

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

**4:30 PM**

**Physical Location: None**

**Virtual Location:**

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**Minutes**

**Committee Members:**

- Linda Quintanilha
- Richard Dunning
- Robert Short, Jr.
- Pamela Murphy
- Kelly Parker
- Todd Bennett
- Savannah Lee

**Present:** Linda Quintanilha, Dick Dunning, Pam Murphy, Kelly Parker, Todd Bennett, Lori Schmidt, Savannah Lee, Robert Short, Jr.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**Linda Quintanilha called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.**

Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Organizational Meeting**

Linda Quintanilha shared her background. She has served as Chair on this committee in the past.

Linda Quintanilha suggested meeting on a monthly basis for at least the next several months. The second Monday at 5:30 p.m. was decided.

Wellness had a separate committee in the past. Now, there is a Food Service/Wellness Committee. Discussion took place about how many members might be fair. It was decided that the current membership was a good number to work with.

### **3. Setting the Lunch Price for the 20-21 School Year**

Lori Schmidt said that for the 2020-2021 school year, the rates for lunch should increase by at least .10 but should be by .15. The district could contribute non-federal funds and an increase would still be needed. This is based on a weighted rate. Our weighted rate comes to \$2.90 and they say that we need to get it to \$3.06. It doesn't make sense to say that we are going to contribute and not increase the rate. We would have elementary at \$2.45, middle at \$2.90, and high school at \$3.00.

The recommendation is to increase the rate by .10 bringing it to 3.00. Prices would have to increase the following year as well.

Is it possible to spread the costs across the levels?

Dick Dunning said that we have likely budgeted for the difference. Lori Schmidt said that we did increase and added money for food service in next year's budget to cover bad debt.

Lori asked if we could hold off until June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Quintanilha said that we should plan on this discussion and then also develop a recommendation for the 2021/2022 school year.

Linda asked the committee if they were okay with recommending a .10 increase at each level.

Savannah Lee said that she did not think that a .50 per week increase would be a problem as long as it was well communicated.

Todd Bennett said that the communication could also emphasize that the rates have not been raised in two years.

Pam Murphy said that the school nurses and counselors could emphasize the free and reduced application.

**Dick Dunning moved to recommend an increase to the lunch rates by .10 at each level.**

**Robert Short, Jr. second. Unanimous.**

### **4. Summer Food Program Discussion**

Lori Schmidt reported that the way that we are able to feed everyone right now is a result of the USDA providing waivers that allows ConVal to distribute the food. An area eligible community is one that is 50% or more in poverty level. We have an extremely small population that fits this level. The location can change year to year.

Right now, we have opted to use the Summer Seamless program to feed our kids. All of these waivers have been extended to June 30<sup>th</sup> whether school is in session or not. We are waiting for waivers to come through for the regular summer program in order to know how to progress. Lori said that we are in a waiting mode and she can't wait much longer than the end of this week. She said that she does not know how we can promote congregated community meals with the regular summer meal program.

Linda Quintanilha said that we have told the Feds and the State that we were going to do summer meals; she asked if there would be an issue if we did not. Lori confirmed that it would not be a problem.

Lori said that we cannot pass on a piece of the transportation costs. Other programs might be asked to pick food up.

### **5. Other**

None.

### **6. Adjourn**

**Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn. Robert Short, Jr. second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok