

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

School Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Physical Location: SAU 1, Board Room

106 Hancock Rd.

Peterborough, NH

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Minutes

BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Lori Schmidt, B.A.
Carrie James, H.R.
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.
Ben Moenter, Special Ed.
Kat Foecking, GBS
Anne O'Bryant, SMS
Larry Pimental, PES
Heather McKillop, CVHS
Deb Riley, CVHS
Amy Janoch, HES
Nicole Pease, DCS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Rich called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Right to Know for Public Meeting Emergency Declaration

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

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

a. Legal

Tim Theberge moved to enter into non-public session at 6:34 p.m. for legal matters. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Dick Dunning motioned to exit non-public session at 7:05 p.m. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

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

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

a. December 22, 2020

Stephen Ullman moved to accept the minutes of December 22, 2020. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

b. January 5, 2021

Katherine Heck moved to accept the minutes of January 5, 2021. Dick Dunning second.

Rob Short, Jr. noted one edit for the minutes on page 17 at the bottom in the motion to approve the budget. I

think my statement should read "if the people are willing to support...", not aren't willing to support.
Linda Quintanilha abstained.
All others in favor. Motion carried.

5. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders read various Points of Pride as reported to her by Administration.

Dick Dunning reported on a CTE meeting that he sat in on for Lance Levesque's film and photography program. Dick asked Kimberly to speak to Jen Kiley to have Fletcher and Lance present on their work at a future date to share what has come out of ConVal.

6. Public Comment

Dr. Kriebel shared his frustration with the lack of ski helmets for the ski team. The purchase is scheduled for approval.

Dr. Kriebel thanked those that responded to his communication after the last meeting.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel

1) Para-Justification

Kimberly Saunders referenced the need for a paraprofessional

Tim Theberge moved to approve the request for a paraprofessional. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

8. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

No changes were made to the Monthly Events Calendar.

b. ConVal School District Reopening Update & Local COVID Data Update

Kimberly Saunders reported that the most recent information is on the district website. Students returned today and it was great to see kids back in classrooms.

c. Accept Gift/Donation (Board Vote Required)

1) ConVal High School requests authorization to accept a gift/donation of \$3,600.00 from FCVA for the purpose of Nordic Ski Team race suits.

Dick Dunning moved to accept the donation as presented. Tim Theberge second.

Katherine Heck recused herself.

All others in favor. Motion carried.

9. Reports

a. Teacher Representative

Tom Morris reported that staff are excited and happy to be back with students. Many staff have real concerns about being back in person due to the COVID numbers reported in our area. They are working hard to implement the safety measures.

c. Budget & Property Committee – Jim Fredrickson

Jim Fredrickson reported that the committee reviewed the proposed budget and spoke about the solar project as well. Just after the holiday, a Nashua elementary school was visited to look at the Revision installation. It was impressive. The investment tax credit has been extended. The plan is to move forward very soon.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Tim Theberge

Tim Theberge reported that the committee continues to make good progress at the committee level by adding to the draft plan. A list of individuals to invite directly to join have been identified. Individuals will be placed on various subcommittees. The theme is Reopening, Recovery, Resiliency. Applying what has been learned to other Strategic Plan goals are moving forward.

d. Communications Committee – Niki McGettigan

Niki McGettigan reported that a review of communications posted took place. Special thanks to Jim Fredrickson for the information he wrote on various topics. The archived links of past communications during budget time were reviewed to guide this year's budget prep notifications. This week, the goal is to get information out after tonight's meeting. Warrant Articles were discussed. Contract information communication and press releases were discussed. The committee will meet with Guilfoil on Thursday. In addition, Guilfoil has created a news page that will be valuable.

d. Policy Committee – Janine Lesser

Janine Lesser reported meeting tonight. Policy DJD will come for a first read tonight. DI will come tonight for a second read. There is a group of policies on communicable and infectious diseases and pandemic and epidemic emergencies that will go for further review.

Several policies will require RSA updates. A group of financial policies will go for review. A policy, JFA, will be rescinded. BEDH and KA will be on the February agenda for updates to reflect actual meeting practice.

10. Old Business

a. K-8 Remote Program

Alan Edelkind outlined the process as he saw it. Rich Cahoon confirmed, adding that the motion should be offered by someone who voted in the affirmative.

Alan Edelkind motioned to reconsider K-8 Remote learning in proposed 21/22 proposed budget.

Jim Fredrickson second.

Alan Edelkind reviewed several discussion points. This has nothing to do with the validity of K-8 remote. It has to do with mitigating the possibility of having a default budget and having the vote of \$780K for K-8 Remote learning. We know the ramifications of having a default are significant.

This would mitigate the change of having a default take place. This would move to a warrant article to let voters determine if they want to spend \$780K on this remote program. Is there risk? Yes.

Due to the COVID, surge we need to go remote and it would be a non-budgeted expense. Alan shared that whether or not voters approve, the expense would still be the same.

Alan further said that it is proper to have the voters weigh in on a non-mandatory program to spend \$780K. It gives an opportunity not to go into a default.

Kimberly Saunders said that the default number will not change. It would decrease our operating budget.

Alan said that he realizes the default would stay fixed. The operating budget would decrease making it below the default budget.

Kimberly Saunders said that the offsets that we put into place, based on this, would need to be placed back in the Operating Budget. We would have to look at final budget number.

ED 320 says that we may offer remote learning that will take occur when we are no longer in a State of Emergency.

We would be in a "No means No" situation and would not be able to spend dollars like there is now.

Rich Cahoon said that there are already public competency-based programs in this state.

Alan Edelkind said that he did not believe that we could mix competency based and traditional education.

Jim Fredrickson said that the default figure has increased by \$107K, which he learned when he entered tonight's meeting.

Does moving this into its own warrant increase the chances of everything passing? The default would be higher than the proposed budget.

Kimberly Saunders pointed out that in order to put this in the budget, administration made some significant tradeoffs. She would want to meet with administration to see if they were still in the same place.

Janine Lesser asked if we take this out do we still have the capacity to offer K-8 remote education. Kimberly Saunders said that if it doesn't pass we could not continue unless we were in State Mandate of Emergency Order.

If we move it into a warrant article and it gets voted down, we could not offer it. "No means No" is for one year only.

Kevin Pobst said that if this were moved to a warrant and the voters said no to \$780K for K-8 competency based remote, is what is being said is that we could not do K-8 Remote in 21/22?

Our clear indication is that "no means no", therefore no remote. If we took "competency" out and pursued, we would be splitting hairs.

Kimberly Saunders said that if the board cannot support this, it should not be in the budget. It should not be a separate warrant article. It is not a good approach with school district budgeting. Administrators felt that this was important enough that they were willing to forgo some of their benefits to get this off the ground. Finally, she would rather have the board look at this and say that the amount is too much but we believe in the program. Offer an alternative dollar amount and administration will do the best that they can.

Linda Quintanilha said that there is a population of families that homeschool their children. When it doesn't go well, they re-enter and it takes a lot to catch these kids up. In addition, there are so many kids that this model will work well for. It will ease students back into socialization.

Robert Short, Jr. said that he thinks that the establishment of a school is different than if we are simply going to have remote classes. All kids might not be able to attend this because it is competency based. It is not for everyone. Do we know how many kids might attend? What number do we anticipate will return to school? Will we be spending a lot of money on yet another school that has low enrollment?

Stephen Ullman asked how students would be placed. Second, would a reasonable person assume that under certain circumstances that students might enroll in another remote program elsewhere or homeschool?

Ann Forrest said that we have multi-age at Francetown Elementary School. Kids are grouped together based on where they are.

Kimberly Saunders said that ConVal is not the only district talking about this type of program.

Jim Fredrickson asked we leave it in the budget and the budget does not pass we would have to find an excess of \$600K to dump out of the budget. Ramifications to budget; staff have given up benefits for other items than remote learning.

Niki McGettigan supported the administrators for time and effort for forward thinking. It is important to look at how we deliver curriculum.

Kevin Pobst said that he thinks Rob Short is correct in rejecting the analogy that this would establish a precedent. It was presented to us as a separate discreet school with a separate structure. If we were opening a new school in Sharon, the board would weigh in and ask the community for approval. Second, he is skeptical about "no means no". The proposed warrant is distinct compared to the kind of remote school that we are offering now. Lastly, we recently received survey feedback that told us that it was a favorable experience for students. We were supposed to be impressed at how well this was received.

Jim Fredrickson said that voters should have a choice. Which scenario allows the proposed budget to pass?

If the warrant got approved and the budget did not, we actually have more money to spend.

Katherine Heck agreed with Rob Short and Kevin Pobst' statements. She understood this to be a separate school proposal around its own model. If a warrant article was presented in the right way, it would be like asking to build a new school.

Second, Katherine said that she hears about people's inability to pay their taxes. Affordability is relevant to program. There is value in what Alan is proposing.

Tim Theberge said that ConVal has been leading from Day 1. As the Chairman of the Strategic Plan Committee, he looks at where education is going. This is where education is going. VLACS is not the way it is going. This proposal is the way to lead. The numbers are scary. Remote education will continue absent enough vaccines. For students who have anxiety or social/emotional issues, attending school is not ideal learning. This is an alternative. There is never a good time to ask for money. The board has discussed this and voted on it. He has heard no new arguments.

Tim Theberge called the question. Rich Cahoon noted hands still up for questions.

Rich Cahoon said that it would be irresponsible to assume straight-line enrollment without remote learning. Second, the discussion is premised that the current model is viable into the following year. He wondered if the middle schools would agree if it is viable in a non-emergency situation. We cannot assume that what we are doing now is the alternative to the K-8 Remote Learning.

In favor to reconsider decision previously made to place K-8 Remote Learning Competency Based School in the budget:

Yes: Roberg Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Alan Edelkind, Katherine Heck

Opposed: Dick Dunning, Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Stephen Ullman, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser

Motion failed, it stays in the budget.

b. Final Proposed 2021/2022 Budget

1) Proposed Budget

Kimberly Saunders said that this about the operating budget.

Jim Fredrickson said that in the past, the warrant is based on gross budget. Now one is based on operating budget and now there is a second that provides a significant difference in the way we do business.

Kevin Pobst said that he would like to lower the budget but he does not feel that the board is in support.

Kimberly Saunders said that if the board wants the budget to be X, it can be done.

Rich Cahoon said that we went through items in an order of priority and this was number three. Or would we pick a different priority item.

Linda Quintanilha shared concern about entertaining this at this late hour.

Robert Short said that we didn't start until December this year but we still need to push through.

Kevin Pobst said that he is taken by the statement that the 5-8 remote has not received as favorable reviews; especially for teachers. The MOA ends at the end of the year. Cost to do the current remote education is about \$100K per grade level. One option is to take the \$780K and recalculate it 5-8 at \$400K rather than \$780K. Do what we've been doing K-4 but for 5-8 for different money. This is an option. There is not likely a majority support.

Janine Lesser asked if a reduction of \$350K in the proposed budget would make a difference in the budget. We hear complaints about the budget every year. Part of it is the pandemic and part the State reductions.

Stephen Ullman asked about yearly increases in both operating and gross budgets. What is the year to year increase that the board would have to sell as it stands now? Is the budget going to increase 4.04%? Confirmed.

Dr. Ann Forrest said that the competency-based portion is not the part that is adding to the cost at all. If we tried to implement what we are doing now, K-8, there is a cost. Students have not had access to all of the programming that in person students do. Our five-year Strategic Plan has a focus on momentum on implementing a competency model. There has been a learning loss for many. This is a flexible model to work with.

Katherine Heck said that Greenfield traditionally votes down the ConVal budget. She works to connect with voters to educate them. It is hard to have that opportunity this year. Her position is a lower budget. Based on administration's response, she does not see where we could make a cut effectively.

Rich Cahoon said that we just reconsidered the question for remote school. If we want to cut the budget, we give administration the amount that we want cut and they will do so.

Jim Fredrickson said that we will end up with \$611K for difference of operational and default.

Dick Dunning moved forward to get this passed.

Rich Cahoon closed discussion.

Jim Fredrickson moved that we approve the version three operating budget of \$50, 298,177. Tim Theberge second.

In favor: Dick Dunning, Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Stephen Ullman, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser

Opposed: Robert Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Alan Edelkind, Katherine Heck

Motion carried.

2) Default Calculation

\$107K for workers compensation did not get added in to default of \$49,686,600.00. The difference is \$611,577.00

The default relative to the proposed is \$611,577.00 less.

c. Finalize Proposed Warrant

Kimberly Saunders said that over the past five years, she has asked why we are putting the gross budget number as a raised appropriated number. It does not make sense. What we can do is put the operating budget on and put in an appropriation for food service and federal grants. We would have to educate the public. These are funds that come into us. We can do this or roll it all into the operational budget and include it in the gross budget that goes on.

Rich Cahoon said that Article 2 should not say “raise and appropriate”.

Lori said that this is the wording that was approved by the DRA today. She can make changes and discuss alternative wording.

Jim Fredrickson said that he has concern that wording is important, but what if the voters say no.

Kimberly Saunders said that we need to know, if the rewording is done, if the board approves of this type of article.

Tim Theberge asked why we need it. Kimberly Saunders said that we face this every year. Either we don't do it this year, but we have to think about how to do this next year.

Rich Cahoon asked if there is a way to add this to Article 1 combining the two.

Lori Schmidt said that wording for Article 1 is mandated by RSA.

Katherine Heck said “raise and appropriate” language has to be in there. A separate article should be done. She offered alternative language for clarification.

Katherine Heck said that when the mailer is produced, it would identify what a yes and no vote would mean.

Rich said that he wants to know what Attorney, Dean Eggert says about the legality of this in terms of if it failed.

Jim Fredrickson suggested going back to the old way that we have been doing it and also do some research on including an Article 2 and meet on Zoom for a vote on it. Risk should not be taken absent understanding.

Tim Theberge asked why not a generic warrant article without the dollars. Simply to accept and expend funds.

Board has statutory authority to accept and expend grant funds.

Linda asked where this came from and how is it different. Kimberly said that we are atypical and put our entire gross budget into one article. Many districts make sure that they can accept and expend federal dollars specifically. This is dollars coming into the district.

Voters of the district do not get to set aside a statutory obligation said Rich.

Jim Fredrickson moved to revise Article 01 to reflect the way that we have done it. We have something that we can put on the warrant if approved.

Jim Fredrickson moved to revise Article 01 to the old way of doing it and eliminating the proposed Article 2. Kevin Pobst second.

Katherine Heck said that it is supposed to show that it is a wash. It is standard language.

Linda Quintanilha said that for the purposes of kids in school, this money comes in the form of grants that separates students out. She said that this is a slippery slope.

Janine Lesser said that she is in favor of Tim's language for clarification.

Jim Fredrickson asked if this could be advisory.

\$52,583,177.00 would be the budget figure for Article 01.

In favor to go back to way that we have been doing it: Dick Dunning, Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Robert Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Alan Edelkind, Stephen Ullman, Katherine Heck, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser.

Opposed: None.

Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Tim Theberge moved to use recommends/does not recommend without vote counts. Stephen Ullman second.

Kevin Pobst said that it is not the most transparent way to do this.

Tim Theberge said that once a decision of the board is made, it is the duty of the board to support it.

In favor: Dick Dunning, Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Robert Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Alan Edelkind, Stephen Ullman, Katherine Heck, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser.

Opposed: None.

*(Minute-Taker's Note: As a result of eliminating the proposed Article 02 in this discussion, the following votes on Articles will be renumbered for the warrant and ballots)

Article 03 – Accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Jim Fredrickson moved to recommend the Collective Bargaining Agreement as written. Jerry Wilson second.

Jerry Wilson said that we agreed to a one-year extension of contract with salary adjustments. Total impact is the \$847,899. Adjustments take care of some inequities in the step structure. Without an extension, teachers would not have received their step. It provides more for staff at the lower end for beginning staff. It allows recruitment to be easier.

In favor: Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Robert Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Alan Edelkind, Stephen Ullman, Katherine Heck, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser

Abstentions: Dick Dunning

Opposed: None.

Article 5 – Linda Quintanilha moved to recommend Article 5. Dick Dunning second.

In favor: Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Article 6 – Robert Short, Jr. moved to recommend Article 6. Katherine Heck second.

In favor: Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Article 7 – Energy Trust -Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 7. Katherine Heck second.

In favor: Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Article 8 – Equipment Trust – Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 8. Katherine Heck second.

In favor: Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Article 9 – Athletics Trust – Dick Dunning moved to recommend Article 9. Katherine Heck second.

In favor: Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Article 10 – will need motion and text in red is different than what was originally talked about.

Jim Fredrickson moved to accept as written. Robert Short, Jr. second.

In favor: Unanimous on a roll call vote.

If Article 6 fails, this would be moot.

This reads the opposite, that if 6 fails this still could pass.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to follow up with legal.

Rich Cahoon said that there is nothing that says that six must pass for 10 to matter.

Voters should be able to say no to 6 and yes to 10.

Robert Short asked if we have our audit report yet. We did not. Rob added concern that we do not have a report.

Article 12 - School Board Salaries

Tim Theberge moved to adopt and recommend this article. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Article 13: Create and Establish a COVID Trust

Katherine Heck said that she favored option 3 and asked the recommended amount.

Kimberly said that \$750K would be suggested.

Kevin Pobst asked if this appears in the 13th position, would it mean that we fund other trusts first. In option 3, it states that it does as an optional sentence.

Does Katherine recommend 3 with the red or just the black and white? She said three with the red.

Rich Cahoon said that without tying it to COVID, this is unlikely to pass.

Katherine Heck said that she does not see language where these would close in a certain period of years.

Katherine Heck suggested adding the word "COVID" in option 3.

Kimberly Saunders said that we do not have to do any of the three. One could be done instead of the fund balance retention.

Linda Quintanilha said that we are verging on the ridiculous.

Linda said that her motion would be to eliminate Article 13 altogether. Tim Theberge second.

In favor: Dick Dunning, Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Robert Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Alan Edelkind, Stephen Ullman, Katherine Heck, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser

Article 13 will be removed.

Article 14: Fund Balance Retention

Rich Cahoon said that this is something he has wanted for some time.

Katherine Heck provided the history on Fund Balance Retention for school districts. This would allow us to not have the same type of impact on our program and services in a year like this. It leads to a healthier cash flow.

Katherine Heck recommended that the language have "up to 5 percent" and include language in policy that we would not retain more than 2.5%. It would be used to offset tax rates or board emergency. It would be a switch from returning all to the taxpayers.

Rich Cahoon said that it changes the landscape on funding trust funds moving forward.

Kevin Pobst asked the criteria to determine an emergency.

Katherine Heck said that it is something that would rise to a higher level. We would assure the public of the intention.

Rich Cahoon shared history of the strict definition of "emergency" which is not currently present in the law.

How would this work?

Lori Schmidt said that it is 5% of net assessment that would go to the towns that could be retained if there is a remaining fund balance.

Linda Quintanilha asked if this is not the year given we have \$700K going into trust funds. It appears that we do not know how to budget.

This is responsible budgeting.

Katherine Heck said that to realize our capital plan, we should have been saving \$2M a year. We have been deferring work such as the high school parking lot. We should be saving more. The fund balance that is able to be retained become an emergency fund for essential items.

Kimberly said that she wants to make sure that no one points to past boards because they had a different fiduciary responsibility.

Rich Cahoon said that this would not be to fund trust funds.

Kevin Pobst said that he thinks that this should be an easier sell because towns operate this way. It will match what the towns are doing.

Stephen Ullman said that he was in favor of this article and recognized it as normal practice.

Rich Cahoon said that the policy would allow a roof collapse to be covered, but not planned updates in the capital plan.

Katherine Heck said that we should be offsetting taxation; 2.5% is reasonable and would be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies.

Rich Cahoon asked Lori Schmidt her recommendation. Lori said that it is a good idea. It will help equalize tax rates and adds a comfort level for emergency purposes that we did not have this year.

Jim Fredrickson said that we could retain \$900K every year in this fund. \$700K in trusts and return to taxpayers; we would need \$1.9M.

Lori Schmidt said that is not an option.

Janine Lesser asked if this fund was cumulative. The response was that it is not.

Lori said that if it is not used, it goes back to unfunded to potentially fund trusts. It rolls over but does not accumulate.

Tim Theberge spoke about language "up to 2.5%" vs. "2.5%".

Rich Cahoon said that if we agree to put this on the warrant, we need to adopt the policy about retained fund balance.

Katherine Heck suggested up to 2.5%.

Linda Quintanilha asked if this article should be moved up on the warrant to give flexibility in the future.

Rich Cahoon said that this does not take place this year.

Katherine Heck said that it is standard and does not take place this year. They are not fighting for the same money.

Kevin Pobst said that Linda's point is interesting. Is this the best place on the warrant?

Rich Cahoon said that the earliest it can be is Article 4.

Katherine Heck said that this is not occurring in this year. It is starting something new.

Kevin Pobst suggested language that states that this will occur "in future years".

Rich Cahoon suggested in the 22/23 fiscal year be added.

Tim Theberge suggested that if "in an amount not to exceed" be struck. No, it should remain.

Sense of the board: Consensus.

Do we want to make it clear that it is for future years? Yes.

Beginning in 22/23 fiscal year,and then the rest. Confirmed.

Not to exceed

Jim Fredrickson moved to amend his motion to read "beginning in fiscal year 22/23, to see if thenot to exceed 5%.

In favor adopts language.

In favor: Dick Dunning, Tim Theberge, Jim Fredrickson, Rob Short, Jr., Kevin Pobst, Linda Quintanilha, Jerry Wilson, Alan Edelkind, Stephen Ullman, Katherine Heck, Niki McGettigan, Janine Lesser

Opposed: None.

Discussion about changing the order of articles took place.

Moving Article 14 to Article 4 was proposed by Kevin Pobst.

Tim Theberge said that given all of the voter education that needs to occur, seeing it that high up on the warrant.

Jerry Wilson said that since trust funds occur this year, they should be established first.

Better keeping Article 14 where is since it is for a future year.

Stephen Ullman agreed.

Janine said that it should remain at the end.

No motion to change order was made.

e. 2nd Read/Adoption Policy (Board Vote Required)

DI: Fiscal Accounting & Reporting

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

11. New Business

a. 1st Read Policy

DJD: Local Purchasing

Janine Lesser referenced this policy for a first read.

f. Expenditure and Encumbrance Report - Lori Schmidt

Lori Schmidt referenced the expenditure and encumbrance report.

Linda Quintanilha shared her appreciation to Lori for all of the work that she has done during this budget cycle.

Lori highlighted changes that reflect encumbrances related to athletics.

Katherine Heck moved to accept the expenditure report and the encumbrances therein. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

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

Lori Schmidt reviewed the proposed requisition approvals requested.

Lori said that past records were reviewed specifically on this topic. It did not include these helmets. Money set aside for other athletic purposes was made and was used to purchase these helmets.

Rich shared the history of how this evolved.

Rob Short asked the history of helmets.

Kimberly said that we have been working on a helmet replacement cycle. Ski racers absolutely need helmets. One of the reasons that we supply helmets is so that we can identify the helmet to be used in terms of quality.

Kevin Pobst moved to approve the requisitions as presented. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Lori Schmidt reported that a LED project is underway being funded from previous LED reimbursements.

MS-DSB and MS26 need signatures after amending. Same for warrant.

d. NHSBA Resolutions

Linda Quintanilha proposed that we support the inclusive language even though the NHSBA does not support it. It stands for our values and we have taken a lead on inclusive education.

Katherine Heck said that she is the NHSBA Delegate. She will attend a future meeting. Resolutions have been submitted. Katherine is asking the ConVal Board for their vote on each of the proposed resolutions.

Raymond School Board regarding building aid –

Rich Cahoon said that there is a massive equity issue as to how building aid is distributed.

Sense of the Board: In favor

Monadnock School Board proposal on inclusive education –

Sense of the Board: In favor

Oyster River School Board on student and staff privacy – schools requiring remote students to turn their cameras on remotely is the proposal.

Kimberly Saunders said that she understands why teachers prefer it but asked for consideration as to why students do not turn their cameras on.

Sense of board – Opposed.

Strafford/Nottingham– Changes in IDEA calculations to disburse IDEA dollars based on residence and not registration.

Ben Moenter said that it should be about where the child is and not the residency. He said that it does not make sense.

Sense of board – Opposed.

Manchester School Board – hold harmless for differentiated aid and should be based on FRL from 19/20.

Sense of Board – In favor

Katherine Heck said that this is COVID related and not long-standing.

12. Public Comment

Bob Edwards, Antrim, commended the Board on all of the fund balance policy discussion on structure and purposes.

13. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Lori Schmidt certified that manifests listed totaling \$431,106.41 and Payroll totaling \$3,185,024.17 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 presented. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal

None.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 10:34 p.m. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok