

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Road
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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Policy Committee Meeting

SAU Office

Saturday, August 10, 2019
8:30 a.m.

School Board Retreat/Work Session

NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Immediately Following Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes

School Board:

Myron Steere
Stephan Morrissey
Dick Dunning
Rich Cahoon
Bernd Foecking
Janine Lesser
Niki McGettigan
Linda Quintanilha
Kristen Reilly
Tim Theberge
Jim Fredrickson

Administration:

Kimberly Saunders
Tim Markley
Ben Moenter
Tim Grossi

8:30 – 9:00 Policy Committee (see separate minutes)

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome/Light Breakfast/Coffee

Myron Steere called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:30 – 9:40 School Handbooks – Kimberly spoke to the handbooks that had been emailed to all Board Members. Stephan Morrissey moved to accept the School Handbooks, all in favor.

10:40 – 11:30 School Board Goal Setting

Kimberly spoke to the Model of Education Excellence and how we keep getting better growth stages. We are between stage 2 and 3, with some stage 4.

Kimberly reviewed last year's five goals (see attached 2018-19 goals)

Niki McGettigan explained that the Communications Committee worked on their plan. Articles and pieces were written, and the web page was kept up to date. She questions whether Twitter or Facebook would be possibilities. Tim Theberge stated that he had looked at other school district web sites for agendas and minutes, and was amazed at how well ConVal's accessibility is to the public.

Discussion ensued on the five goals. Dick Dunning felt a great job was done with goal 5 in regards to the CTE at the high school, and would like to see this kept in the forefront.

Myron Steere commented on the partnership with the community college, not many takers. Rich stated that was due to the arrangement being left to the college, and what and how was their responsibility. They were either incapable or unwilling. There was much discussion as to the courses offered. Offer courses people would be interested in. Stephan stated offerings such as nursing programs as we have local hospitals and nursing homes looking for employees. Rich felt to keep the goal we should have conversation with college about relevant courses. Stephan stated it should be more closely tied in to ATC. College needs to participate. Rich state SNHU could be a good option. Kimberly stated she has a good relationship with them, and we might want to pursue them.

Stephan agreed that SNHU would be worthwhile to reach out to. Jim also suggested Franklin Pierce College, and stated that the current president is aggressive and willing to help out communities and business.

9:40 – 10:40 Class Size Discussion

Kimberly directed Board members to pages 70, 79 & 80 in the handout. Discussion began regarding the enrollment sheet. It was agreed that a new column should be added for total teaching staff in each building, i.e. case workers, etc.

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session for matters of Legal at 9:39 a.m. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 10:05 a.m. Kristen Reilly Second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Discussion ensued regarding Grade 5 at DCS. There is no grade 5 at Dublin next year. This would be the year to end the Grade 5 at DCS. It is recommended that this be moved to the August 20, Board agenda. It was felt that Grade 5 at DCS should end immediately, with this class. Rich suggested to be prepared to explain that keeping Grade 5 is not what is keeping the school open. It does not make a difference, it is not the first step to closing the school.

Dick asked if the Board could receive next year's staffing before April 15 so decisions can be made. He also recommends a date change to Policy JCA in order for staffing changes, etc. to take place. This needs to be placed on the Policy Committee agenda. The discussion continued with building capacities, and the fact that consolidation has been discussed over and over and will not come to fruition until community comes forward.

Rich asked how many parents opt out. Kimberly suggested doing a survey regarding no boarders.

10:45 – 11:30 - Kimberly asked the Board to split into two groups to create 2019-20 goals.

11:30 – 12:15 - Lunch

12:15 meeting resumed. 2019-20 Goals were discussed in length and were finalized. (See attached 2019-20 Goals)

Stephan Morrissey moved to approve the 2019-20 Goals as presented, Jannine Lesser second. Unanimous vote by Board.

Stephan Morrissey moved to enter into non-public session for Legal and Personnel matters at 1:45 p.m. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Stephan Morrissey moved to seal the minutes for Legal and Personnel matters for a period of five (5) years. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.

Stephan Morrissey moved to exit non-public session at 2:24 a.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise McLennon

Board Goals 2019-2020

1. *Review and modify ConVal's present strategic plan by March 1, 2020 in preparation of beginning the "ConVal 2025" Strategic Plan.*
2. *Monitor, evaluate, and support continuous improvement related to equity between the two middle schools, and the mathematics program at ConVal High School.*
3. *Provide the resources necessary to implement the universal preschool program.*
4. *Review the administration's report on the implications of students graduating with multiple credentials including but not limited to an Associate Degree or workplace certification through community and educational partnerships and decide the next steps for the District by March 1, 2020.*
5. *Continue focus on a comprehensive board communication plan with additional emphasis on the development of a fiscally responsible district budget.*