

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Communication Committee Meeting

SAU #1 Board Room

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

5:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members:

- Niki McGettigan, Chair
- Alan Edelkind
- Katherine Heck
- Janine Lesser
- Kristen Reilly

Present: Niki McGettigan, Alan Edelkind, Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser, Stephan Morrissey (5:32pm)

1. Call to order

Niki McGettigan called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

2. Accept minutes of January 14, 2020

Janine Lesser moved to accept the minutes of January 14, 2020. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous.

3. Review Website/Articles Posted – Niki McGettigan

Niki McGettigan reviewed how to currently access budget information on the ConVal website. Right now, one has to click on the School Board page. It was recommended that it be posted on the ConVal School District page so one doesn't have to mine down further to find information. There is information about "Preschool for All" on the site as well. Discussion took place about the public comment at District Meeting that the proposed budget is over \$50M with not much conversation about it at the meeting. Letters to the Editor will be posted on the web as well, in a different form. Helfried Zrzavy will come to a future meeting to discuss what works and what does not on a website. Stephan Morrissey suggested including several students become involved in the website updates.

4. Review Assignments and Status of Each - Committee

Francestown Forum – Stephan Morrissey will send points to the Select Board. There is a private link that brings one to the information being addressed that attended the forum.

Discussion took place about how the discussion about reassigning FES students began. Alan Edelkind said that consolidation discussion is one thing, but the FES is another. The FES issue needs to be shut down because there is nothing in process to move forward on in terms of moving FES students. The intent was that Stephan, as the Board rep for Frankestown, would release the letter to the town. Not as a School Board Chairman.

5. Determine next steps before March 10th Vote (Assign) – Committee

Alan Edelkind said that he wants information to be sent home to parents of DCS students. He wants parents to know where to access information. The informational mailer can contain link information on where to find more info.

6. Default Budget?? How should it be communicated? (Assign) – Committee

Niki McGettigan said that once items are committed to should a default be arrived at; it can be communicated.

7. Other

Alan Edelkind said that he has received positive feedback about information shared about how to access budget information in Dublin. The Budget Primer and the abbreviated version has been seen as valuable by different groups of people.

Niki McGettigan added that thought might be given to assuring that people present at meetings have the information that they need in hand to follow along. Sound has also been seen as an issue at meetings.

Katherine Heck moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok