

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

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

School Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Physical Location: None

Virtual Location:

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Minutes

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Dick Dunning,
Alan Edelkind, Jim Fredrickson,
Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser,
Niki McGettigan, Kevin Pobst,
Robert Short, Jr., Tim Theberge,
Jerry Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:31 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. Public Comment

None.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

None.

5. Old Business

a. Use of Trust Funds

Lori Schmidt said that she reviewed the equipment lines. She referenced \$154K related to building costs and projects that could be moved into the Capital Trust. In addition, Special Education Trust Fund items were potentially identified, as well as equipment items and athletic items. We would have to hold public hearings if we do this. Eliminating items from the budget could result in \$468,784.00 saved within the budget. Furniture will generally not be purchased; \$32K exists in the budget. \$756K could be the potential total savings. Lori Schmidt said that they look to the board for a recommendation on shifting items to the trusts. This is a first pass report.

Tuition and transportation services related to special education might be funded from the special education trust.

\$33K for special education to withdraw from the trust - sense of the board? Kimberly Saunders asked if tuition for special education should be included as well. \$690K is budgeted for out of district tuition. Guidance was asked.

Kevin Pobst moved to withdraw \$33K from the Special Education Trust Fund. Dick Dunning second.

Consensus was provided. Votes will be taken at the public hearing.

\$154K on Capital Trust includes costs for card access to server rooms and across campus. LED lighting, exhaust fans and roofing work, exterior gym doors, door and window replacement at the high school, classroom renovation (\$33K), flooring etc.

Dick Dunning asked about card access. Lori said that staff all have access cards to the buildings.

Dick said that at this point, would it not make sense to use keys until we are sure what we need for funding. Kimberly Saunders said that this is part of the data privacy issue. Access cards track who has access to areas.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled.

Athletics/Co-curricular Trust - \$37,500.00 includes high school athletic equipment replacement costs. Much of it includes uniforms and other equipment replacement. A banner for the high school and other items for the middle schools is in the lines as well. Discussion took place about confidence that we will need these items. Kimberly said that it depends on whether we conduct skills and drills. NHIAA has left it up to local school districts to decide if they will participate in a schedule or not. We have not made this decision. We would want to minimally see some level of activity for the students.

Kevin Pobst asked that the cycle be put off one year. Dick Dunning said that it would disrupt the cycle moving forward if we pushed out a year. Katherine said that we don't need to spend the money, we could wait and see.

Rich Cahoon confirmed that we could move it into the trust and wait and see.

Equipment \$250K – Lori Schmidt said that there are monitors for security systems, new maintenance, and a pickup truck. We did purchase Chromebooks and staff replacement laptops, we still have student touch surface needs, and several projectors need replacement. Medical supplies are included as well.

A Public Hearing was confirmed.

b. Requisitions

Lori Schmidt shared a list of requisitions for maintenance and technology. It is primarily software needed to educate or run the district. There are mileage and cellphone reimbursements as well.

Dick Dunning moved in favor of moving forward with the recommended expenditures. Katherine Heck. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

c. Update on Reopening Plans

Kimberly Saunders reported having finished reading the guidance document released by the State. It details what needs to be done based on restrictions. Dr. Saunders reported that she sent out a staff survey and also a parent survey. Parent survey totals 1,378 responses which would represent 65% of the student body. Staff results in 288 responses to date. Some staff would prefer to stay remote, which might help educate those families who are hesitant to return to school.

Kimberly Saunders said that looking carefully at grouping students in cohorts is underway.

The Governor's Report has been released. It has a lot of flexibility.

Of the staff who responded, 76% want to return to deliver instruction. The remaining preferred or needed to work remotely. Parents overwhelmingly prefer that students return to school.

Jim Fredrickson said that news reports talk about the communication about the virus with children and the differences with adults. Kimberly said that it is not her area of expertise but she could have a member of the committees that works at the hospital reach out.

6. New Business

None.

7. Public Comment

A student thanked the board and encouraged keeping athletic activity in the coming year. She asked about the student involvement in the opening committees. She said that it is important when making decisions that impact them.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal

Tim Theberge moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:13 p.m. for matters of legal. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Tim Theberge moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for both items for a period of five year. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok