

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Physical Location: SAU #1 Board Room**

**Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KljbRPqMrsU>**

**Minutes**

**BOARD**

Tom Burgess, Keira Christian,  
Richard Dunning, Jim Fredrickson,  
Katherine Heck, Greg Kriebel,  
Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst,  
Crista Salamy, Liz Swan,  
Tim Theberge, Stephen Ullman

Abby Kamieniecki, Student Rep.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.  
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.  
Lori Schmidt, B.A.  
Cari Christian-Coates, Student Serv.  
Carrie James, H.R.  
Kat Foecking, GBS

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Kimberly Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**2. Introduction and Swearing in of Returning and New Board Members**

Board members were sworn in prior to the start of tonight's meeting.

**3. Call for Election of Officers – Superintendent**

Kimberly Saunders opened up the meeting for nominations for School Board Chair.

**Stephen Ullman moved to nominate Tim Theberge for School Board chair. Kevin Pobst second. Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.**

The meeting was turned over to Tim Theberge.

**Stephen Ullman moved to nominate Janine Lesser for School Board Vice-Chair. Kevin Pobst second. Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.**

**4. Committee Assignments and Requests**

Tim Theberge asked board members to send him the names of committees they would like to be assigned. Vacancies on Education and Equity remain open.

**5. Points of Pride**

Kimberly Saunders shared various Points of Pride as reported to her by administrators. Kimberly also shared attending the premier of the PBS Pierce School turtle premier. In addition, Rachael Bowman has been selected as the School Librarian of the Year. Lastly, ConVal defeated Hopkinton in Granite State Challenge.

**6. Student Representative – Abby Kamieniecki**

Abby Kamieniecki reported that a blood drive is being held on Friday.

In addition, a CTE class taught by Sarah Grossi is collecting donations to donate to End 68 Hours of Hunger.

**7. Public Comment**

None.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes**

1) March 1, 2022

### **b. Personnel**

1) Nominations

2) Co-Curricular Notifications

### **c. March 1, 2022 Enrollment Update**

Crista Salamy asked about the background for the Interim Assistant Principal position. Kimberly shared the background that led to this position.

**The consent agenda was adopted.**

## **9. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business**

### **a. Election Results**

Kimberly Saunders reviewed the Election Results, by article, and shared the yes/no vote counts and percentages that each passed by. Article 12 failed having received only 31% favorability.

School Board member votes were shared as well.

### **b. Monthly Events Calendar**

The committee meetings will continue as currently scheduled.

### **c. School Board Requests**

Two School Board Requests were referenced relating to Tax Rates and also a request to add start and end times into the website for School Board meetings and subcommittees as well as posting materials shared at board meetings.

Liz Swan extended gratitude to the voters who supported the budget and warrant articles. She said that this is great and this is reminder to keep an open mind going forward.

## **10. Reports**

### **a. Teacher Representative – Cheryl Jessie**

None.

### **b. Policy Committee – Katherine Heck**

Katherine Heck reported that several policies come tonight for a first read. Please email comments on these policies to Katherine prior to the second read, in writing.

Policies on advanced coursework and also wellness will be coming for review as well.

### **c. Building Committee – Jim Fredrickson**

Jim Fredrickson shared information on the modernization proposed at the high school and middle schools. Funding sources were touched on. Construction RFP and Cost Estimates will be needed. The schedule is very aggressive. We may also want to wait for costs to come down.

In terms of conceptual design, an architect will be engaged to consider options and other schools will be looked at. Jim shared a timeline leading to an award for the projects. A formal building committee will be formed.

A construction manager RFP will be needed as well. A Public Hearing will be required. Managing all of this work will be complex. The ATC renovation will be a multi-district project.

## **11. Old Business**

### **a. Legislative Update**

Tim Theberge reported that the SBA sends out a summary of what is taking place.

Public Comments would require a three-minute time allotment rather than at two.

Katherine said that it only pertains to schools and must be an open comment period. We are already doing what is required.

Tim also referenced a proposal to bounce board members off a board should they miss two meetings. That has gone to committee for further discussion.

Katherine Heck referenced a bill relative to teaching discrimination which was tabled today. Other bills were outlined; one of which spoke to emergency remote learning.

Six bills on Education Freedom Accounts were addressed today. Other legislation underway were shared.

## **b. Reopening Plan**

Nothing new to report.

## **12. New Business**

### **a. 1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy**

- JICG: Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds
- GBED: Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds
- ADC: Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds
- IK: Earning of High School Credit
- ILBAA: High School Graduation Competencies
- IMBC: Alternative Credit Options
- IHAM: Health Education and Exemption from Instruction

The above seven policies were referenced for a first read. Please send any comments, in writing, to Katherine Heck in advance of the first meeting in April.

### **b. Expenditure and Encumbrance Report – Lori Schmidt**

Lori Schmidt said that monies received from trust funds needs to be spent first.

**Jim Fredrickson moved to approve the Expenditure Report and to approve the encumbrances therein. Dick Dunning second. Crista Salamy abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.**

### **c. Keene State Leadership Academy**

Fifteen participated in the previous Keene Cohort, of which eleven have served in leadership capacities since. Cost is approximately \$1,000 per course. Grant funded. In the end, certified principals will be available to step into leadership positions.

Kimberly Saunders asked a sense of the board to move forward with this.

Dick Dunning said that it is a good idea. How would members of ConVal School District be made aware of this potential and how would they submit interest? Kimberly Saunders said that staff would be notified, some would be approached, information would be included in the "Pay Day Memo" as well.

Kevin Pobst asked the cost on the last go around. Kimberly Saunders said that the cost is approximately \$45-\$50K and was grant funded. It would be slightly less this time as a result of combining with Hillsborough.

It would start in the fall likely.

**Katherine Heck moved to direct administration to move forward with this program. Crista Salamy second.**

Katherine Heck asked if the motion should include funding. Kimberly Saunders said that she will look for grant funding first before requesting funding from the budget.

**Unanimous.**

### **d. Last Day of School**

Kimberly Saunders reported three snow days to date. The last day of school, half-day, on June 17th is suggested.

**Katherine Heck moved that June 17th is the last day of school. Crista Salamy second. Unanimous.**

### **e. Dallas – World Competition**

Kimberly Saunders shared that the Great Brook School robotics team has qualified for the world competition.

This is a tremendous honor for these students to participate in this competition. Typically, the district tries to help in some way.

Kimberly Saunders asked the board to support these students with the opportunity. There are funds in the health insurance line.

**Katherine Heck moved to transfer \$16K to allow these students to compete. Liz Swan second.**

Rick Mellin said that this is a fantastic opportunity. 500 teams are registered. ConVal is one of seven teams who qualified. Twenty-two teams at State finals of which ConVal came in third.

**Unanimous.**

## **13. Public Comment**

None.

## **14. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)**

Lori Schmidt certified that manifests listed, totaling \$1,836,708.99, 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.**

**15. 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 for negotiations, personnel and legal.**

**Keira Christian second. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Janine Lesser moved to exit Non-Public Session at 8:33 p.m. Keira Christian second. Unanimous.**

**Dick Dunning moved to seal the minutes of Non-Public Session for a period of five years. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous.**

**Katherine Heck moved that the last day of school for 10-month employees and students is June 17th. Second. Unanimous.**

**Stephen Ullman motioned to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Liz Swan second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok