

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Friday, January 22, 2021

School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Physical Location: SAU 1, Board Room

106 Hancock Rd.

Peterborough, NH

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, Rob Short, Jr.,
Tim Theberge, Stephen Ullman,
Jerry Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Carrie James, H.R.
Heather McKillop, CVHS
Deb Riley, CVHS
Cari Christian Coates, Student Serv.
Amy Janoch, HES
Larry Pimental, PES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Tim Theberge moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II at 6:05 p.m. for matters of negotiation and personnel. Second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Dick Dunning moved to exit non-public session at 6:44 p.m. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

2. Right to Know for Public Meeting Emergency Declaration

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

Roll call attendance was taken. All thirteen board members were present.

Tim Theberge moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for a period of 5 years. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

3. Public Comment

None.

Rich Cahoon proposed that the Board send a letter to Governor Sununu, in which he read.

Dick Dunning moved that we send the letter as presented. Jerry Wilson second.

Tim Theberge said that it is important that the board send a letter to the Governor. Stephen Ullman showed his appreciation for the letter and said that showing appreciation for our staff is deserving of the treatment suggested in this letter. Kevin Pobst said that the option to allow teachers who are most vulnerable was requested.

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

**Opposed: Robert Short, Jr.
Motion carried.**

4. Old Business

a. Final 2021/2022 Proposed Budget (Board Vote Required)

Kimberly Saunders said that the proposed budget has not changed at all. What has changed is the default calculation. It has to do with student services. Our original proposed budget included positions related to mitigation strategies. They were included in the default. When the board requested that the mitigation strategies be eliminated, the decrease totals \$691K. It reduces the FICA line as well by \$31,000. In reviewing the default, a termination of a contract was discovered totaling \$50K and a one-time expenditure of \$55K for a security line.

Any questions on how new default was arrived at?

Stephen Ullman said that there are at least ten lines that contain default figures that are larger than originally budgeted for.

Kimberly Saunders said that there are times, for example, where the plan to offset legal obligations through a trust might be made. The legal obligation is still in the default because we have to cover legal expenses. The exposure remains. When thinking about a default calculation, exposure needs to be considered. In this case, we want to make sure that everything is taken care of.

Theoretically, you can end up with a default that is higher than the proposed budget.

The default is a calculation and you use the lines to create the calculation.

Default is the same appropriation as contained in the operating authorized for previous year. You increase or decrease it by those obligations by law and eliminate one-time expenditures. One-time expenditures are those not likely to repeat in future budgets. Looking at line 323, the default is figured out by looking at each line. A line may be budgeted more than we plan to spend but it doesn't mean we will spend that full amount. It is a default appropriation.

Kevin Pobst referenced line 211. Default takes us to maximum exposure but the choice was made to pull dollars out of a trust. The contractual obligation remains to provide health insurance so you use that number for the default calculation.

Rich Cahoon asked if any previously visited topics need a revisit.
Earlier decisions can be revisited as well.

A vote is not needed on the default. We may need to vote on the warrant.

Linda Quintanilha moved to modify the figure included in Article 01 for the default figure. Dick Dunning second.

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

**Opposed: Kevin Pobst, Alan Edelkind, Katherine Heck
Motion carried.**

5. Public Comment

Bob Edwards, Antrim, asked for the gross and the default.

Article 01 operating gross totals \$52,583,177 and default will be \$51,065,984.00.

Rich Cahoon said that the letter that the Board supported sending should be publicized.

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

a. Negotiations

b. Personnel

c. Legal

None.

Linda Quintanilha motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Tim Theberge second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok