

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

**CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 14, 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,  
Dan Harper, Michael Hoyt,  
Thomas Kirlin, Greg Kriebel,  
Janine Lesser, Erin Pils-Martin,  
Liz Swan (elect.)

Lucy Jackson, Student Rep.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Supt.  
Dr. Ann Forrest, Asst. Supt.  
Heather McKillop, 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.**

**2. Points of Pride**

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

Dan Harper reported that he ran a relay in support of "Veteran's Count" along with several staff members. Dick Dunning reported that the South Meadow School band played in Peterborough and veterans were pleased to have the band back.

**3. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)**

Kimberly Saunders certified that manifests listed totaling \$1,839,041.89 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.

**William Bryk moved to approve the Manifests as read. Greg Kriebel second. Unanimous.**

**4. Public Comment**

Angela Pape, Peterborough, spoke about early wake ups being a difficult transition. Her children do not get enough sleep. Research is clear that later start times lead to better academic performance. She referenced scores shared at the last school board meeting. Sleep will help students learn better. Two states have passed laws relative to start times for middle school and high school. She is motivated by evidence for athletic performance. Sleep improves athletic and academic outcomes.

Later start times reduce traffic accidents. Studies show that sleep deprivation impairs teens. She urged moving start times back. The issue will benefit kids and families in the district.

Sierra Pape, 5th grade student at SMS, shared what time she needs to catch the bus. She shared what happens to her when she does not get enough sleep. She reported that her classmates put their heads down in class to get more sleep. Miss Pape said that a later start time would be better for everyone. She urged changing the start time of school to one hour later.

Naomi Tucker, Peterborough, 5th grade parent, referenced test scores shared at the last board meeting noting a sharp fall in test scores at the middle school level.

She said that she has been thinking about early start times as another contributor. Moving start times by even one hour later may change test scores favorably.

Light impacts how humans perceive the length of the day.

She asked that we use what we know to positively impact students. She acknowledged the board for all that they do for our communities.

## 5. Reports

### a. Student Representative – Lucy Jackson

Lucy Jackson reported that there were 20 new members inducted into the National Honor Society recently. Officers shared speeches on the four pillars. This week is a week of service in the communities. Lucy shared various activities scheduled. Next week, students will share what they are grateful for.

The ConVal Craft Fair will be held this Saturday. This Friday is the date set to apply to NH Universities for free.

### b. Teacher Representative

None.

### c. Budget & Property Committee – Jim Fredrickson

Dick Dunning reported that data was reviewed at last night's meeting.

### d. Strategic Organization Committee – Alan Edelkind

#### 1) Community Forum – Monday, December 11, 2023

Alan Edelkind reported that the Community Forum is scheduled on Monday, December 11th. People can attend in person or online beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Lucy Hurlin Theater at ConVal High School.

Tomorrow, there will be a meeting with Prismatic Services to review data and all of the work that has been done.

## 6. Consent Agenda

### a. Acceptance of School Board Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes

#### 1) November 4, 2023

The Consent agenda was accepted.

## 7. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

### a. Monthly Events Calendar

No changes were made to the November or December School Board calendars.

### b. School Board Requests

Kimberly Saunders reported having no outstanding School Board Requests.

## 8. Old Business

### a. FY'25 Proposed Budget

Kimberly Saunders asked the board for direction. \$1.3M could potentially go into grants or trust funds. If that is the direction that the board would like to go, Dr. Saunders needs that direction.

The consensus of the board was to go in that direction.

### b. Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read/Adoption (Board Vote Required)

- JBAB: Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Procedure

**Janine Lesser moved to approve the policy as presented. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.**

Kimberly Saunders said that this directs the administration to develop and maintain a policy and annually review it.

- AC: Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Employment and District Anti-Discrimination Plan

**Janine Lesser moved to approve the policy as presented. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.**

- BDE: Committees and School Board Member Special-Duty Assignments

**Janine Lesser moved to approve the policy as presented. Greg Kriebel seconded. Unanimous.**

**9. Public Comment**

None.

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

- a. Negotiations**
- b. Personnel**
- c. Student**
- d. Legal**

None.

**11. Adjourn**

**Janine Lesser moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Erin Pils-Martin seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok