

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

**CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, July 7, 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,  
Linda Quintanilha, Tim Theberge,  
Stephen Ullman

Greg Leonard, CVEA

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.  
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.  
Carrie James, H.R.  
Lori Schmidt, B.A.  
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.  
Kris Levesque, PES  
Heather McKillop, CVHS  
Kat Foecking, GBS

**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. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II**

**a. Legal**

Tim Theberge moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 6:34 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Dick Dunning moved to exit non-public session at 7:50 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Tim Theberge moved to seal the minutes of tonight's non-public session on the first issue for a period of five (5) years and the third issue for a period of one (1) year. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

**4. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes (Board Vote Required)**

**a. June 23, 2020**

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of June 23, 2020. Janine Lesser second. Tim Theberge noted that under agenda 9e, Alan Edelkind also contributed to the draft document. Jim Fredrickson abstained. All others in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

**b. June 30, 2020**

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of June 30, 2020. Janine Lesser second. Linda Quintanilha abstained. All others in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

**5. Points of Pride**

None.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Governance Note**

None.

## 8. Consent Agenda

### a. Personnel

1) Nominations – July 2020

None.

### b. School Board Requests

None.

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

### a. Monthly Events Calendar

The School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### b. Update on Remote Learning/Planning Related to Reopening Update

Linda Quintanilha shared concern with communication about compensatory services. Discussion took place about committee make up.

**Linda Quintanilha moved that the board request that administration place a parent on a committee.**

Kimberly said that it is completely inappropriate to put a parent on school based planning committees. There is a parent on the Steering Committee. Another parent to represent special education on the Steering Committee could be added.

Kevin said that language about special education is extensive.

**Linda Quintanilha withdrew her motion.**

Jim Fredrickson said that communication needs to include that the budget will be fluid.

**Dick Dunning moved to freeze the 2020-2021 budget. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

Discussion ensued.

A vote was just made to freeze the budget.

Janine Lesser said that a line about the cost to reopen might be considered.

Alan Edelkind and Janine Lesser were asked to add a sentence above guiding principles.

## 10. Reports

### a. Student Representative – Lorien Tyne/Abby Kamieniecki

None.

### b. Teacher Representative – Greg Leonard

None.

### c. Education Committee – Niki McGettigan

Niki McGettigan reported that the World Language program was discussed. Weighted grades looking at 010 and 123 courses were discussed as well. It was a complex issue. Language in the handbooks prior to the school year is the intent.

Kimberly said that expenditures will be prioritized based on need and impact on program.

### d. Selectmen's Advisory Committee – Tim Theberge

Tim Theberge provided an update on what took place at the Selectmen's Advisory Committee meeting.

## 11. Old Business

### a. Antrim Agreement (Board Vote Required)

Tabled.

### b. Solar RFQ (Board Vote Required)

Lori Schmidt said that we do not have specifications that we are putting out to bid. We are asking for assistance and will make decisions from there.

Janine Lesser said that we are asking people to spend time developing a plan. It is not identified that we are not paying for anything. That should be identified.

Rich Cahoon said that the previous vendor identified that there would be no upfront costs.

Stephen Ullman said that vendors are not charitable institutions, they are in this to make money.

Jim Fredrickson said that we will seek qualifications and then we will pursue a price proposal. Our CTQ's should be articulated; no upfront costs and no cost to the district.

Katherine Heck said that since we are not spelling out a specific project, it allows someone to come to us and propose different ways solar might be used. It opens up possibilities.

Tim Theberge said that this is the best way to get the broadest response.

Rich Cahoon said that we would be telling people how to conduct their business.

**Jim Fredrickson moved to insert a sentence on CTQ's and objectives. Janine Lesser second.**

**Tim Theberge, Kevin Pobst, Katherine Heck, and Linda Quintanilha opposed.**

**6-4 in favor. Motion Carried on a roll call vote.**

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

**DEAA: Schedule Tax Payments Due to the School District**

**Linda Quintanilha moved to approve the policy as presented. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Weighting of Running Start Courses at ConVal High School (Board Vote Required)**

Dr. Ann Forrest said that there are currently three levels of courses, 123 (lowest), 012, and 010 courses. Our recommendation for right now to take action on is to take the 010 courses, which currently only included honors and advanced placement courses. We want to expand that to include the Running Start, dual credit, courses. Running Start courses follow a college syllabus. A student would receive both high school and college credit.

Next steps would be to conduct a review of how courses are currently labeled. We need to assure our handbook and program of studies labels courses. Since this plays a role in class rank, the formula should be included in handbooks.

Rich Cahoon said that it is important to know how courses are weighted.

**Kevin Pobst moved to weight the running start courses as described and limit the motion to just that. Janine Lesser second.**

Linda Quintanilha said that the issue we run into is that the only 123 course we have would be Wellness. Ann said that there are actually more than just one.

Linda Quintanilha recommended that this return to the Education Committee with new information.

Ann Forrest said that the only thing that the Board is asking to take action on are the Running Start Courses.

Kevin Pobst said that the reason he limits the motion is to allow it to be looked at and consider additional revision. A better system might be devised. The current system might not help students apply to selective colleges.

**Dick Dunning moved the question. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

### **b. 1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy**

AC: Non-Discrimination

Janine Lesser referenced the addition of the last sentence in the first paragraph which reads as "Notwithstanding the language of any other policy adopted by this Board, we will abide by the Department of Education Final Rule 34 CFR Part 106."

Discussion took place about bringing someone into Policy Committee to return with a recommendation about the use of pronouns his/her, their etc.

## **13. Public Comment**

None.

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

Lori Schmidt certified that manifests totaling \$265,135.21 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. Stephen Ullman second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

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

**a. Negotiations**

**b. Personnel**

**c. Legal**

None.

**Tim Theberge motioned to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok