

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

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

**School Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Physical Location: SAU #1 Board Room

Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkSPtTAg-bM>

Minutes

BOARD

Rich Cahoon, Tom Burgess,
Keira Christian, Richard Dunning,
Alan Edelkind, Jim Fredrickson,
Katherine Heck, Greg Kriebel,
Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst,
Liz Swan, Tim Theberge,
Stephen Ullman

Abby Kamieniecki, Student Rep.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Lori Schmidt, B.A.
Carrie James, H.R.
Colleen Roy, GES
Kat Foecking, GBS.
Fabiola Woods, TES
Tim Conway, SMS
Stephanie Syre-Hager, AES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Theberge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Janine Lesser moved to enter into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3,II at 7:00 p.m. for a matter of personnel. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Janine Lesser moved to exit non-public session at 7:03 p.m. Keira Christian second. Unanimous.

Janine Lesser moved to approve both requests proposed by the Superintendent. Dick Dunning second. Unanimous.

3. Points of Pride

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

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes

1) January 18, 2022

It was noted that the minutes of January 18 were amended.

b. Personnel

1) Resignations June 2022

a. Abe Ewing, CVHS, Industrial Arts

2) Nominations

a. Traci Lane, GBS, Interim Assistant Principal

The consent agenda was adopted.

c. February 1, 2022 Enrollment Update

February 1st enrollment was referenced. It was noted that enrollment is up slightly from last month.

d. List of Registered School Board Candidates

Antrim – No one has filed.

Dublin – Alan Edelkind (3-year position)

Emily Primrose (3-year position)

Hancock – Tim Theberge (3-year position)

Peterborough – Dick Dunning (3-year position)

Tom Burgess (3-year position)

Greg Kriebel (1-year position)

Gregory L. Carter (1-year position)

Those not currently on the board will be invited to last meeting in February.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Reopening Update

1) Updated NHDHHS and CDC Guidance

The difference in vaccinations and being up to date was discussed. Up to date are those that have also received their booster.

The COVID monitoring plan is recommending that the guidelines are followed.

How do we determine who is up to date? Parents and nurses work together to determine that.

DHHS has not provided vaccination information directly to any schools. The best we can do is look at our area towns. It is optional to provide the information. If it is not provided, then you are on a different quarantine schedule.

What does the COVID Monitoring Team think about natural immunity. If you have had a case within the last 90 days, you are considered up to date.

Katherine Heck asked that this be tabled when full knowledge is available at the time a decision will be made.

March 15th seemed reasonable to assess this.

Providing parents enough lead time to schedule a booster, if they so choose, is a consideration.

Katherine asked that the general guidance changes might be shared with parents to provide notice.

b. Monthly Events Calendar

A Food Service Committee Meeting was added to the calendar on Thursday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

c. Research Project (Policy LC)

Kimberly Saunders referenced a research project request.

Kimberly said that the Strategic Plan Survey went out. Today is the last day to submit.

Approximately 22% of parents, 25% of staff, 127 community responses and a low student response have been submitted. Kimberly suggested leaving the survey open until Friday to allow another reminder to complete.

Confirmed.

d. Audit Update – Lori Schmidt

Lori Schmidt reported that we have a letter from the auditors stating that report will be available in mid-March.

The finance office, with the loss of one business staff, has been a challenge.

Guidance has changed for various funds causing a rewrite of several things. FEMA is reimbursing 100% of six specific categories. This allowed monies to be freed up. The policy allows claiming transactions up to April 1, 2022 for PPE from FEMA again this year.

Katherine Heck asked about an engagement letter with the auditors. She asked that the auditors meet with the board to provide an overview of the audit.

Katherine Heck moved to invite the auditors to come meet with the board when the audit is complete.

Jim second. Unanimous.

7. Reports

a. Teacher Representative – Cheryl Jessie

None.

b. Student Representative – Abby Kamieniecki

Abby Kamieniecki reported that second semester just began. Next week, students host penny wars which is a fundraiser where the money will be donated. Spirit week will follow. In March, a blood drive will be hosted.

c. Strategic Plan Committee – Tim Theberge

Tim Theberge reported that survey questions were reviewed.

d. Selectmen’s Advisory Committee – Tim Theberge

Tim Theberge reported that the proposed budget was discussed. A COVID update was provided as well.

e. Policy Committee – Katherine Heck

Katherine Heck reported that policy met tonight. ACAC was reviewed and will go to legal for review. JLCJA will go to the nurses and athletic department for review before it returns to policy. JIC was part of JICA and will be recategorized to an “R” policy with no changes.

8. Old Business

a. Legislative Update

Katherine Heck reported that 55 bills were heard this week with 35 more introduced that relate to education.

SB236 establishes a study on teacher shortages and is recommended to pass.

HB1627 changes the Freedom Account administrator rather than a non-profit 3rd party.

HB1630 requiring students to complete a half year of philosophy that went to interim study.

Other activity underway was shared.

Stephen Ullman encouraged to register opposition to 1679 that requires cooperative school districts to dissolve by the year 2025. Someone from this district should testify.

b. School Board Requests

None.

c. Warrant Assignments

Board members were assigned to speak at Deliberative Session on the articles as follows:

01-Jim

02-Kevin

03-Kevin

04-Rich

05-Katherine

06-Katherine

07-Janine

08-Keira

09-Dick

10-Tom

11-Alan

12-None

13-None

Discussion as to whether the board could take a position on the petitioned warrant article took place.

Legal will be present to go through the legal components of the article.

Tim said that Boards are not supposed to take a position on an article of this type. One may do so as a resident.

9. New Business

a. Policy 1st Read

- IKF– High School Graduation

Janine Lesser noted this policy as a first read.

b. Submission of Board Officer Declaration

1) Policy BDB Board Officers

Tim Theberge reported that he has submitted for the position of Chairman of the ConVal School Board.

Janine Lesser has submitted for the position of Vice-Chair of the School Board.

Katherine Heck asked about the requirement to have served on the board for a period of two years to run. Rich Cahoon confirmed that there was an earlier policy. In addition to the period of years of service, term limits were added to the policy. Kimberly said that there was rationale for term limits for the Chair.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Lori Schmidt certified that manifests listed totaling \$1,693,435.21 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 read. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous.

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

- a. Negotiations
- b. Legal
- c. Personnel

Janine Lesser moved to enter into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II at 7:47 p.m. for legal and personnel. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Janine Lesser motioned to exit Non-Public Session at 7:55 p.m. Greg Kriebel Second. Unanimous.

Janine Lesser moved to seal the minutes of non-public session for legal matters for a period of five years. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous.

Janine Lesser moved to seal the non-public session minutes for matters of personnel for a period of five years. Keira Christian second. Unanimous.

Katherine Heck motioned to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Greg Kriebel second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok