

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

**School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Physical Location: SAU #1 Board Room

Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ConValEvents>

Minutes

BOARD

Richard Dunning, Alan Edelkind,
Jim Fredrickson, Katherine Heck,
Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst,
Doug Sutherland, Liz Swan,
Stephen Ullman

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.
Lori Schmidt, B.A.
Tim Grossi, Facilities
Carrie James, H.R.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Janine Lesser called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A: 3, II (If Required)

- a. Negotiations
- b. Personnel

Alan Edelkind motioned to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II. At 7:04 p.m. Dick Dunning seconded. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Dick Dunning motioned to exit Non-Public Session at 7:08 p.m. Alan Edelkind seconded. Unanimous.

Stephen Ullman motioned to seal the minutes of Non-Public Session for a period of five years. Dick Dunning seconded. Unanimous.

3. Points of Pride

Kimberly Saunders shared various Points of Pride as reported to her by administrators.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes

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b. Personnel

The Consent Agenda was accepted.

Kevin Pobst asked how we stand with open positions.

Carrie James provided an update.

6. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. School Board Requests

Kimberly Saunders reported that there is a list of School Board requests; two are for presentations and two are for information. Work will be underway.

b. Monthly Events Calendar

The Policy Committee meeting on February 21st will begin at 5:45 p.m. as will all future Policy Committee meetings.

Kimberly Saunders reminded that if a board member's open board position is up for re-election to file your declaration no later than February 3rd.

The Secretary of State letter regarding voting day was reviewed - a requirement for school board members to be present for the counting of ballots and announcement of results is stated.

The towns conduct the election for the school district. A statutory requirement is for a member of the board or a designee at each of the town elections. The governing body can designate a person to oversee.

Stephen Ullman requested a copy of the information.

Katherine Heck said that it is after the polls close and does require a school board member or their designee. It is not the all-day event. Town Moderators can be appointed.

Katherine said that we can assign the role for Peterborough.

Crista Salamy will do it for Antrim.

A Peterborough board member is needed.

Dick Dunning nominated Lori Schmidt to be the representative at the polls on March 14th in Peterborough.

Greg Kriebel seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Let Brenda know who the designated person will be at each polling location by March 1st.

c. Facilities Update

Tim Grossi reported the second round of lead testing was just completed. The first round was in 2019; second in 2022. 2022 testing was more in depth. Inside of the testing, faucets, bubblers, and any place water could be drawn was tested. The second round was 5 parts per billion (ppb) which added additional water supplies to be tagged for hand wash only. We have 148 faucets that tested higher than that and mitigation is being sought. Everything within the law and compliance is being met.

Janine Lesser reported that the original testing was at 15 ppb. 99% of the cases of lead in the bloodstream are from lead dust and not from the water. Children under the age of 6 are the greatest concern.

Children are tested at 12 and 24 months. A certain amount of alarm about the number of faucets that were not compliant was shared.

Greg Kriebel asked if any of these are water fountains.

Tim Grossi confirmed that some were. Faucets have been off since COVID and turned back on for the testing. The faucets are off again. Replacement bubblers with bottle fill stations is being moved toward. Bubblers have been in a replacement cycle seven years ago. Otherwise, more units would have been positive. Everything was tested.

Kevin Pobst asked if it was due to the water source, plumbing, or unit itself.

Tim Grossi said that solder was banned, then the concentration of lead in the manufacturing of faucets. There is a leach from that point of the source. We are not seeing lead in the copper lines in any of the buildings.

Faucets that sit tested higher for lead.

7. Reports

a. Student Representative – Katherine Craig

Katherine Craig said that course selection kicks off this week.

A pep rally to boost school spirit took place last week. There is a focus on community. It was a fun time.

Rehearsals for Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are upcoming.

ConVal Jazz went to Keene last week

Candygrams are on sale for \$2.00 a bag. A note and candies can be sent to someone you care about.

In sports news, boys' basketball had a double overtime win on Friday. There was a lot of school spirit at this away game.

Unified won against Goffstown on Friday. The Unified Senior game is tomorrow at 4:00 in the CVHS Gym.

b. Teacher Representative

None.

c. Communication Committee – Alan Edelkind

Alan Edelkind said that the Community Forum will take place on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the CVHS Lucy Hurlin Theater. Four presentations will be provided. Budget in layman's terms, budget process, proposed budget and warrant articles, and budget process and tax bills.

Two question and answer periods will take place. Two moderators will be in place; one for the in-person audience and one for the online audience. Liz Swan will present and coordinate online questions as moderator.

Five communications are bundled together to let people know that the forum is coming out.

The communications will be reviewed. It will then go to the full School Board for review. Guilfoil Public Relations will review and have the opportunity to suggest changes and post this information.

A Press Release will be posted on February 27th.

Selectmen's Advisory Committee will be included in the communications. They are the frontline in the towns. Communications are out on the shared drive.

Jim Fredrickson shared information on the board webpage and he is working on the fourth.

d. Strategic Organization Planning Committee – Alan Edelkind

Alan Edelkind shared that Strategic Organization Planning Committee (SOPC) and the SOC are ad-hoc committees of the School Board. All recommendations and required actions will be reported to the School Board.

Five returned RFI's have been submitted and are on the shared drive.

The SOPC is only in place to outline the structure and timeline. The SOC is an operational committee.

A second meeting is scheduled this Thursday to wrap up the work of the SOPC and share with the board.

Agenda items discussed were to determine the charter and purpose of the SOPC. Determine the makeup of the committee, determine structure of the committee and subcommittee. Timelines up to the engagement of the outside firm were discussed.

e. Selectmen's Advisory Committee – Janine Lesser

Janine Lesser reported that the proposed budget was shared. Kimberly presented items from the PowerPoint on the budget. Committee work was shared as well.

f. Education Committee

Stephen Ullman reported having met tonight. A proposal for yoga as an elective was made. Yoga could be a lifelong exercise. On February 21st this course will be brought forward for a pilot course.

In addition, Amy Janoch shared information on the Summer Program. A set of summer activities by school level was shared. There is confidence in attracting instructors as well as student enrollment.

8. Old Business

a. Legislative Update

Kimberly Saunders shared a detailed list with summaries of proposed legislation. She asked the board to provide direction on what they would like her to stay on top of. The Bill number is live and linked. The sponsor is linked. The committee that it is being heard in and the date are detailed along with the time and location. As things come in, if it ought to pass or be sent to interim study among other designations, Kimberly will try to keep up on the updates.

Kimberly Saunders said that she is happy to take thoughts from the board. She advised that NHRS and funding legislation be paid attention to along with DOE related items.

Katherine Heck said that over one hundred of the education bills have already been heard. She said that the pace is quick, they move along fast. This is a homework assignment that should be completed this week. Once it passes the full house or the senate, it crosses over to the other.

Permission to speak on bills must be given by February 21st.

Doug Sutherland asked if the list should be gone over and weighed in on what should be the focus. How do we move forward?

Janine Lesser said that designating a high, medium, or low priority is asked with initials next to it.

Katherine Heck said that individual action can take place. But the full weight of the board must be voted by majority vote.

Kimberly said that the same holds true for her; a majority of the board vote is required to direct her to act.

Dick Dunning thanked Katherine Heck for letting him know that if there is an executive session that one cannot testify but can write in.

9. New Business

a. ConVal School District Annual Report (Board Vote Required)

Jim Fredrickson moved to accept the annual report. Dick Dunning seconded. Greg Kriebel abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

b. Budget Transfers (Board Vote Required)

Lori Schmidt reported that water bubblers need replacement. Transferring money from the high school account to fund this work is asked.

Jim Fredrickson moved to approve the transfer of funds as requested. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Lori Schmidt certified that manifests listed, totaling \$1,545,374.02, 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.

Jim Fredrickson moved to approve the manifests as read. Dick Dunning seconded. Unanimous.

12. Adjourn

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Katherine Heck seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok