

# OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

## CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

### School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

7:00 p.m.

SAU Office

### MINUTES

#### BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Dick Dunning,  
Alan Edelkind, Jim Fredrickson,  
Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser,  
Niki McGettigan, Stephan Morrissey,  
Linda Quintanilha, Kristen Reilly,  
Crista Salamy, Tim Theberge,  
Jerry Wilson

Abby Kamieniecki, Student Rep.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.  
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.  
Tim Markley, H.R.  
Lori Schmidt, B.A.  
Tim Grossi, Facilities  
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.  
Kathie Morrocco, Pierce School  
Anne O'Bryant, SMS  
Colleen Roy, GES  
Fabi Woods, TES  
Amy Janoch, HES  
Nicole Pease, DCS  
Larry Pimental, PES  
Stephanie Syre-Hager, AES

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

Stephan Morrissey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 2. Accept School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

##### a. February 18, 2020

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of February 18, 2020. Tim Theberge second. Linda Quintanilha, Niki McGettigan, and Crista Salamy abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

#### 3. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders recognized Kristen Reilly who has served on the Board for four years and Crista Salamy who has served on the Board for ten years and thanked them for their service.

In addition, Dr. Saunders shared other points of pride as reported to her by administrators.

Alan Edelkind shared his appreciation to Kimberly Saunders for her thinking, time, and knowledge for dealing with the COVID-19 virus information. This is what is known as leadership.

#### 4. Public Comment

None.

#### 5. Consent Agenda

##### a. Personnel

Tim Markley introduced Carrie James as the incoming Director of Human Resources. Ms. James will be joining ConVal in April.

##### 1) Resignations – June 2020

Tim Markley read the resignation of Jennifer Farrell Durham, Special Education Teacher.

**Tim Theberge moved to accept the resignation as read. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

##### 2) Co-Curricular Notifications of Stipend Positions

Tim Markley referenced the Notice of Stipend positions for athletic positions.

## 6. Board Requests

Kimberly Saunders reported that the only board request she has received was related to social media requests.

## 7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

### a. Monthly Events Calendar

The Communication Committee will meet on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.  
The Education Committee will meet on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and not March 19<sup>th</sup> at the SAU.  
Selectmen's Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

### b. March 1, 2020 Enrollment Update

Tim Markley referenced the March 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment information. Very little change in enrollment was noted.

### c. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

1) ConVal High School Athletic Department requests authorization to accept from: FCVA, the gift/donation of 20 Alpine Ski Race Suits valued at \$6,360.00 for the purpose of Alpine Skiing Safety Race Suits.

**Dick Dunning moved to accept the donation as read. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous.**

2) ConVal High School Athletic Department requests authorization to accept from: FCVA, the gift/donation of a basketball rebounder valued at \$5,595.00 for the purpose of a training aid for the Unified, Boy's, and Girls' Basketball Teams.

**Dick Dunning moved to accept the donation as read. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

3) ConVal High School Athletic Department requests authorization to accept from: FCVA, the gift/donation of Softball field tarps and field rakes valued at \$1,091.88 for the purpose of maintenance of the softball field.

**Dick Dunning moved to accept the donation as read. Crista Salamy second. Unanimous.**

4) ConVal High School Athletic Department requests authorization to accept from: FCVA, the gift/donation of a Championship Banner valued at \$751.00 for the purpose of honoring the Boys' Soccer and Girls Cross Country Teams.

**Dick Dunning moved to accept the donation as read. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous.**

5) ConVal High School Athletic Department requests authorization to accept from: FCVA, the gift/donation of Co-Ed Track Team Equipment and Training Aids valued at \$1,476.20 for the purpose of training aids for Co-Ed Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams.

**Dick Dunning moved to accept the donation as read. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

### d. Field Trip Requests (Board Vote Required)

1) ConVal High School – grade 9-12 students will travel on April 29-May 3, 2021 by air to Orlando, FL to visit Disney and Universal Studios. Students will participate in instrumental and choral performances and workshops with Disney musicians.

**Tim Theberge moved to approve the field trip request as written. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

### e. COVID-19

Dr. Saunders reported out on district communications on COVID-19. In addition, there is a place on the district website that contains all related information. We are coordinating very closely with local and state officials as well as the CDC. Jim Fredrickson asked if a student exhibited symptoms where would they be tested. Kimberly shared that the district has always been consistent in encouraging families to keep students home that have a temperature. Families would be requested to contact their primary care physician.

Katherine Heck asked if administrators in buildings are speaking with students about hygiene as a result. Kimberly reported on what is taking place with respect to preparedness and recommendations for cleaning of desks and other discussions. In addition, Tim Grossi met with the Monadnock Community Hospital to discuss preparedness today.

## 8. Reports

### a. ATC Committee Meeting – Stephan Morrissey

Dr. Ann Forrest reported that a requirement of a comprehensive needs analysis is needed by April. A five-year plan needs development.

### b. Selectmen's Advisory Committee Meeting – Tim Theberge

Tim Theberge reported that it was John Jordan's last meeting as Chair. John is not running for Selectman in Hancock. The committee will not meet again until April for reorganization.

### c. Student Representative –Abby Kamieniecki

Abby Kamieniecki reported that the Interact Club has been working with students with face paint art. Student Council is planning Spirit Week for the end of April. Spring tryouts begin March 23<sup>rd</sup> for spring sports.

Abby reported that Unified Sports was awesome. Linda Quintanilha said that the kids were doing the wave, the band was playing, it was the best day ever at ConVal.

#### **d. Teacher Representative**

None.

### **9. Old Business**

#### **a. School Board Candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair – Q&A**

Janine Lesser said that she is running for School Board Vice-Chair. This upcoming year will be her sixth year serving on the Board. She said that she is honored to serve on this board; it is a collection of talented individuals.

Rich Cahoon is running for School Board Chair and said that he is concerned when dealing with urgent challenges that important things are in focus. Economically disadvantaged students still perform below those of others, which is of concern to him

Stephan Morrissey said that he would be honored to serve as Chairman in the upcoming year. The board is a unique group of people to work with. The teacher's contract is coming up, Strategic Plan calls for improvements in facilities, and the economic outlook moving forward are of concern to him.

#### **b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Policy (Board Vote Required)**

- ADC: Tobacco Products Ban use and Possession in and On School Facilities and Grounds

**Linda Quintanilha moved to adopt this policy as presented. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**

- GBED: Tobacco Products Ban use and Possession in and On School Facilities and Grounds

**Linda Quintanilha moved to adopt this policy as presented. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**

- JICG: Tobacco Products Ban use and Possession in and On School Facilities and Grounds

**Linda Quintanilha moved to adopt this policy as presented. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**

- IHAMA: Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

**Linda Quintanilha moved to adopt this policy as presented. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**

- JLCFA: Feminine Hygiene Products

**Linda Quintanilha moved to adopt this policy as presented. Rich Cahoon second. Unanimous.**

### **10. New Business**

#### **a. Set Out of District Tuition Rate (Board Vote Required)**

Kimberly Saunders reported that in the past, ConVal has accepted tuition students at a reduced rate as a result of our current enrollment. She proposed the rate of \$7,815.65 for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Rich Cahoon moved to approve the rate for out of district tuition students at \$7,815.65. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.**

Jim Fredrickson said that he has been working on the Antrim Gym Agreement and would like a sense of the board. More to discuss in non-public session since it is ongoing negotiation.

Kimberly Saunders said that in the past she and Ann Forrest have attended the NHSAA Conference at the end of June. They are asking to forgo that conference this year and instead attend a conference by Phi Delta Kappa about operationalizing equity in your district. The conference will be held on June 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC.

**Dick Dunning moved to authorize Dr. Saunders and Dr. Forrest to attend the conference. Tim Theberge second. Linda Quintanilha abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.**

### **11. Public Comment**

Steve Ullman, Antrim, asked why, if the cost to educate a student in ConVal is on average \$18K, the board just voted to charge approximately \$7,800.00.

Kimberly Saunders said that the board voted to allow this because if we are able to put a child in a seat and we don't have to hire another teacher or add a classroom, it allows us to raise revenue. We accept students who can be added with no additional costs.

### **12. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)**

Lori Schmidt certified that the manifests listed totaling \$328,363.88 and Payroll totaling \$1,813,789.96 have been reviewed by her and found to be proper charges against the Contoocook Valley School District for goods and/or services received and have been properly processed prior to their submittal to the School Board.

**Dick Dunning moved to approve the manifests as read. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous.**

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

- a. Legal**
- b. Personnel**
- c. Negotiations**

**Dick Dunning moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:45 for matters of negotiation and personnel. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Dick Dunning moved to exit non-public session at 8:05 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

**Tim Theberge moved to seal the minutes for both non-public discussions for a period of five (5) years. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

**Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok