

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

School Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Physical Location: None

Virtual Location :

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MINUTES

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning,
Alan Edelkind, Katherine Heck,
Janine Lesser, Niki McGettigan,
Kevin Pobst, Linda Quintanilha,
Robert Short, Jr., Tim Theberge,
Stephen Ullman, Jerome Wilson

Greg Leonard, CVEA

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Lori Schmidt, B.A.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Carrie James, H.R.
Carrie Christian-Coates, Student. Serv.
Ben Moenter, Special Ed.
Kat Foecking, FES
Amy Janoch, HES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Right to Know for Public Meeting Emergency Declaration

Rich Cahoon read the *Right to Know Emergency Declaration* for holding a Public Meeting.

3. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. June 2, 2020

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of June 2, 2020. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

4. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders reported that Great Brook School teacher, Maryanne Cullinan, is a semi-finalist for NH Teacher of the Year.

5. Public Comment

Sophie Luxmoore, Dublin resident, read a letter she co-wrote with a fellow Dublin resident, Lanessa Davis, that shared appreciation for work done by the school district with remote learning as a result of COVID-19. More specifically, she spoke about systemic racial injustice. She asked the School Board to break their silence and publicly state a plan to address issues. Ms. Luxmoore said that this topic has a negative effect on us all and is consuming our nation, our local communities and the families in the ConVal School District. She said that ConVal has not yet addressed the issue. Ms. Luxmoore asked that the district announce plans for developing its understanding and commitment to anti-racism and anti-bias through listening and learning, curricular review, equitable and inclusive campus climate, and representation.

Linda Quintanilha moved to extend the two minutes for an additional one minute. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Ms. Luxmoore said that New Hampshire is not a diverse state, so these conversations are even more important.

Rich Cahoon thanked Ms. Luxmoore for her statement.

6. Governance Note

None.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Resignation Notification – June 2020

None.

2) Nominations – July 2020

Carrie James shared the nominations of Christine Miller, Speech/Language Pathologist and Joseph Benham, PE/Health Teacher.

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the nominations as read. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

b. Paraprofessional Justification

Linda Quintanilha. shared her concern with the detail in the request.

Kimberly Saunders said that this is a new request.

Kevin Pobst also shared concern with the school being identified in the justification as too narrowing. Kimberly said that this vote allows her to hire the person and add the position moving forward.

Sense of the board if they would like less specificity in providing details in the justifications:

Tim Theberge moved to approve the paraprofessional position as requested. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

c. School Board Requests

None.

8. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

Food Service Committee will not meet on July 13th.

b. Communication regarding long-term costs and savings

c. CAREs Act Funding

Kimberly Saunders reported CAREs Act money will be decreased by \$65K. She said that she has concerns about the application that we are asked to fill out. We have to provide equitable services to every school in our district whether profit or non-profit. We are being asked to provide student achievement data to access the funds. This is a significant lift for staff in the fall. The \$333K is decreased by 65K.

Rich Cahoon asked if it is a requirement of the DOE to apply for CAREs funds. Kimberly said that funding would be received ahead of providing data. It is not a requirement of the Act, it is a requirement of the State Department of Education.

Kevin Pobst asked the rationale for requiring individual student specific data. Kimberly said that no rationale was provided.

Janine Lesser asked about the fall testing requirement. Kimberly Saunders reported that different districts are dealing with it differently. She does not have an issue providing aggregate data to the DOE. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Ann Forrest shared the concern about how new relationships are going to be built between teachers and students should heavy testing be required early on.

Robert Short, Jr. asked if parents can opt out of this if they don't want their kids' information sent. Kimberly Saunders said that was a great question; the student SASID number would be sent with an "opt out" comment.

Linda Quintanilha asked how a student who has an IEP is assessed to be receiving an equitable education. She said that this is always on her mind regardless of whether or not we are in crisis.

Rich Cahoon said that this topic will be carried on a future agenda in August.

Linda Quintanilha moved that the board draft a letter to the Commissioner and State Board of Education. Tim Theberge second.

Katherine Heck and Kevin Pobst abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

9. Reports

a. Teacher Representative – Greg Leonard

Greg Leonard reported that teachers have had time to relax which he said is well deserved.

Linda Quintanilha said that she understood that we shortened the school year to allow for time to collaborate. When she hears that teachers have had a nice two-week break, she asked what happened to that plan?

Kimberly Saunders reported that June 12th was the teacher's last day.

Greg Leonard clarified that the professional development held was incredibly helpful and productive. They have since had time to relax after that ended.

b. Education Committee – Niki McGettigan

Niki McGettigan reported that Kat Foecking shared a presentation on multi-age education and the pilot FES has been running. Successes were highlighted. Challenges were also noted.

A new protocol to build on the glossary of terms used has been introduced.

Rich Cahoon said that the NHDOE has new rules developing on remote learning. This should be on the Education Committee's agenda in August.

Kimberly said that this came up at Policy Committee tonight and they asked that the board discuss at the June 30th meeting.

c. Food Service Committee – Linda Quintanilha

Linda Quintanilha said that what has taken place in the summer will continue for food service, with the exception of delivery options.

Lori Schmidt reported that we received the area eligibility waiver. South Meadow School and Antrim Elementary School will service. Lori will confirm that food can be picked up during times they will deliver. Keene and Hillsborough sites are gone. We will deliver to the Jaffrey-Rindge middle school.

Linda Quintanilha said that the concern in the past is that we have been providing services to those not in our district. Lori has been proactive. Lori said that it will be curbside delivery everywhere.

d. Budget & Property Committee – Jim Fredrickson

Dick Dunning said that the Peterborough Elementary School HVAC progress update was provided. A short discussion about the Antrim Gym took place at this meeting.

e. Strategic Plan Committee – Tim Theberge

Tim Theberge reported that a document draft by Kevin Pobst and Katherine Heck was reviewed about the timeline and membership. A broad invite will be sent to groups to ensure that membership is diverse across many issues. Focus groups will fill the holes.

f. Communication Committee – Niki McGettigan

Niki McGettigan reported that they were tasked with reviewing recent posts and thank you's. The survey on parent input was reviewed. Communications are posted on the district website. Goals were discussed. Protocols used will be redesigned in terms of collaboration.

g. Policy Committee – Janine Lesser

Janine Lesser reported that the policy on Suicide Prevention is ready. It will require a first and second read on June 30th. In addition, town tax payment draft policy will go before the Board on June 30th for a first read. Title IX will have implications. Looking toward NHSBA will take place before moving forward. A State School Board rule was discussed on remote learning. There is a State Board meeting on July 9th on the implications of broadband and remote learning. The Title IX discussion is a binding rule that will require compliance by August 14th.

10. Old Business

a. Antrim Agreement (Board Vote Required)

Rich Cahoon said that this should be passed over until a final version is in hand.

11. New Business

None.

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Lori Schmidt certified that manifests listed totaling \$360,146.91 and Payroll totaling \$2,004,263.61 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.

Tim Theberge moved to approve the manifests as read. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Kimberly Saunders requested that the June 30th School Board Meeting begin at 6:00 p.m. Confirmed.

Tim Theberge moved to enter into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:47 p.m. for purposes of negotiation. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal

Tim Theberge moved to enter at 7:47 p.m. for purposes of negotiations. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Tim Theberge moved to exit non-public at 8:16 p.m. Robert Short, Jr. Second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the MOU as presented. Stephen Ullman second. Dick Dunning abstained. All else in favor, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Tim Theberge moved to seal the minutes of the first non-public session for negotiations for a period of five years and the second negotiations for a period of ten years. Linda Quintanilha second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Marschok