Niki McGettigan thanked everyone who helped with communication toward the vote.

**3. Response(s) to voting.**

In the event of default budget, this was an agenda item. Niki reported putting a thank you out on Facebook to voters.

**4. Response(s) to funding etc.**

Niki McGettigan thanked Jim Fredrickson for his work on the white paper; the Budget Primer. She was able to field questions from the information included in the report. The information will be updated at some point in time.

Stephan Morrissey reported that Kimberly Saunders presented on the proposed budget in Frankestown and it was well received.

The vote on the busing was discussed. More information was needed.

#### **5. Determine new assignments, plan**

Writing "a thank you" to voters is one assignment.

The lawsuit was discussed. A Press Release has been distributed that was developed from the committee.

Kimberly reported meeting with staff in two group sessions today about the lawsuit. She suggested that board members do the same in their communities. The more people that understand the issue, the more support we will have.

Karen Hatcher has asked SAC to rally around this. Leveraging this group was suggested. Further discussion ensued.

The State's base adequacy is inadequate.

The solution is to increase base adequacy so that all children can have an equitable education. HB709 is based on capital gains.

#### **6. Updates for website**

Information will be placed on the website about the lawsuit.

#### **7. Other**

None.

**Rich Cahoon moved to enter into non-public session at 7:32 p.m. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.**

**Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 7:55 p.m. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.**

Kristen Reilly asked if it is okay to share information on the PowerPoint and HB 709 information.

Kimberly said that Legislation is a moving target; 709 has changed the amount they are putting forward toward adequacy. General conversations would be better. Base adequacy figures in HB 709 have only been adjusted downward; not upward.

Kristen Reilly noted possible communication possibilities on other warrant articles voted.

**Jim Fredrickson motioned to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Stephan Morrissey second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok