

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Physical Location: SAU #1 Board Room

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

Minutes

BOARD

William Bryk, Tom Burgess,
Richard Dunning, Alan Edelkind,
Jim Fredrickson, Dan Harper,
Michael Hoyt, Thomas Kirlin,
Greg Kriebel, Janine Lesser,
Crista Salamy

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.
Brian Cisneros, B.A.
Adam Caragher, GBS
Beth Gibney, AES
Nicole Pease, DCS
Jessica Vezina, HES
Rachel Lunan-Hill, FES
Larry Pimental, PES
Tim Conway, SMS
Erik Thibault, CVHS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Dick Dunning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dick Dunning recognized Crista Salamy for her service on the School Board. Tonight, was Crista's last night serving on the board.

2. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Brian Cisneros certified that Manifests totaling \$865,818.10 have been reviewed by him 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. William Bryk seconded. Unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Acceptance of School Board Meeting Minutes

1) August 1, 2023

b. Personnel

1) Nominations

The Consent Agenda was accepted.

5. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Monthly Events Calendar

Dick Dunning asked Policy members to consider meeting on the first Thursday for two hours.

b. School Board Requests

There remains one outstanding School Board request.

Openings in the district include 44 openings. Of these, 28 are in the process of hiring.

6. Reports

a. Policy Committee – Crista Salamy

Crista Salamy reported two new policies come for a first read to the board tonight. The committee is working on the dress code policy and will return to policy for a quick read before moving to the board.

b. Strategic Organization Committee – Alan Edelkind

Alan Edelkind reported that Prismatic Services is on site this week in the district and is meeting with School Board members as well as conducting site visits. They will return on September 18th to conduct further meetings.

Prismatic will be meeting with Selectmen’s Advisory this Thursday. There is a lot of preliminary activity taking place. Staff will be surveyed. Once some of this work is completed there will be more to report on.

c. Budget & Property Committee – Jim Fredrickson

Jim Fredrickson reported that budget guidance for FY’24-25 was discussed. The first Saturday in November will be the budget guidance work session.

7. Old Business

a. School Board Goals Discussion

Dick Dunning referenced the three goals and asked for a vote. In addition, a fourth goal is proposed which can be found in the School Board drive for tonight’s meeting.

Greg Kriebel moved to approve the three goals presented. Janine Lesser seconded. Unanimous.

b. Additional Adequacy Discussion

Kimberly Saunders said that there are additional dollars, by town, as a result of additional adequacy that came forward after the school budget was complete.

A town meeting could be scheduled to determine how to spend the \$345,085.00 or make the decision to return these funds to the taxpayers.

Brian Cisneros said that this goes on the MS-24 for the fall so a decision is needed prior.

Jim Fredrickson moved to return the additional adequacy dollars to the taxpayers. Seconded. Unanimous.

8. New Business

a. School Handbooks

Mike Hoyt said that he noticed the two middle schools have vastly different dress codes and he suggested making them similar.

Dick Dunning said that he assumed Mike was referring to the hat and hood codes.

Dick Dunning directed administration to make the change to reflect the handbooks to be the same.

Antrim Elementary Handbook –

Crista Salamy moved to approve the Antrim Elementary School Handbook. William Bryk seconded.

Tom Kirlin noted formatting references to parents and guardians that are inconsistent that the School Board should pay attention to. We go from student to child in the same sentence. Sometimes parent, parent/guardian, or other language is used. It should be consistent.

Kimberly Saunders shared her appreciation for the thoroughness. There are times where children vs. students are referred. A parent’s child is referred to as a child and not a student. It is their child but our student. They will be gone through very carefully. She asked that they be accepted for rules, regulations, and content and direct administration to reformat and return when corrected. Opening without an approved handbook is not a good place to start school with.

Dick recommended that the handbooks be approved with the recommendation that the formatting be corrected. It is critical to have the handbook in hand.

William Bryk moved to approve the handbooks with the recommendation that the formatting be corrected. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Pierce Elementary School - Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. William Bryk seconded. Unanimous.

Dublin Consolidated School – Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Francetown Elementary School – Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Mike Hoyt seconded. Unanimous.

Greenfield Elementary School – Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Hancock Elementary School – Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Peterborough Elementary School - Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Temple Elementary School - Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

Great Brook School – William Bryk moved to accept the handbook with change of dress code. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

South Meadow School – Crista Salamy moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Janine Lesser confirmed that the two middle school will read the same. Unanimous.

CVHS - Dan Harper suggested a welcoming letter from Heather McKillop be included in the handbook. William Bryk moved to accept the handbook. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.

b. Policies – 1st Read

KFA: Public Conduct on School Property

JLCF: Wellness

The two policies were referenced for a first read. Send comments on these policies to the Superintendent.

c. Expenditure and Encumbrance Report – Brian Cisneros

Brian Cisneros noted Line 430 - maintenance, is the parking lot. Waiting for funds to come in between fund balance and trust funds.

Pupil transportation was touched on.

Jim Fredrickson moved to accept the expenditure and encumbrance report. Janine Lesser seconded. Unanimous.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A: 3, II

a. Negotiations

b. Student

c. Legal

Janine Lesser motioned to enter into non-public session at 7:30 p.m. William Bryk seconded. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

William Bryk moved to exit non-public session at 8:05 p.m. Greg Kriebel seconded at 8:05 p.m.

William Bryk moved to approve the requests for placement of students. Jim Fredrickson seconded. Unanimous.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by William Bryk. Tom Burgess seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok