

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 20, 2023

5:30 PM

Physical Location: SAU Boardroom

Minutes

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

Present: Stephen Ullman, Tom Burgess, Dick Dunning, Janine Lesser, Greg Kriebel, Dr. Ann Forrest, Jen Kiley

Stephen Ullman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

5:30 Approval of January 31, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2023. Tom Burgess seconded. Tom Burgess abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

5:35 Future Career Technical Education (CTE) Programming

Jen Kiley said that in order to have these programs she is proposing, she has to demonstrate economic need.

We currently have ten programs. Manufacturing was added in 2019. We have strong manufacturing support in our area. In order to be Perkins Programs, endorsed by the State, there has to be an approved course sequence, postsecondary credits, associated industry-recognized credentials, and Program Advisory Committees comprised of industry and postsecondary representatives, students, and alumni.

Jen Kiley shared that she recommends agriculture with a focus on animal science as well as Health Professions and Related Services for new programming. This is due to student interest and what our advisories tell us. There is a need in the area for work force in both areas.

Of students surveyed, 74% were interested in animal science.

All of CTE Programming gets supported by Perkins. The allocation is based on the number of children in our area age 0-19 and how many live in poverty. Perkins funding does not cover the entire cost. It does not cover salary unless it is written in.

The reason to recommend moving forward in Agriculture with a focus on animal science is that it is the piece that has the highest number of job openings. There is a lot of growth in that area. There are a lot of career pathways in this area. Skills would be

earned just by completing two years in high school. There are farm careers and equine care career paths. There are also bio-chemists as an option if you have an education in this area.

Do we have anyone on staff that can take this on? No, we would need to hire someone.

Groomers also need people with experience who understand animal behavior. UNH offers a Bachelor of Science in Dairy Management.

The nearest centers that offer animal science are Langdon, Hudson, and Derry. That is quite a distance to travel. Going with the agriculture, the general program has the possibility of leading in other areas like logging.

Jen Kiley said that we offer 57 college credits through ATC courses. 18 are articulated, all of the Running Start are transcript courses that might be transferred to another college.

The proposed sequence of courses would be General Agriculture (1 credit), Animal Science (full year; 2 credits), and Animal Science II (full year, 2 credits). Animal First Aid & CPR was also mentioned.

New programming tied to student enterprise programming was shared.

Health Science - allied health, EMT, medical assistant, OT/PT, and radiology. MCH is always looking for people. There are opportunities in long-term healthcare. Running start credits are available.

Health Science has typically run for two years.

Running Start credit for medical terminology is possible.

Student enterprise is a way to have boots on the ground in the industry. It is important to find out what you are good at and not good at. It is valuable to find out early what you are interested in.

Tom Burgess asked the overall ratio of male to female students roughly. The two programs that are considered to be added are the reason for the ask.

Jen said that there are certain programs that are dominated by one gender over the other. Non-traditional students are encouraged to try it, it is open to everyone.

Tom Burgess spoke about a larger number geared more to male students.

Jen said that the most important piece is what the student's career plan is and not gender. Tom agreed. We want to offer programs that are appealing to all.

Greg Kriebel asked what the budgetary considerations are.

Jen said that depending upon student interest, we would have to see if more than one staff member for each would be needed. A minimum of two salaries plus supply costs is part of the consideration.

The work-based learning element is appealing. CTE's provide the opportunity for clusters which is appealing to teachers who are the only one in their school.

Jen Kiley said that this is being brought forward now because we would need to have program applications by January 2024 which would follow the renovation. We are talking four years out for implementation in 2027.

Next steps include a presentation to the full board tomorrow.

Is there space currently in place to house these programs? It depends on the program. Space might go upward rather than out in terms of renovation. Other popular areas were shared; drones, gaming, e-sports.

6:15 Other & Adjourn

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok