

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

**SAU Office
7 p.m.**

MINUTES

Board

Joe MacGregor
Tom Welden, Stewart Brock
Dan Harper, Bill McKinnon
Nan Fornal, Ken Young
Christy Greene,
Tom Lawless, Gail Cromwell
Craig Hicks, Butch Estey

Administration

Keith Burke, Supt
Paul Bartolomucci, Asst
Marian Alese, Bus Adm
Sue Copley, PES
Linda Potter, SpEd
Tim Iwanowicz, GES
Deb Parker, GBS
Niki McGettigan, TES
Dick Dunning, SMS
Pam Mathews, Pierce
May Clark, DCS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (GES Students)

Joe MacGregor called the meeting to order at 7:05. Welcome to GES students, parents, and staff. Tim Iwanowicz introduced several 4th graders from GES who led the Pledge to the Flag. After the Pledge, each student explained what the words contained in the Pledge of Allegiance meant to them. Some examples included unbreakable promises to be loyal to the flag and the country, and faithful to the idea of freedom and innocence. Thank you for a great job, and the reminder of what those words really mean.

2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. May 24, 2005

Motion to approve as presented by Tom Welden. Duly seconded. Gail Cromwell noted the following amendment:

Paragraph 1; insert prior to "Great job!":

In addition, each Board member was presented with "than you" letters from the students of the fourth grade class, which illustrated appreciation of school materials and teaching staff, and understanding of how these items are provided". Ms. Cromwell wished to have the Board commend Niki McGettigan for an imaginative use of a Board meeting to create a significant civics lesson for the children.

Bill McKinnon noted that the percentages listed for SAU administrative salary increases were incorrect, however, the salaries listed in the paper were correct. The correct percentages are:

Keith Burke	2.5%
Paul Bartolomucci	2.5%
Marian Alese	3.5%

Motion and second to approve minutes as amended. Unanimous.

2. Public Comment

None.

4. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

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

Dublin Consolidated School has received from Charter Trust Company a donation of \$1500 for the purpose of 5th grade graduation and conservation camp Motion to accept with gratitude by Butch Estey and second by Tom Welden. Unanimous.

b. Moon Rock Display

SMS teacher, Doreen Decibus (5th grade) was on hand with 5 students from her class who presented an explanation of the effects of wind and water on both the surfaces of the earth and the moon. Sample demonstrations included dropping a metal ball onto a piece of toast to simulate the impact of a meteor on the moon's surface and scraping some toast to simulate the effect of wind and water. In addition, students passed around samples of the moon's surface and a meteor.

5. Reports

a. Principal

GES will be performing the *Pied Piper of Hamlet* at 6:30 PM on Thursday evening.

Joe MacGregor noted that both the Choral and Band performances at CVHS were great. CVHS Girls Lacrosse is participating in the state championships this evening. (They won in double overtime, 13-12– congratulations!). The boys' team also participated in the finals, but did not take first place – congratulations for getting to the championships.

b. Teacher

No report.

c. Student

No report.

d. Education

Christy Greene reported that the committee met last evening for an overview of the yearlong study committee results of the District's Special Ed programs. Findings and recommendations were both very frank, not inconsistency from building to building as one of the areas of concern. Thanks to Linda Potter and staff for all their hard work. This is only the beginning of the process, now that the study has been completed, staff and the Board will look at all available resources to determine the best allocation – one that will provide the best possible level of services as we move forward.

Next meeting is June 20.

e. Budget and Property

Next meeting is June 14.

f. Personnel

Next meeting is June 13.

g. Staff Development

Ken Young reported that the committee has spent the "last nickel" available for staff reimbursement of workshops and courses. Tom Welden noted that this is a key piece of continued success for our teachers.

h. Steering

Has not met.

i. Communications

Next meeting is June 13, immediately after Personnel.

6. Old Business

a. Approval of Policies (Board Vote Required)

1. Waiver of 30-Day Policy (It has only been 28 days since Policy KBAA was tabled at the May 10th meeting)
Motion to waive District policy by Tom Welden and second by Butch Estey. Bill McKinnon asked what the name of this policy was (will get info). Unanimous.
2. KBAA – Policy on Right-To-Know Law, RAS 91-A
Motion to approve as amended for typo (“inn” should be “in: page 1, second to last paragraph) by Tom Welden and second by Butch Estey. Unanimous.

7. New Business

Joe MacGregor reported that this past weekend, the District lost a third grader from Pierce School in a drowning accident. Our thoughts are with the family.

Discussion began regarding the Board retreat. It was decided to have a preliminary meeting on June 23 to determine agenda items for the retreat.

Stewart Brock reported on his “Open House” meeting with residents of Francetown: there were about 10 participants, including parents and other interested citizens. Communication was the main topic, however, residents did voice some concerns, which will be addressed through the proper channels.

Bill McKinnon noted that the new format for the bullying report distributed by administration a few weeks ago seemed to hide the fact that there are disproportionate complaints from certain schools, since the new format does not list incidents by school. Mr. McKinnon thinks this a poor way to report the incidents listed, and suggested that the District make the old format (by school) available to the public, so it can be discussed. Keith Burke noted that the new format is on the advice of counsel, since it is more confidential.

Bill McKinnon felt the new format was an attempt to cover up a problem at one school. Joe MacGregor noted that it is administration’s job to correct behavior, not the Board. Both Tom Welden and Stewart Brock liked the old format, but agreed that while the Board should not “fix the problem” (behavior); they should be able to discuss it.

Keith Burke stated that the new format was not an attempt to cover anything up, merely counsel’s opinion. If the Board desires the old format, that is fine. After further discussion, Bill McKinnon moved that the report be given in the old format (by school). Second by Christy Greene. Passed, with two (2) opposed (Nan Fornal and Ken Young).

8. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests **141-147,6322 totaling \$341,675.87**; payroll **234 totaling \$1,031,087.36 & Sub run 136-137 for \$17,582.18**, have been reviewed and found to be proper charges against the Contoocook Valley School District for goods or services received and have been properly processed prior to their submittal to the School Board. **Motion to approve as presented by Craig Hicks and second by Stewart Brock. Unanimous**

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

Not needed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ken Young and second by Tom Lawless at 8:05. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,