

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

**Tuesday, September 27, 2005
7 p.m.
SAU Office**

MINUTES

Board

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

Beth San Martino, CVEA
Kelsey Stewart, Student Rep

Administration

Keith Burke, Supt
Linda Potter, SpEd
Marian Alese, Bus Adm
Sue Copley, PES
Sue Dell, CVHS
Gib West, CVHS
Jeannie West, SMS
Niki McGettigan, TES
Dick Dunning, SMS
Deb Lesure, AES
Deb Parker, GBS
Rick Nannicelli, GBS
Jon Hall, CVHS
MaryEllen Stanley, FES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Joe MacGregor opened the meeting with the Pledge at 7:05. Bill McKinnon noted that he was recording the meeting.

2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. September 13, 2005

Motion to approve as presented by Ken Young and second by Tom Lawless.
Unanimous.

2. Public Comment

None.

4. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

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

1. Pierce School has received from Target, Take Charge of Education Program, a check in the amount of \$44.20 to support student activities
2. Hancock Elementary School has received from Target, Take Charge of Education Program, a check in the amount of \$39.54 to support school activities
3. ConVal Arts Enrichment Program has received from Linda Wyman Derman of Rindge, a check in the amount of \$700 to bring the Mariposa Museum to elementary schools

Motion to accept with gratitude by Tom Lawless and second by Butch Estey.
Unanimous.

b. School Board Meetings at School Schedule

FYI

October 18	PES
November 15	Pierce
December 20	GES
February 21	SpEd (SAU)
March 21	SMS
April 18	FES
May 16	CVHS
June 6	GBS

c. Report for High School Locker Room

Jon Hall (CVHS AD) distributed a report on the investigation of the theft that occurred in the locker rooms at CVHS:

Signage reminding athletes to lock up their belongings has been posted, and Jon has met with all teams to remind them of the security measures they should take. Coaches are checking locker rooms on their way to practice. Gib West has been reviewing the videotapes of the area and has identified a number of students. Advice is to report theft immediately. Bill McKinnon noted that students do not have a lot of time to get out to the fields and perhaps a responsible person should remain in the locker room to prevent this from happening again. Jon Hall did not think anyone would want to do this. Keith Burke suggested that students use regular lockers to secure belongings before heading to locker rooms for practice. After further discussion of alternatives, Craig Hicks noted that for the short term, the best solution might be for athletes to secure belongings in another secure location, and that the high school brings forward a proposal for alterations to the space.

5. Reports

a. Principal

MaryEllen Stanley noted that FES' open house is Oct 5, from 6-7PM.

Rick Nannicelli noted that GBS had their 7th grade open house, which was well attended. The focus this year "Educating the whole child", concentrating on student behavior. In addition, the new concession stand was used at the 6th grade open house.

AES' open house will be Oct 6 from 5:30 – 7PM. Kids are working on a mural that will feature respect as a theme. Right now, there are 19 kids enrolled in the before school program run by the Grapevine.

Sue Copley noted that both new 4th grade teachers at PES have had a great start to the year. Open House is Oct 12, from 6 – 7PM.

CVHS' open house is Sept 29. Parents will have a chance to follow their student's schedule. "Building a Respectful School" is the theme that will be shared with parents.

TES would like to thank the Board for the support that allows the District to start the year with the things needed to start the school year. TES' Harvest Festival was held this past weekend and was very successful.

Tom Welden reported that GES' open house last week was very successful. Christy Greene reported that DCS' open house was also very well attended.

b. Teacher

Beth SanMartino reminded the Board to forward signed copies of the contract to the CVEA, and asked when the staff copies would be available. (Marian Alese will check on this).

c. Student

Kelsey Stewart reported that students have raised about \$4300 for Katrina victims. Keith Burke added that the District would be sending these funds to a school district in Collins, MS.

d. Education

Christy Greene reported that the committee met last night. Topics included an update on the new child care center, and an overview of the off site programs offers by the CVHS Tech Center. The committee also had an update on the summer literacy program that took place for two weeks. This program, called Picture Writing, serviced 25 first and second graders.

The committee also began a review of its role and started a list of tentative topics for the coming year. Please review both items for the next meeting on October 3.

e. Budget and Property

Craig Hicks reported that the committee met on September 19 to look at a ten history of the budget. It was noted that over the past 10 years, the 5% (appropriate) increase in salaries also included additional staff members. Committee members also reviewed special education costs and enrollments. Additional topics included ideas for cost savings and efficiencies and a preliminary discussion of 06 – 07 budget goals.

Next meeting is October 11.

f. Personnel

Will meet on October 11.

g. Staff Development

Has not met.

h. Steering

Has not met.

i. Communications

Nan Fornal reported that the newsletter has been sent out.

6. Old Business

Joe MacGregor asked about setting dates for the quarterly meetings in each town. Discussion began regarding format of presentations and possible times.

Remember to review the Board Code of Conduct. The intention is to adopt the code by the meeting of October 18.

NHSBA will be reviewing current policies and recommending priorities. The cost is about \$800 - \$900.

7. New Business

None.

Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Marian Alese certified that manifests **25 – 33** totaling **\$2,566,038.75**; and sub run **102-103**, totaling **\$11,584.59**, 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 Butch Estey. Unanimous**

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

a. Personnel

Motion to enter Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A: 3,IIc to discuss personnel by Dan Harper, duly seconded at 7:55 p.m. Board polled – Passed.

Return to Public Session

Motion to exit Non-Public Session by Craig Hicks at 9:15 p.m. Second by Tom Welden. Passed. Motion and second to seal the minutes. Passed.

Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 9:16. Unanimous.