

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**School Board Meeting**

**SAU Office**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD**

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,  
Alan Edelkind, Jim Fredrickson,  
Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser,  
Niki McGettigan, Stephan Morrissey,  
Crista Salamy, Tim Theberge,  
Jerome Wilson

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.  
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.  
Lori Schmidt, B.A.

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Stephan Morrissey called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**2. Public Comment**

Bob Edwards, Antrim, referenced several questions he has presented to the School Board Chair for discussion.

Stephan Morrissey shared Mr. Edwards questions as follows:

- That as much information as possible be provided about the proposed solar project. Stephan said that the discussion is still in legal. It has not been settled yet. If done before Deliberative Session that information will be shared. If not, then the warrant article will have to be pulled from the warrant.
- With regard to the paving article, and also the Petition Warrant Article, none have been voted by the board, will they be voted on tonight?

**3. Old Business**

**a. Other Warrant Articles**

None.

**b. Finalize Warrant Articles**

Dr. Kimberly Saunders said that the Warrant is still in Draft form and still requires legal review.

Stephan Morrissey read the warrant articles as they stand today for review and a vote on the recommendation statement as follows:

**Article 1:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$50,565,303? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$49,142,816, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.*

It was noted that the figure \$50,565,303 should read \$50,565,103 and that the figure \$49,142,816 should read \$49,142,616.

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 1 as read with changes. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

Jim Fredrickson will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Article 2:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020, with no amount to be raised from taxation.*

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 2 as read. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**  
Katherine Heck will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 3:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Health Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020 with no amount to be raised from taxation.*

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 3 as read. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**  
Dick Dunning will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 4:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Athletic Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020, with no amount to be raised from taxation.*

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 4 as read. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**  
Rich Cahoon will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 5:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$542,000 for the purpose of paving and resurfacing at Pierce Elementary School, Dublin Consolidated School, Francestown Elementary School, Greenfield Elementary School, Hancock Elementary School, Peterborough Elementary School, and Temple Elementary School.*

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 5 as read. Jerry Wilson second.**

Rich Cahoon said that he still needs someone to assure him about the price of these things. Kimberly reported that Tim Grossi has calls in to confirm pricing. She said that this is the correct figure.

**Unanimous.**

Tim Theberge will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 6:** *Shall the District authorize its Board to negotiate a lease of property or an easement agreement with ReVision Energy, Inc. on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the District for the purpose of Revision Energy, Inc. installing a solar panel array and related equipment at the High School property and further to authorize the Board to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with [name of financing party] for a term not to exceed 20 years on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the District, with the understanding that the Board may decline to enter into either of these agreements if it deems the terms and conditions not to be in the best interest of the District.*

Stephan Morrissey said that the agreement still needs to be in place.

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend, as read, with stipulations. Jerry Wilson second.**

Tim Theberge said that this does not lay that out. Tim Theberge asked if a roof installation is the only option. No, it says "ConVal property".

Rich Cahoon asked if the contract terms can be altered at District Meeting.

Katherine Heck asked at any time after, if this gets voted, there is no language about a buyout. Does that prohibit us from going into a buyout? If you are going to enter into a multi-year agreement, the details need to be spelled out at the onset. If it is not listed at the onset, can we still enter into a buyout? She would like to know that from legal counsel. Kimberly Saunders will consult with our attorney.

Is the term 20 years; other terms had been discussed?

Rich Cahoon asked if we put a contract on the ballot we cannot change it. Since this is a letter of intent, what if the words are modified at district meeting and do not comply with the contract? Putting it on the warrant without a contract was questioned. It would be good to know before the next board meeting.

**Moved the vote:**

**In Favor: Richard Dunning, Alan Edelkind, Jim Fredrickson, Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser, Niki McGettigan, Jerome Wilson**

**Opposed: Tim Theberge, Crista Salamy**

**Abstained: Rich Cahoon**

**Jim Fredrickson moved to reconsider. Niki McGettigan second. Back to discussion.**

**A sense to vote next week after questions are answered was asked.**

**Unanimous to reconsider.**

**Rich Cahoon moved to table. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous.**

Jim Fredrickson will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 7:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?*

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 7 as read. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous.**

Niki McGettigan will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 8:** *Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1500; each member, \$1000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Moderator, \$300?*

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend as presented. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

Janine Lesser will speak to this Article at Deliberative Session.

**Article 9:** *To see if the District will vote to set the reimbursement rate for facilities utilized by the District that are controlled by another entity. The District shall pay a percentage of agreed costs calculated as follows: (hours per day utilized by District multiplied times the annual days utilized) divided by (twenty-four hours multiplied times three hundred sixty-five days) equals District percentage. The Controlling Entity shall pay the District for agreed maintenance incurred and utility costs for the facility at a rate calculated as follows: (One hundred percent minus District percentage).*

Submitted by petition. We do not provide legal information until Deliberative Session.

Katherine Heck asked in the petition, it gives specific directive to the district by setting a rate. We cannot control what the other entity wants to do. That language may not be valid.

Rich Cahoon said that because it is a petition warrant article, if it is not legally binding and is advisory then he had no issue.

Rich asked for a legal opinion that this infringes with the role of the board; we negotiate and enter into agreements.

Jim Fredrickson noted that there are already previous agreements in place.

**Dick Dunning moved to table Article 9 for a vote to recommend or not recommend. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous.**

#### **4. Public Comment**

None.

#### **5. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A: 3, II (If Required)**

##### **a. Personnel**

##### **b. Legal**

**Dick Dunning motioned to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:29 p.m. for matters of personnel and legal. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Dick Dunning moved to exit non-public session at 8:09 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

**Tim Theberge motioned to seal the first two conversations in non-public for a period of one year to seal the minutes of the third subject for a period of five years. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**

**Tim Theberge motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok