

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET & PROPERTY

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

5:30 PM

**Physical Location: ConVal SAU Office
106 Hancock Rd., Peterborough, NH**

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MINUTES

Committee Members:

- Richard Dunning
- Alan Edelkind
- Jim Fredrickson
- Katherine Heck
- Robert Short, Jr.

Present: Jim Fredrickson, Richard Dunning, Alan Edelkind, Katherine Heck, Robert Short, Jr., Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Lori Schmidt, Tim Grossi, Kevin Pobst

1. Call meeting to Order

Jim Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2020

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020. Alan Edelkind second. Unanimous.

3. 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

Jim Fredrickson asked if anyone had any concerns before the presentation is shared tonight.

Finalizing the warrant articles on the trust funds is needed.

Jim asked if a separate warrant article about K-8 remote school; discussion at the board level is needed. Discussion took place about what "no means no" vs. a State mandate if one were to come down. Present staff could meet a mandate.

Discussion took place about a duplicate warrant article for funding the Building Trust for the same purposes; spaced apart.

A Petition Warrant Article was not submitted this year, therefore, none will appear on the warrant.

The Deliberative Session process was outlined.

Tonight's Public Hearing is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and speak to the board directly about the proposed budget.

The dollar figure on The CVEA Contract Article cannot be changed; it is a negotiated item.

4. Solar Project

Dick Dunning and Jim Fredrickson spoke about a recent visit to an elementary school that had a solar installation.

Layout of the solar panels would need discussion.

Jim Fredrickson reported that Congress approved the extension of the solar tax credit recently. It means a payback sooner.

Tim Grossi reported on a meeting with Bob Hayden and Jonathan Bass about the project. ConVal wanted to make sure that the size of the system would be viable even though we continue to decrease our electrical footprint at the high school. It does.

Jim said that the next step is to schedule a meeting to discuss next steps. Tim Grossi said that a conference call or Zoom meeting will be scheduled with everyone to get a path forward.

Jim Fredrickson, Dick Dunning, and Tim Grossi spoke about the quality of the installation at the school viewed. It was impressive.

5. Use of CVHS Gym for Town Meetings

Kimberly Saunders said that since the Town of Sharon asked for use of ConVal buildings for their Town Meeting or Voting, several other towns have come forward. The reason for the requests is that the spaces used in the towns are not large enough under the current situation. Absent allowing towns to use the schools, there is not space large enough to allow these meetings to go forward.

Jim Fredrickson said that the State has released new guidance.

Kimberly said that she wants to make sure that the Board is okay with allowing the use of buildings. These are community buildings. We should help out when we can.

Alan Edelkind asked about costs incurred for the use of facilities. Do we want to allow outside people in under the pandemic?

Tim Grossi said that we have allowed use of buildings in the past and charged for hours that custodial would not normally be on site. In terms of air quality, we would be turning over the air eight or nine times before people came back into the buildings the next day. Surface cleaning would be conducted at the end of use.

Katherine Heck agreed that as long as towns are paying for the extra costs she understands. She would like to go to the board to pause the suspension of visitors for this purpose. It is specific and necessary. These venues will be needed.

Tim Grossi said that the high school is the easiest place to access the use needed.

Kevin Pobst said that Frankestown will likely be conducting this business outside (Deliberative Session).

Kimberly Saunders said that we want to make sure that we have good relationships with our towns. It allows people to see our buildings and also the student work on display. We have Great Brook School, the Antrim Gym, Peterborough Elementary School, and South Meadow School that have large well ventilated areas available for use.

What does the board need to do? Kimberly said that our MOA allows visitors but it states that it will be well ventilated and that people will wear masks.

Consensus of the committee was to allow use of the buildings for this purpose.

Jim Fredrickson spoke about priorities and objectives for budget priorities in the next year as a needed discussion and planning for a future meeting.

In other business, Katherine Heck said that she has decided to take up the topic of broadband on the Greenfield Warrant this year. She asked if towns have resources to share on this topic that she would appreciate looking at them.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok