

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Selectmen's Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 24, 2022

**SAU Office Board Room
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Present: John Roberson (Chair-Antrim), Bill Kennedy (Peterborough), Bob Marshall (Greenfield), Mike Borden (Greenfield), Diane Callahan (Sharon), Carole Munroe (Dublin), George Willard (Temple), Jeff Brown (Hancock), Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Tim Theberge

1. Call to Order

John Robertson called meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Approve Minutes of January 27, 2022

The minutes of January 27, 2022 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Jeff Brown. Seconded by Bob Marshall. Unanimous to approve

3. Budget Support

John Robertson spoke about the importance of support for the school budget at select board meetings. Asked how many Selectmen have spoken to their town select boards.

Kimberly Saunders spoke about the default budget and gave an amount of about \$933,000 less than the current budget being presented.

John spoke about the work that goes into the budget and making sure we support the students in our community.

Kimberly spoke about the budget as "lean". Increase in cost of living wages. But nothing new and out of the ordinary was added to the budget.

John requested that board members go into their community and support the budget. Jeff Brown asked about the refund from last year. Tim Theberge spoke about how the district would see a decrease in assessment.

Kimberly discussed vouchers under budgeted.

Carole Munroe mentioned NH Legislation and said that until we see a change there we will see taxes going up and it won't have anything to do with public schools.

Kimberly gave a breakdown of special education services in private schools and how we provide them. Tim spoke about the state data and how to calculate cost per student. Kimberly and Tim spoke about the lawsuit briefly and that 19 school districts are involved in the lawsuit. Jeff asked how we fix adequacy?

The new charter school in Peterborough was briefly talked about for examples of the above questions.

Cooperative school districts are also trying to be ushered out in the legislature.

4. Warrant Articles

Kimberly Saunders spoke about the contract and how it was very fair.

Kimberly went over the warrant articles.

Carole Munroe asked about trust fund balances and how they work. Tim Theberge said the funds are added in the order that they appear on the ballot.

Tim spoke about how each warrant was voted unanimous by the school board on each warrant article.

5. Collective Bargaining Agreement

See warrant articles.

6. COVID-19 Guidelines

Kimberly discussed moving past masks and that the school board will vote on Tuesday, Mar 1, 2022. Tim Theberge discussed the NH DHHS guidelines that were just announced and how the school board will more than likely vote on mask policy changing before March 7. He was clear that masks would be optional as already voted on prior to the DHHS release.

Carole Munroe asked about town meetings and how that affects them.

7. Committee Reports

Tim Theberge gave updates about each committee.

Education Committee is looking at scheduling, particularly at the high school.

Strategic Plan Committee is still looking at survey answers.

Budget and Property Committee is looking at the ATC renovation project. Match money may be available.

Policy Committee is focused on 200 statutes need to be implemented into current or new policy.

Equity Committee reviewed assessment scores by demographics.

8. Other:

Kimberly discussed some of the positives going on in ConVal right now. The boys' basketball championship game and the team, 40 scholastic art awards were given out, and the GBS Robotics Team has been invited to the World Competition.

Pierce School will be featured on PBS (Bennington school) for the turtle project they are doing.

Carole asked Kimberly about state RSA's being voted on in the legislative. Kimberly said she and Tim would get a list of LSR's together and send it to Selectmen.

George Willard made a motion to adjourn at 8:16p.m. John Robertson seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wasserloos