

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Road
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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Selectmen's Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 28, 2022

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

Minutes

Present: Jeff Brown (Hancock), Carole Monroe (Dublin), Diane Callahan (Sharon), Tim Theberge, Janine Lesser

1. Call to Order

Jeff Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approve Minutes of March 24, 2022

Carole Monroe moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2022. Diane Callahan second. Unanimous.

3. Planning for 2022-2023 School Year

Tim Theberge reported that the call for Preschool went out for people to register. The three additional classrooms will be in Greenfield, Hancock, and Antrim bringing the total up to eight (8) preschool classrooms. Anyone in the district may register or waitlist for any of the locations. Out of district students, should space be available, would pay tuition.

Half of the students must be regular education students and the remaining half can have an IEP or other special education assignment.

The full cost of the preschool program is \$1.95 million. Cost per pupil is \$15,600.00.

If a family qualifies for Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL), a family would not pay for preschool.

The reduced amount is 84% of the cost. Other rates were reported.

If not eligible for FRL, 3-day cost is \$144.00 per month. Other rates were shared.

The goal of preschool is to reach out and enroll children who would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend preschool. Students are entering kindergarten and were not ready. This program works to get students ready for learning.

Students are often referred to the district for assessment in a number of ways.

Summer school offerings are underway. There will be a transportation option that will drop kids off in the center of towns.

The new ConVal Strategic Plan is underway due for completion in July. Priority areas have been developed. The five priority areas were highlighted. The current plan is monitored regularly. Math has been an area that ConVal struggles. Passing Algebra I is now required to graduate from ConVal.

Time spent in each core area has been reviewed to assure that each level has the proper time dedicated to teaching and learning.

ConVal is interested in providing all students access to all levels of courses.

ConVal has been designated 20th in the State for high schools. Those schools who were higher on the list were shared.

One of the goals is consolidation/reconfiguration. The new Strategic Plan has a lot of promise rededicating us to education with the resources while looking at how we deploy our administration, teaching staff, and facilities.

4. Major Projects in the Future

There is a draft RFI (Request for Information) seeking organizations that are capable of conducting an analysis to assist reconfiguration or consolidation. It may be a realignment of grades. We are projected to gain over 100 students over the next decade. The voucher program impact will be valuable.

The main thrust is that we cannot stretch staff and resources that impact education for children. The Capital Improvement Plan includes work in many of the schools e.g. renovation of the Applied Technology Center, and middle schools.

5. Effect of Reevaluation on Budget Process

Towns are on different cycles for valuation.

6. Committee Reports

Communications – the next Community Forum is Thursday, May 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Lucy Hurlin Theater with an online option that permits questions to be submitted.

Three topics for the upcoming forum are Learning Recovery, Preschool, and Social/Emotional and School Safety.

This is an opportunity to get good hard information out to the community.

The Education Committee continues to look at the high school scheduling. Currently, a block schedule is used. Looking at which course offerings are offered at particular times of day is of interest.

The Policy Committee is working through policies to assure compliance. It is ongoing.

Successes including athletics, robotics, and music programs were noted.

7. Other

Jeff Brown said that the estimated payments for the school year were discussed at a recent Selectmen's meeting in Hancock. Waiting until the actual figures come in was discussed rather than estimating.

8. Adjourn

Carole Monroe motioned to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Diane Callahan seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok