

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, March 5, 2002
SAU Office**

**Steering Committee
7 p.m.**

**Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Board

Diane Creeley, Chair
Anne-Marie Irwin,
Joe MacGregor,
Dan Harper,
Denise Holmes, Aaron Kullgren
Ken Young, Barbara Busenbark
Denice Glover, John Stanek

Andrew Wiley, Student Rep

Administration

Keith Burke, Supt.
Paul Bartolomucci, Asst.
Marian Alese, Bus Adm
Dick Dunning, SMS
Sue Copley, PES
Rick Nannicelli, GBS
Dan Noel, GBS
Anita Flanagan, HES
Niki McGettigan, TES
Joanne Schnare, Pierce
Sue Dell, CVHS

School Board Meeting Called to Order

Diane Creeley called the School Board meeting to order at **7:30**.

Moment of Silence

Diane Creeley asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of **Morgan McDuffee** who passed away this week. In addition, the **Alexander** family has asked for prayers and good wishes for their son, **Thomas**.

Fireworks

Keith Burke noted that the paper is inaccurate. The District has not made a commitment to have the fireworks display at CVHS. Both the District and the town of Peterborough still have questions regarding the event. No recommendation will be made to the Board until the questions have been answered.

1. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. February 12, 2002

Motion to approve as presented by Anne-Marie Irwin. Second by Barbara Busenbark. Unanimous.

2. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

a. Request to Receive A Gift or Donation (Board Vote Required)

1. ConVal Elementary Schools has received from the ConVal Arts Council a total of \$800 to pay for the Monadnock Lend an Ear Project in all elementary schools
2. Dublin Consolidated School has received from McGrath Studios, Inc. a rebate check in the amount of \$351.60 to be used for various educational programs and supplies
3. Dublin Consolidated School has received from Hannaford Bros. a check in the amount of \$28.00 to various programs

4. Temple Elementary School has received from McGrath Studios, Inc. a rebate check in the amount of \$438.60 to be used for various school projects.
5. South Meadow School has received \$58.00 in School Dollars from Hannaford Bros. to be used for various projects
6. South Meadow School has received from Charlotte Stone a Yamaha Electone Piano valued at \$1,500 for use by the students
7. South Meadow School has received \$250 from the ConVal Arts Council to assist in funding a trip to Symphony Hall
8. ConVal High School has received \$200 from the ConVal Arts Council to pay for the one woman performance of "The Wisdom of Fools"
Motion to **accept with gratitude by Denice Glover. Second by Joe MacGregor. Unanimous.**

b. Crotched Mountain Foundation Letter

Recognition of the success of the **Culinary Arts Program** (Through the ATC). Two students from CVHS worked as interns at Crotched Mountain in their food service department for the first semester.

c. NHSBA Survey

New Hampshire School Boards Association has asked that members participate in a survey. Participants can log on to mainstreet.com to participate online, or download a paper copy.

3. Reports

a. Student

Andrew Wiley reported that students have sent cards to both the Alexander and McDuffee families. **March Madness** will take place at the high school . Activities include music and a chess tournament. Congratulations to **Colleen McKinnon** – she has received an all-expense paid post-graduate year in Germany!

b. Communication

Dan Harper reported that the mailer is out. The Board position papers (on the articles) is also done. Contributions are \$20 each (for related expenses). **Diane Creeley** acknowledged the work of building principals in updating their websites.

c. Education

Anne-Marie Irwin reported that the committee met on **February 18 and March 4**. Topics discussed at the February meeting included a review of the **Depot Project** (GBS) in Hancock. Students from GBS spend 3 weeks at the Depot, focusing on history, the environment, agriculture, and ecology. Additional participants include the **Harris Center, Hancock Conservation Commission, Hancock Historical Society, Hancock Recreation Commission, and Hancock Elementary School**. The second item on the agenda was a review of the **program approval process. Language Arts and Social Studies** will go through this process before new curriculums are implemented. In addition, **Paul Bartolomucci** updated the committee on the status of the **Math Curriculum** training.

Items discussed at the March meeting included a review of the **Special Olympics** programs throughout the District. Teachers from PES, SMS, and CVHS were present to explain the program and answer questions.

Peter Monether (SMS) demonstrated a **fifth grade project** that students are working on involving the solar system. Students are using **PowerPoint** as a means of **integrating technology and curriculum**.

Thanks to **Kathy Caisse (SAU)** and **Carol Mamczak (SMS)** for their great work on the **Math curriculum web pages!**

Next meeting is **March 18 on Block Scheduling**.

d. Budget and Property

Aaron Kullgren reported that the committee met on **February 19**. Items discussed included a presentation by **Kevin Burke** on the **Riders Reader** program for the school buses. Mr. Burke requested that we allow the reader on the buses for a trial of one year. Motion to approve by **Aaron Kullgren** and second by **Ken Young**. **Motion passed 11 –1**. Additional topics included an update on **Pierce School air quality issue**, and an update on the **District Maintenance Plan**. **Keith Burke, Marian Alese, and Ralph Luongo** met with representatives from ServiceMaster as an alternative to Ralph's job when he retires. **Keith Burke emphasized that no one except Ralph will be replaced**.

e. Personnel

Next meeting **March 11**. It was noted that the first meeting of the **Evaluation Committee will be on March 7**.

f. Staff Development

Will meet **March 11**.

g. Steering

Met earlier. Discussion centered on article in the paper regarding the fireworks display.

h. Technology

Met **February 21**. **Barbara Busenbark** reported that items on the agenda included the **job description for the proposed position** in the 2002 – 2003 budget. In addition, an update on the **library automation** project was given (it is on schedule, with a **completion date of the fall**). It was also noted that work that is being done within the District is consistent with committee goals.

In addition, **Peter Monether** demonstrated assistive technology for struggling readers.

i. Building Committee

Has not met, however, it was noted that the PES project is nearing completion, and both AES and CVHS will begin shortly.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

Many thanks to Anne-Marie Irwin (Board member since 1995) and Denice Glover (1996) for their tremendous efforts on behalf of the students and staff in the District.

6. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests **118-129 and Feb 20** payroll have been reviewed and are proper charges against the Contoocook Valley School District for goods and/or services and have been properly reviewed prior to their submittal to the School Board. Motion to **approve** by **Aaron Kullgren** and second by **Denice Glover**. **Unanimous.**

7. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A-II3c

Not needed.

Adjournment

Motion to **adjourn** by **John Stanek** at **8:50**. Second by **Anne-Marie Irwin**. **Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Alese