

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Great Brook School

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Board

Joe MacGregor,
Brian Tourgee, Christy Greene
Andy Paul, Ray Cote
Dan Harper, Ken Young
Craig Hicks, Richard Morel
Denise Holmes, Barbara Busenbark

Administration

Keith Burke, Supt.
Paul Bartolomucci, Asst
Marian Alese, Bus Adm
Emily Hartnett, GES
Sue Dell, CVHS
Sue Copley, PES
Rick Nannicelli, GBS
Marc Edelheit, GBS
MaryEllen Stanley, FES
Dick Dunning, SMS

Call To Order

Joe MacGregor called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Presentation

Thanks to **Great Brook School** for hosting tonight's meeting. **GBS' 5th grade students** will be publishing a **photo essay on the buildings in Hancock, due out in June**. Refreshments were provided by the **8th grade, and included homemade bread from the GBS bakery**. **5th grade students** are also **collaborating with NH Voc Tech** to produce lesson plans for the web. **8th grade students Chloe Morel and Vincent Lyons** spoke about the trip to Washington DC during a self-running slide presentation, saying that being in DC really brought home what was discussed in the classroom. Entertainment was provided by the **Strings Group – students from PES, SMS, CVHS, & GBS**. Thanks for a wonderful presentation!

1. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. April 8, 2003

Note: John Stanek and Brian Tourgee were not present. Martin Connolly was in attendance. Motion to approve as amended by Andy Paul. Second by Barbara Busenbark. Unanimous.

2. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

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

1. Hancock Elementary School has received from Charles E. Merrill, Jr. of Boston MA, a check in the amount of \$150.00 to purchase library books
Motion to accept with gratitude by Andy Paul. Second by Dan Harper. Unanimous.

3. Reports

Earlier.

b. Student

No report.

c. Communication

Andy Paul noted that the next meeting will be **May 15** to discuss ideas for the **next newsletter**.

d. Education

Barbara Busenbark reported that the committee met **last night**. Items discussed were the **drop out rate at CVHS (average over last 5 years is 6 – 12%)**, and the **class scheduling process**. It was also noted that **CVHS puts major effort** into keeping kids in school, if given any indication that they are thinking of dropping out.

e. Budget and Property

Ray Cote reported that the committee met on **April 14** to review items for future agendas. Each meeting will feature a **15- minute presentation** on operations. The next meeting is **May 13** – update on **Service Master** and presentation on how **district assessment is arrived at for each town**.

f. Personnel

May 12.

g. Staff Development

Ken Young reported that the committee met before vacation. Currently, **16 paraprofessionals** are enrolled in the **certification class** being provided by the **College For LifeLong Learning at the SAU**.

NH DOE has a new web page for prospective teachers coming into the profession from the private sector. www.ed.state.nh.us/across.

h. Steering

Has not met.

i. Technology

Has not met. **Possibly, June 23**.

j. Fields Committee

Craig Hicks reported that the committee is **continuing to review phases** for the project and **current proposals**, and is looking at the possibilities. **CVHS teacher Karen Fabianski** will help with some in-house design. It is hoped that students may also be able to participate in the design process in the future.

4. Old Business (Board Vote Required)

GCA – Instructional Staff Positions
GCB – Professional Staff Contracts
GCC – Professional Staff Recruiting
GCD – Instructional Staff Hiring
GCDA – Proposed Policy for Hiring Non-Certified Teachers
GCDA-R – Policy For Hiring Non-Certified Teachers
GCE – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
GCEB – Rate of Pay for Substitutes
GCF – Professional Staff Orientation
GCD-2 – Delete - Professional Staff Hiring

Joe MacGregor noted that these policies have been on the **table for 30 days** and can be **voted on** tonight. **Motion to approve as presented by Christy Greene, and second by Dan Harper. Approved, with one (1) abstention, Brian Tourgee.**

5. New Business

Ken Young noted that **the fee for use of the Harris Center** has not changed in some time, and asked that this item be presented to **Budget & Property Committee for review.**

6. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests **141-147 and Apr 10, 16, 17, 24** payrolls 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 as presented by Barbara Busenbark. Second Ken Young. Unanimous**

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

Not needed.

Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:35. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,