

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

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

School Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

**Physical Location: ConVal High School Library
184 Hancock Rd., Peterborough, NH**

Virtual Location :

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Minutes

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Dick Dunning,
Alan Edelkind, Jim Fredrickson,
Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser,
Linda Quintanilha, Robert Short, Jr.,
Tim Theberge, Stephen Ullman,
Jerry Wilson

Greg Leonard, CVEA

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Tim Grossi, Facilities
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.
Carrie James, H.R.
Lori Schmidt, B.A.
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Fabi Woods, TES
Heather McKillop, CVHS
John Reitnauer, CVHS Athletics
Kat Foecking, GBS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. 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 6:37 p.m. for legal matters. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Tim Theberge moved to exit non-public session at 7:16 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Tim Theberge moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for a period of 5 years for both items.

Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

Tim Theberge moved to authorize administration to accept an exception to the retirement deadline. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

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

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

a. September 1, 2020

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2020. Tim Theberge second. Linda Quintanilha abstained. All others in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

b. September 3, 2020

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2020. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

c. September 8, 2020

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Tim Theberge second. An amendment was made to include the addition of the technology request total of \$15, 168.09. Linda Quintanilha abstained. All others in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

4. Right to Know for Public Meeting Emergency Declaration

Rich Cahoon read the declaration earlier after exiting non-public session.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Retirements – June 2022

Sara Krapohl, CVHS, Spanish Teacher
Pamela Murphy, PES, School Nurse

Carrie James referenced additional retirements included on an addendum.

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the retirements of JoAnn Fletcher in June 2021, and Sara Krapohl, Pamela Murphy, Sandra Murray, and Kathryn Doherty in June 2022.

Dick Dunning second.

Unanimous on a roll call vote.

7. Old Business

a. ConVal School District Reopening Plan

1) Reopening Timeline & Update Grades 7-12

Kimberly Saunders reported that tents that did not pass inspection are coming down with new tents going up. Grades 7-12 will have the option to attend school in person on October 5th.

In addition, COVID data has been shared reporting 24 days without a case in this area. Based on data, the COVID Monitoring Team has made recommendations for slight adjustments to the plan. Shall this be discussed today or a future agenda?

Kimberly said that there are two changes specific to middle school. Based on exemplary numbers in our area, students at middle schools could move from class to class as a pod, rather than the teacher moving. Pods would be staggered in their movement. It would allow teachers to be able to maintain their technology hook up and the time back that would be used for transitions. The same disinfecting process would remain for when students are moving. They would be supervised in hallways. Bathroom breaks will only be made from the classroom and not during transition time.

The second change is that middle school teachers have had a big lift based on the number of students remote and in the classroom. In order to help them implement their instruction, a time on Friday afternoons would be allowed for team planning. This is time that was previously used to share information about student progress. Teachers are finding that they are not best serving the needs of students with a lack of planning time. A modified instructional schedule would be implemented on Fridays, with a half-day for students until 12:10 p.m. Buses would be available at 2:20 for students who could not get transportation at 12:10.

Dick Dunning spoke in favor of both recommendations.

Rob Short, Jr. asked what the teachers do normally. He wants to understand the differences during a normal school year and now. Kimberly said that teachers would normally have a planned period of time with their peers. This year, because we did pods 5-8 instead of a single grade, we took the time that would previously be with their team.

Rob said that we should have thought about the technology switch ahead of time. If it is taking that long to hook back up, we should have thought ahead more.

Jim Fredrickson asked about specific language included in the recommendation.

Linda Quintanilha said that we will have to hire a cross guard twice daily. Kimberly said that we could have staff cover that duty.

Alan Edelkind asked if the remote students will have different zoom sign on for every class now. Kimberly said that they already had multiple.

Linda Quintanilha moved to accept the two proposed changes to middle school.

Dick Dunning second.

Kimberly Saunders pointed out that the reason this is coming up is because it is a specific change to the reopening plan which was approved by the board. This would not typically come before the board.

Tim and Dick said that they were thankful for the option for those students that need to remain at school on Fridays that cannot get picked up.

Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Rich Cahoon said that we would be dismissing students so that we would know who is in the building and who is not. He asked about taking attendance for students both remote and in person. Kimberly will double check with principals about their procedure and confirm.

Ann Forrest said that GBS sent out a newsletter that specifically talks about this. It says that if a student is signed up for in-person instruction, the expectation is that they will be in-person.

Rich Cahoon said that he wants to make sure that we are tracking this.

Janine Lesser said that it is confusing for parents. Parents think that because there is remote availability that they can switch back and forth.

Kimberly Saunders said that unless arrangements are made specifically with administration, and shared, the expectation is that a student will attend in the manner in which was selected.

Katherine Heck said that there is not supposed to be flexibility except the period of time when students can make that change. Kimberly said that is true; however, parents do call and request switches.

Have we completely staffed the remote opening plan to our satisfaction? Kimberly said that we have at this point. We have 35 students returning to in person learning on October 5th.

8. New Business

a. Beginning Conversation on Athletics

Kimberly Saunders said that a proposal was sent last week. A decision is not asked. The topic is open for discussion.

Robert Short, Jr. asked how we support that draft with COVID numbers the way that they are.

Kimberly Saunders said that based on our COVID numbers, we should not decide right now but we should make one closer to October 26th. Rob said that his opinion is to go forward with competition.

Rich Cahoon said that the draft contained a continuation of fall sports with the mention of deciding on winter sports.

Linda Quintanilha said that there is no unified sport for the fall. It should be a priority.

Rich Cahoon said that the recommendation is to continue to monitor and wait until we have to decide later in October.

Katherine Heck agreed that we could wait on winter sports. As far as fall is concerned, their season ends in October anyway.

John Reitnauer said that Cross Country competition in regional meets would be considered. John said that Heather McKillop and he looked at those sports under consideration. Cohorts would not be mixed at school. But if we sent them out and mixed for competition, we could jeopardize returning them to school.

Rich Cahoon asked that the draft be finalized and placed on the website as soon as possible. The board will vote next Tuesday.

Katherine Heck asked if the cohort system would ever allow for competition. John Reitnauer said that if we go into a competitive mode for the winter, we would be in remote anyway. If we were still competing after the remote period ended, those athletes competing would have to remain remote until competition ended plus quarantine time. It would be a family choice.

Heather McKillop said that some districts offer that possibility to attend school remotely to allow them to participate in athletics.

Tim Theberge said that is not a bad compromise.

Rich Cahoon said that he has a difficult time saying that it is too dangerous to send my student to school but I'll let them participate in sports.

Linda Quintanilha said that if you want to play sports, there is a greater risk and therefore remote education would be required.

9. Requisition Approvals (Board Vote Required) – Lori Schmidt

Linda Quintanilha motioned to approve the requisitions as presented. Dick Dunning second.

Stephen Ullman asked about the line item for Lynn Lyons, \$8,000 for professional development at the high school.

Kimberly Saunders said that this is a one off and not a regular offering.

Stephen Ullman said that the board is looking at routine requisitions.

Linda Quintanilha said that professional development is routine and it doesn't always look the same.

Stephen Ullman said that the budget is frozen but all routine would go through the board.

Rich Cahoon said that expenditures that would be routinely made are not occurring. Emergency expenditures are moving forward.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to look further into this request.

Rob Short opposed the approval of requisitions.

All others in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Lori Schmidt shared information about expenditures and how we are making it work.

10. Public Comment

None.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal

None.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok