

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, January 23, 2008

SAU Office

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD

Gail Cromwell, Ray Cote,
Mary Loftis, Beverly Bacon,
Bart Goodeve, Tom Welden,
Stewart Brock, Craig Hicks,

ADMINISTRATION

Richard Bergeron, Supt.
Don Johnson, Asst. Supt.
Marian Alese, B.A.
Linda Potter, SpEd.
Dick Dunning, SMS
Gib West, GBS
Deb Ames, CVHS

Tom Welden called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Marian Alese explained that the Article 1 is the budget which states both the budget and the default. It allows us to call an additional meeting if we end up with a default budget.

Marian read Articles 2, 3, 4.

Marian explained Article 5 & 6 which is submitted by petition and requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 7 is about the Fact Finder's Report and recommendations.

Article 8 allows us to call another special meeting addressing Article 7.

Marian further read Articles 8, 9, and 10.

Tom Welden asked if there were any questions.

Ray Cote asked if he was going to pole the Board about the petition articles.

Bart Goodeve said that because of the lack of public discussion it would be contradictory to say that we are in favor of the petition articles.

Marian said that the Board needs to either recommend or not recommend articles with dollar amounts.

Ray Cote moved to discuss the Articles one at a time.

Dick said that Marian has the information about how the numbers affect each town.

Stewart Brock second to discuss the Articles one at a time. Unanimous.

Ray addressed Article 6. Ray said that he has no interest in this change being done. The District has spoken loud and clear. The elementary schools are important to each of the towns. We could learn to use the schools more efficiently. It raises issues that cloud other more important issues. If we ever decide that we need to close an elementary school we will know that we need to do so.

Ray Cote moved that we should say that the Board does not recommend this Article for adoption.

Craig Hicks second.

Bart said that we are handing the taxpayers an overwhelming amount of information. Tom Welden asked Marian if Fran Chapman could withdraw the Article if he desired. Craig said that all those that signed the petition would have to withdraw their signature as well.

Gail Cromwell said that suppose one of elementary schools came in with an enrollment of thirty, what would we do? Gail said that we would go to the towns and say that this is inefficient. Bart said that we would try to utilize that resource in a fashion that works.

Tom asked for a sense of the Board.

Unanimous.

Ray referenced Article 5. This was originally brought up at Selectmen's Advisory Committee. Ray said that it is worth examining this but we have had a discussion that we don't yet know what the ramifications will be.

Bart Goodeve moved that the Board not recommend Article 5.

Craig second.

Ray said that he is all for this discussion. Bart said that it will keep and that we should do it right.

Dick Bergeron said that this is different than what he thought the Board would go toward. Dick cited an example of a student that moves shortly after October 1st within the district and how that is looked at.

Craig said that the percentages show that a minimal amount is going back and forth within the district.

He added that the complication was with information reported in the newspaper within a two week period.

Craig Hicks opposed. All else in favor.

Stewart Brock moved to accept the rest of the warrant as printed.

Gail Cromwell opposed. She wanted to address the other items individually.

Gail asked if we have actually voted on the autism program. Tom said that the item is in the budget and that we don't have to vote it in.

Stewart Brock moved to accept the Autism program as presented by Linda Potter.

Bart Goodeve second. Unanimous.

Gail said that Temple wants to support the entire budget that the Superintendent has presented. She said that it is a little misleading because the teacher salary increases are not in the budget. She said that she is uncomfortable voting for 42 million not knowing what the teacher budget will be.

Marian said that the budget being presented includes current salaries, no increases except for lane changes. Gail added that it includes benefits mandated by the state. Craig said that we are only talking about next year's budget.

Gail added that she understands that we have embedded in the budget a new health plan. Is it possible that we wind up with two different health plans?

Tom said that we currently offer six different plans. We are offering one additional plan next year. It is a different base plan for the non-CVEA members.

Mary Loftis asked if the Fact Finders report is defeated what choices are possible. The reply was that the current contract will remain.

Ray Cote asked if Tom said if the warrant was passed that all of the teachers have the same health plan. Tom said that all employees would have the same base plan.

Craig asked if normally a union member can choose which plan they are on. If the Fact Finders report did not pass, could a union member elect for the HRA. Tom said that they could not because it is not in the contract.

Stewart Brock moved to adopt Article 1 as written. Craig Hicks second. Gail Cromwell opposed. All else in favor.

Stewart Brock moved to adopt Article 2 as written. Craig Hicks second. Unanimous.

Stewart moved to adopt Article 3 as written. Craig Hicks second. Gail asked what the balance in the item was. Marian said that it was about the same. **Unanimous.**

Stewart Brock moved to adopt Article 4 as written. Craig Hicks second. Craig said that Gail supported increasing the compensation of the Board members. Gail said that she would like to discuss this further.

Stewart Brock withdrew his motion. Craig Hicks withdrew his second.

Gail Cromwell moved to increase the salary of the Board Chair to \$1,500 and Board members to \$1,000. Craig Hicks second. Unanimous.

Stewart Brock moved to adopt Article 7 as written. Craig Hicks second. Unanimous.

Stewart Brock moved to adopt Article 8, 9 and 10 as written. Craig Hicks second. Unanimous.

The Warrant was signed and MS 26 was circulated for signature.

Ray asked if the MS26 was reviewed. Marian said that she has had the math checked.

Bart Goodeve moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Craig Hicks second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok