

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458-1197

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 15, 2022

5:30 PM

Physical Location: SAU Boardroom

Minutes

Education Committee Members: Tom Burgess, Keira Christian, Richard Dunning, Liz Swan, and Stephen Ullman (Chair)

Present: Tom Burgess, Keira Christian, Stephen Ullman, Janine Lesser, Dr. Ann Forrest

Stephen Ullman called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

5:30 Approval of June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Tom Burgess moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022. Keira Christian seconded. The minutes were amended to reflect a change from “VLAC to VLACs”. Keira Christian abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

5:35 ConVal’s 1st 8 Weeks of School Curriculum (Quick Update)

Stephen Ullman referred to a previous presentation on *ConVal’s 1st 8 Weeks of School Curriculum* in the area of Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

Ann Forrest said that this curriculum has been under development for some time. Feedback from teachers was sought. The Education Committee was presented to and was ready to bring it to the board for approval. There were link issues and it did not go forward to the board. Rather, it was placed on tonight’s agenda. It is going forward to the full board tomorrow night.

Stephen Ullman said that he is pleased that there will be an assessment in October/November.

Tom Burgess said that it is an 8-week introductory curriculum but will continue throughout the school year.

Ann Forrest said that most teachers are implementing it. It pulls elements from different programs. Social/emotional opportunities are tied in. The practices are embedded throughout the day.

5:45 Assessment Schedule for 2022-2023

- [Policy ILBA - Assessment of Educational Programs](#) states “The assessment program will include an approximate schedule for statewide assessments. The schedule will be distributed to staff and the Board at the beginning of the school year.”

Stephen Ullman said that he is impressed with the breadth of assessment tools available in this district.

Ann Forrest said that by policy, we need to distribute the schedule for state-wide assessments. A schedule was shared for benchmark assessment dates.

AIMSweb is a fluency assessment. Based on speed and accuracy, it measures how fluent a student is. It does not give information on why they are not fluent. A decoding survey helps look at weaknesses.

Stephen Ullman said that one of the best things that this district does is have students take the PSAT and SAT.

Discussion took place about the pros and cons of assessments.

6:00 2022-2023 Draft Timeline for Education Committee Meetings

The proposed timeline for 22-23 Education Committee schedule. This approach grew out of a year where athletic fees were a hot item and spanned over several meetings.

Curriculum renewal, strategic planning, policies referred to this committee were planned out with time in mind to allow discussion.

Stephen Ullman said that he was interested in talking more about attendance in the summer program with 34 students attending at the high school.

Policies that need review by the Education Committee will be embedded in the schedule.

The CVHS schedule will be discussed in December to receive an update.

English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Summer Programming were scheduled out in future agendas.

Items not yet included in the agenda schedule are the Strategic Plan pieces.

Ann Forrest said that this is a proposal/working draft to schedule out discussions.

6:20 Policy IKL- Academic Integrity and Honesty

- This is an optional policy.
- The School Board has not adopted a Policy IKL, so this would be a new policy.

- The Policy Committee referred this policy to the Education Committee for review (see attached sample policy from the New Hampshire School Board Association).

Stephen Ullman commended the definition of plagiarism. In addition, he said that he liked that the classroom teacher may instill other academic standards beyond the policy.

Further, Stephen referenced “Other Academic Dishonesty” that covered the potential for what is not yet known e.g. technology related.

Stephen recalled discussion whether the student would be provided the opportunity to retake for a better grade after receiving a zero. Cumulative repercussions were discussed.

Tom Burgess said that vagueness allows discretion which could be a positive.

Ann Forrest said that this is an optional policy. She asked what surfaced to cause the discussion.

This is a new NHSBA Policy as of May 2022 which likely was brought forward as part of the spring update.

Discussion took place about the need for this policy.

Ann Forrest said that it would be important for the administration to review this policy first.

Discussion may come back on this in September or October. The high school handbook should be reviewed in advance of this discussion,

Tom Burgess moved to delay consideration of Policy IKL until administration input is shared with the committee.

Keira Christian seconded. Unanimous.

Keira Christian motioned to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Tom Burgess seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok