

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

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009  
SAU Office  
7 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**BOARD**

Beverly Bacon, Stewart Brock,  
Gail Cromwell, Bart Goodeve,  
John Gryval, Dan Harper,  
Craig Hicks, Lauren Kirkpatrick,  
Arthur Knight, Mary Loftis,  
John Newman

Cheryl Orcutt, CVEA

**ADMINISTRATION**

Richard Bergeron, Supt.  
Don Johnson, Asst. Supt.  
Marian Alese, B.A.  
Tim Markley, H.R.  
Sue Dell, CVHS  
Sue Copley, PES  
Dick Dunning, SMS  
Gib West, AES/GBS

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Craig Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)**

**a. April 14, 2009 (Pgs. 1-5)**

**John Gryval moved to adopt the minutes as read. Arthur Knight second. Mary Loftis and Bart Goodeve abstained. All else in favor.**

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Employed Teacher Age Groups (Pgs. 6-7)**

Dick referenced Department Of Education state-wide distribution information about the ages of teachers across the state.

**b. Curriculum Mapping (Pg. 8)**

Included in tonight's packet are reference topics on multiage

**5. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business**

**a. Request to Accept a Gift or Donation (Board Vote Required) (Pg. 9)**

1. ConVal High School/ATC US First Robotics Team has received from C & S Grocery a sponsorship valued at \$7,500 for the purpose of providing the team with money to cover the cost of transportation, scholarships, and materials.

**John Gryval moved to accept the donation as read. Stewart Brock second. Unanimous with gratitude**

*MISSION STATEMENT*

*The ConVal Regional School District, in partnership with its member communities, will inspire all learners to achieve academically, contribute to the global community, and thrive as independent and productive citizens.*

**b. Field Trip Proposal (Board Vote Required) (Pgs. 10-13)**

1. ConVal High School Student Council will travel to New York City as part of the Youth Services Opportunity Program from June 12 to 14, 2009.
2. ConVal High School German students will travel to Salzburg Austria as part of the bi-annual exchange with Austrian families from April 12 to 23, 2010.

**Arthur Knight moved to approve CVHS Student Council to travel to New York City as well as CVHS German students to travel to Austria. Beverly Bacon second. Unanimous.**

**c. Personnel (Board Vote Required) (Pgs. 14-25)**

**1. Resignations**

- (a) Don Johnson

Tim Markley read the resignation of Don Johnson from the position of Assistant Superintendent.

**John Gryval moved to accept the resignation as read. Stewart Brock second. Unanimous.**

**2. Nominations**

- (a) Deb Thurber – GBS Drama Director
- (b) For Review - District Nomination List

Tim Markley read the nominations as listed above.

**Stewart Brock moved to approve the nominations as read. John Gryval second. Unanimous.**

Tim referenced information in tonight's packet about teachers on annual contract, continuing contract and annual to continuing contract. A vote will be taken at the next Board meeting.

Tim corrected Rachel Lunan, GES to be added to those individuals moving from annual to continuing contract.

**d. Kindergarten Update – Registration Status (Pg. 26)**

Dick referenced a handout of kindergarten registrations to date. Census information is different that reported earlier; Dick suspects that the numbers were updated on a rolling basis.

DCS and PES registration actuals produced staffing changes that are being addressed or have been addressed.

**e. Monthly Events Calendar (Pgs. 27-28)**

Dick said that a public hearing will take place in May

Technology Plan work is taking place.

Changes were made as follows: Stewart Brock reports that a Meet & Greet will take place at the Francestown Hall on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The SMS Spring Concert will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> and not the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Food Service will meet on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Dick said that much info has funneled through the district about pandemic information that was distributed.

Bart said that he got a call from a parent to assess risk from those that were away on vacation over April vacation. Dick questioned whether this would be an accurate assessment. The CDC has not made this recommendation.

**6. Reports**

**a. Points of Pride**

**1. Film Festival**

Film Festival information has been postponed to the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Congratulations to the band that traveled to Disney in Florida and won first place. Sue Dell said that the band raised \$21,000 so that any band member who wanted to attend this trip could do so.

#### **b. Teacher**

Cheryl Orcutt said that teachers are geared up for the next eight weeks of school.

#### **c. Student**

Maggie Murphy, CVHS student, said that Spirit Week took place the week before vacation. A Pep Rally was held on Friday where Sue Dell participated in a pie eating concert.

In addition, Maggie reported that the Musical "Once Upon a Mattress" will take place both this and next weekend. CVHS student Nathan Bentley was present as well.

#### **d. Education Committee Report**

Ed Committee met last night. Brief review of Health Curriculum, lack of Health teachers in the elementary schools was discussed. Bev said that the Ed Committee will continue to look at this in May. Curriculum revamping K-12 will take place. Social Studies and Science curriculum review is not scheduled for several years but has been bumped up on the timeline. The curriculum review plan should be looked at by the Board every six months.

Stewart provided a synopsis of a meeting that took place with the CVHS Guidance Department and shared some of what they do. Discussions will continue to take place.

A draft Parent Satisfaction Survey was distributed. Changes/recommendations should be provided to Dick Bergeron no later than May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The survey will be distributed electronically. Hard copies will be available and calculated in. The third week in May is hoped.

### **7. Old Business**

#### **a. Adoption of Policies (Board Vote Required) (Pgs. 29-32)**

1. JHC – Student Health Services

**Gail Cromwell moved policy JHC for adoption. Mary Loftis second. Unanimous.**

2. JLCD – Medication Policy

**Mary Loftis moved this policy for adoption. Arthur Knight second. Unanimous.**

John Gryval asked for an update on AED's. Dick shared that they are still being priced out.

### **8. New Business**

#### **a. Information on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pgs. 33-34)**

Dick read information in tonight's packed relative to the ARRA. Dick said that this continually is a moving bus. This additional found revenue has created a feeding frenzy for information. We are ill positioned to give final procedures and agreed stipulations because they do not yet exist. It is a time limited pool of money. Funds must be used to supplement and not supplant State, Local, and Federal Funds. It can be used in a number of different ways. ConVal's total stimulus funding is listed in the document. This is entitlement monies, grant writing is not required. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the earliest date we will be able to report how this money will be spent. The monies are coming; what we can actually spend money on is still being debated by the State and Feds.

Marian Alese said that there is an assessment piece in addition to monthly reporting.

Craig asked how this money will be received. Marian replied that if it is like grant monies, we spend it and then submit for reimbursement.

#### **b. Selectmen's Advisory Committee Meeting – May 6, 2009, 7 p.m., SAU Office**

Craig reminded of this addition to the calendar.

Arthur Knight said that he has received a parent request for the Board to conduct a "Public Comment" period at the conclusion of Board meetings so that they can comment on what took place at the meetings.

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

Marian certified that the manifests 106 – 111 totaling \$277,449.35 and Payroll 22 totaling \$1,354,629.81 as well as Sub Run 130 totaling \$196,397.50 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.

**John Gryval moved to accept the manifests as read. Arthur Knight second. Unanimous.**

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

**a. Sabbatical Request**

**Dan Harper moved to enter non-public session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss a sabbatical request and negotiations. Unanimous on a roll call vote.**

**Arthur Knight moved to exit non-public session at 8:55 p.m. John Gryval second. Unanimous.**

**John Gryval moved to seal the minutes of non-public session at 8:55 p.m. Stewart Brock second. Unanimous.**

**Stewart Brock moved to approve the sabbatical request. Beverly Bacon second. John Gryval and Arthur Knight were opposed. Motion carried.**

**John Gryval motioned to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

