

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

**CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BUDGET & PROPERTY**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**SAU #1 Board Room  
6:00 PM**

**Agenda**

**Committee Members:**

- Jim Fredrickson, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- Richard Dunning
- Niki McGettigan

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2020**
- 3. Default Budget**
- 4. Capital Improvement Plan- Update**
- 5. Trust Fund Summary**
- 6. Solar Project – Update**
- 7. CVHS Camera System Repair**
- 8. Cub Cadet Quotes**
- 9. CVHS Parking Lot**
- 10. Other**

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**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

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6:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Committee Members:**

- Jim Fredrickson, Chair
- Rich Cahoon
- Richard Dunning
- Niki McGettigan
- Kristen Reilly

**Present:** Jim Fredrickson, Richard Dunning, Niki McGettigan, Katherine Heck, Stephan Morrissey, Janine Lesser, John Jordan, Alan Edelkind, Tim Grossi, Lori Schmidt

**1. Call to Order**

**Jim Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.**

**2. Approval of Minutes – January 2, 2020**

**Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2020. Niki McGettigan second. Unanimous.**

**3. Capital Improvement Plan- Update**

The amount of \$542,000 for paving in year 2021 needs to be removed because the district is not moving forward with that article.

Tim Grossi reported that the State has received over \$600M for building aid requests with \$40M available. Katherine Heck spoke about the \$10M increase in the plan; it was a result of looking out to a specific year when considering building aid that accounts for that difference.

Tim Grossi reviewed the 2021 CIP Plan dollars associated.

The Peterborough Elementary School Field work will require people to stay off of it to allow for the grass to establish itself. The thought is to build a softball field and level the remaining field for general play.

The trust fund summary has been updated (see attached).

**4. Solar Letter of Intent – Update**

The Letter of Intent is not complete. Jim Fredrickson said that he would like to revisit the sole source vote for discussion.

Niki McGettigan shared concern about this discussion in the public.

Stephan Morrissey said those that voted for the sole source could pull their vote for reconsideration at a board meeting.

**5. Antrim Gym – Update**

Tim Grossi reported that he received a call about a chip in the wood that had risen off of the gym floor.

The top part of the groove on a section snapped and raised. The floor had been sanded by a contractor.

Tim said that he wanted to stay out of it but he reported that area is seriously thin.

Major repairs are subject to mutual agreement.

Dick Dunning said that discussion about a capital reserve on both sides; the town and district, was discussed several years ago but got no traction.

Jim Fredrickson said that the language with regard to major repair needs to be proper.

Dick Dunning said that we could back out of the elementary school and use the middle school gym. He said that he does not buy that the middle school gym is maxed out.

More discussion to come.

Lori Schmidt said that we don't own the Antrim Gym structure but the district has always insured it. She has sought input from Primex before moving forward.

The previous agreement allowed for them to share utility costs if metering was put in. A percentage split formula was discussed at one point in the past.

## **6. Elementary School Costs**

Jim Fredrickson reported that last summer, Dave Jack was asked for a better number for the elementary school costs.

"How small is too small?" will never go away without these numbers.

Stephan Morrissey said that the board feels that it is important that the public know how much the elementary schools cost exclusive of transportation costs.

Tim Grossi said that the big variables will be transportation and special education.

Jim Fredrickson said that we would start with regular education, layer on special education, plus student services, plus transportation etc.

Lori Schmidt said that not every school has the same transportation costs; it is dependent.

Lori asked if the committee wants the cost per building or the cost per town. Stephan said that this is about the elementary schools.

Jim Fredrickson said that we need to know the cost of operating our schools. Stephan said that the task is the elementary. Lori said that she thinks that it is all or none. Stephan said that the most important data is on the small schools compared to the large schools.

Lori asked for confirmation that she is being tasked with the real number.

Jim Fredrickson said that Lori is new, we need to decide how big a priority this request is. Introducing Lori to the subject is important.

Dick Dunning asked that if school "X" is closed, what would be the savings. Those students would have to go somewhere which might result in additional costs. The difference between the two is the overall savings. The other piece are the educational advantages.

Janine Lesser said that this is not the question that Lori is being asked. Lori agreed, she is being tasked with identifying the cost of each of the elementary schools.

Lori spoke about mapping expenses and working with the software to get this job done. She said that she has steps to complete before being able to complete this task.

Niki McGettigan said that the most important piece to consider is that some more experienced teachers will have higher associated costs. An average pay might be considered for leveling.

Dick Dunning said that it is important to collect data with a purpose. If we are going to close a school, those entities are going to move. Here is what it costs to run a school, and then what would be saved should a school close, and lastly, what are the educational positives to close?

Katherine Heck asked Lori if this is how she would go about this request. Lori said that she understood that actual costs were being asked, now she hears blended costs. State reports will not match up.

Stephan said that he thinks that actual costs should be pursued.

John Jordan said that the impact on the school budget is often talked about. What is the impact on the taxpayer? Would taxpayers really be saved money? Or, would it decrease the school budget?

## **7. Other**

The next Budget & Property Committee will meet after the vote.

**Dick Dunning moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Niki McGettigan second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok