

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Physical Location: None

Virtual Location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85332755063?pwd=RUxrTDJlOQ0dVYlN5UTZZMGM0ZzJKZz09>

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Right to Know for Public Meeting Emergency Declaration
3. Non-Public Session: RSA 910A:3,II (6:30 pm – 7:15 pm)
 - a. Negotiations
4. Public Comment
5. ConVal High School Athletics
6. Retention of Fund Balance for COVID-19 related expenditures per Emergency Order #38 (Board Vote Required)
7. MS 25 and DOE 25
8. Public Comment
9. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Required)

Winter Sports Programs for the 2020-21 School Year
November-March

Basketball, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Alpine Skiing,
Nordic Skiing, Spirit and Wrestling



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Background

The following guidance provides direction on winter school sports programs for students in grades 9-12 as outlined by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA). At the center of the NHIAA's return to sports guidance is the State of New Hampshire's guidelines allowing amateur and youth sports to practice and return to competition this winter. These "Safer at Home Amateur and Youth Sports" guidelines were vetted and approved by the Governor's reopening task force and the New Hampshire Department of Health. The NHIAA used these guidelines as the foundation for NHIAA's recommendations.

The NFHS has classified sports into risk levels, based on the ability to achieve physical distancing and the ability to limit the sharing of equipment or to clean equipment between use by competitors. The NHIAA reviewed this guidance and suggests the following categorization:

Lower risk: alpine skiing, nordic skiing and sideline/grounded spirit.

Moderate risk: ice hockey.

Higher risk: basketball and wrestling.

*On October 16, 2020, the NHIAA Council recommended that the NHIAA Sports Medicine Committee review and revise these categorizations. At this time this review has not occurred.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS), with input from the NHIAA sport specific committee's recommendations, NFHS guidance, and the NHIAA Sports Medicine Committee has developed the following Phased Approach to Opening Sports:

Phase	Phase One	Phase Two	Phase Three
Types of Activities	Limited to outdoor small group/team training classes and sessions. No competition or contact sports activities allowed. Released by the State of New Hampshire May 18, 2020.	Limited to outdoor team sporting events and practices. Team sporting events (competitive scrimmages, games) only allowed for low physical contact sports. Phase 2 expanded group training sessions and practices and the reopening of indoor recreational facilities.	Practices, training sessions, competitions, games, and tournaments/jamborees are permitted. This applies to all sports at all three risk levels and includes all NHIAA sports.

		Released by State of New Hampshire June 11, 2020 Guidelines for indoor health and fitness centers were released June 18, 2020.	Released by the State of New Hampshire July 17, 2020.
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On October 16, 2020, the NHIAA Council approved the following timeline for the start of the 2020-21 winter sports season:

11/30/20-12/11/20 - Phase 1 and Phase 2 conditioning/skills and drills activities for all sports;

12/14/20-1/10/21 - Team practice sessions;

1/11/21 - First date to play games.

Conval Athletics -- Winter 2020-21

Proposal

Practices and Scrimmages

It is the recommendation of the administration to follow the NHIAA Council's timeline. During our remote period, members of the Blue and Gold Cohorts will be allowed to combine and form teams. All ConVal High School winter sports programs would participate in a competitive limited regional NHIAA sanctioned schedule. Any ConVal High School athlete who participates, must sign a COVID waiver, and they as well as siblings or household members would be required to learn remotely until after their final competition, followed by a 14 day quarantine before they can return to in-person learning.

If this proposal is not accepted by the ConVal School Board, it is recommended that all school-based winter sports programs follow the same format as fall sports. That either by cohort students be allowed to initiate coach-led practice sessions (e.g. conditioning/skills and drills activities) and intrasquad scrimmages no later than the official NHIAA start date. Or if the preference is that cohorts be combined, before in person learning begins there will be a fourteen day quarantine for the athletes. Once in-person learning begins on January 19, 2021, all ConVal High School athletes who participate will continue based on the high school's Blue and Gold Cohort model.

Description	Cost	Anticipated FEMA Reimbursement
Sanitization		
QT3 (cleaning solution)	3,697	2,773
Cloths	1,430	1,073
Touchless Sanitizer Dispenser	17,292	12,969
Sanitizer	12,075	9,056
Batteries	1,000	750
Vinyl Gloves for Staff Classroom Use	769	577
Protective Gear & Screening Needs		
Thermometers	5,120	3,840
Nitrile Gloves	16,200	12,150
Disposable Gowns	32,830	24,623
Disposable Masks - youth size	9,810	7,358
Disposable Masks - adult size	19,620	14,715
Face Shields	7,515	5,636
KN95 Masks	3,750	2,813
N95 Masks	12,200	9,150
Clear Masks for SPED	16,030	12,023
Sneeze Guards / Bell Covers (band)	1,325	994
Chorus Masks	597	448
Equipment (Sanitization & Social Distancing)		
Additional Custodians	460,000	345,000
Electrostatic Sprayers & tablets	15,000	11,250
Iwave Units	83,494	62,620
Disinfectant Back Sprayer	560	420
Hallway Signage	14,842	11,132
Air purifier	538	404
Safety		
PA system to fields CVHS & SMS	28,465	21,348
2 way Radios	34,920	26,190
External PA Horns	74,721	56,041
Outdoor Classrooms		
Tables & Chairs for Tents	59,043	44,282
Tents for classrooms	90,778	68,083
Total Expenditures	<u>1,023,621</u>	<u>767,716</u>
Anticipated Cares Award (BOY K-12)		<u>394,800</u>
Remaining Costs to Cover		<u><u>372,916</u></u>

If the Board decides to enact Emergency Order #38 - 2 which allows the governing body to, with New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) permission, retain and utilize unrestricted fund balance to fund expenditures associated with addressing COVID-19, the Board will need to:

1. Hold a duly noticed meeting complying with the Right-to Know-Law and Executive Order No 12 "Temporary Modifications of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A". In said meeting, the Board will vote to request from the NHDOE a sum certain to be retained.
2. The Board Chair will be required to certify that the meeting at which the Board passed its motion to request COVID-19 related emergency expenditures pursuant to Executive Order No. 38 was duly noticed in accord with the Right-to-Know Law and conducted in accord with the Right-to-Know Law as modified by Executive Order No 12 "Temporary Modifications of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A".
3. The letter to the NHDOE should be signed by the entire board. Per Caitlin Davis, NHDOE, Division Director, signature does not equate endorsement. If applicable, a board member should still sign the letter, but may note they voted no or abstained. The letter must specify the amount to be retained and include an explanation of expenses that will be covered.
4. The Board Members or clerk will be required to certify the Motion. A sample Motion: That pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 38 the Board authorize its Chairperson and the Superintendent to seek approval from the NHDOE for COVID-19 related emergency expenditures in the amount of \$_____ ; said sum to come from other revenues as well as the District's unrestricted fund balance."

It is Administration's strong recommendation that if the Board chooses to submit a petition to the NHDOE under Emergency Order #38, serious consideration be given to the 250,000 of unrestricted fund balance included in FY 2021 estimated revenues. This was included in the calculation of tax rates in November 2019.

Administration anticipated receiving approximately \$770,000 from FEMA to help cover unanticipated expenses. On October 15th, the Governor announced an award of \$200 per student to public schools to help offset the gap left by FEMA's decision to not provide funding to schools. The District expects to receive close to \$400,000 from this award, leaving \$370,000 of the unfunded amount anticipated from FEMA.

The audited unrestricted fund balance is \$570,836. If the board chooses to return \$250,000 to reduce taxes, the motion should be to retain \$320,836, which will cover all but \$50,000 of the portion of expenses we anticipated would be reimbursed by FEMA.