

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

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, December 23, 2008

SAU Office

7 p.m.

BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION

Richard Bergeron, Supt.
Don Johnson, Asst. Supt.
Tim Markley, H.R.
Linda Potter, SpEd.
Richard Dunning, SMS
Sue Copley, PES
Gib West, AES/GBS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Craig Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Minutes (Board Vote Required)

a. December 2, 2008

Stewart Brock moved to accept the minutes as read. Ray Cote second. Gail Cromwell amended the minutes for clarity. Bart Goodeve questioned the amendment. Bart said that there is other information in the minutes aside from the amendment proposed. Gail made corrections as follows: Page 3, under section "c", Gail amended "\$400,000" in the second sentence to read "nearly \$500,000". In addition, Gail amended the sentence that began with "Bart asked..." to read "Bart asked if the increase in price is expected to translate to specific revenue. Gail said that we do not have a specific estimate but we certainly expect revenue to go up." Stewart Brock moved as amended. Lauren Kirkpatrick second. Unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Consent Agenda

Dick Bergeron brought the Board's attention to a display of work from a photography class of Eric Wiest at CVHS. Dick said that has found that when he asks for work, that the students are very eager to provide work. Eric is willing to provide copies of work to the Board. Stewart Brock said that Photography is one of the most well liked classes. Dick added that digital photography is being pursued.

Dick said that the SMS Crisis Center sponsored by the Red Cross has closed today. He thanked all involved for the successes. In addition, the high school is serving as a staging center for utility crews. It provides an area for food service as well.

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.

Craig Hicks said that the Peterborough Board of Selectman opened up the shelter initially at SMS. Area residents were brought in to seek warmth. Approximately 500 people used the shelter. Craig added that the School District provided fuel to ambulance and other crews when it was not accessible. Gail Cromwell added that Temple Elementary School also served as a shelter.

Stewart said that he spent some time at the high school volunteering time and said that they were open to volunteers coming forward to help with many jobs at hand.

5. Superintendent's Report and Presentation of Business

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

1. Peterborough Elementary School has received from Hockmeyer Studios of Amesbury, MA, a \$500.00 donation for the purpose of after-school enrichment activities and school day field trips, etc.

Ray Cote moved to accept the donation as read. Arthur Knight second. Unanimous.

2. Peterborough Elementary School has received from Mr. Mike's Mobile Station/Peterborough Oil Co, Inc., Peterborough, NH, a donation of \$500.00 for the purpose of supporting PTO math and science after-school enrichment activities for PES students.

Beverly Bacon moved to accept the donation as read. John Gryval second. Unanimous.

b. Personnel (Board Vote Required)

1. Nomination

CVHS – Jonathan Blair Assistant Ice Hockey Coach \$2,105.61

Tim Markley read the nomination as listed. **Stewart Brock moved to accept the nomination as read. Arthur Knight second. Unanimous.**

c. Monthly Events Calendar

The School Board will meet on January 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

The Policy Committee will meet on January 7th at 8:30 a.m. at the SAU.

The Energy Committee will meet on January 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

The Communications Committee will meet on January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

The Education Committee will meet on January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

The Wellness Committee will meet on January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

The Budget Hearing will take place on January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU.

The Policy Committee will meet again on January 21st at 8:30 a.m. at the SAU.

6. Reports

a. Points of Pride

Dick Bergeron informed the Board that the Global Summit for Special Olympics has selected two ConVal students to participate in this year's summit to represent the State of New Hampshire. Alex Skinner was selected as the athlete and Silas Lunetta as the partner. The two will be traveling to Boise, Idaho in February 2009.

Justin Morgan (Football) and Kelsey Nyland (Field Hockey) were awarded the Walmart/WKNE Scholar Athletes for the Month of March. Each will receive a \$100.00 US Saving Bond, a plaque and recognition on WKNE and their Scholar Athlete web page.

SMS Robotics took first place in Teamwork in their State Competition of 52 teams present.

Lastly, Dick Bergeron said that “every regional crisis, every state of emergency, has within it, a series of human experiences begging to be told. Our most recent series of December 2008 weather events is no different. I am in the process of gathering the stories of dedication, the performances beyond the call of duty, the acts of kindness and heroism that highlighted ConVal’s involvement in this month’s weather emergency. He spotlighted Craig Hicks, Marian Alese, Tim Grossi, Charlie and Roger. He said that the above deserve recognition and praise.

In addition, Dick Dunning and his staff played a key role with the SMS Crisis Shelter which literally saved the lives of many.

Donna Reynolds, our Food Service Director, rose to the challenge to help feed so many in our community.”

Dick promised to return with more stories of civic pride and achievement embodied in our dedicated ConVal family.

b. Teacher

None.

c. Student

None.

d. Subcommittee

1) Wellness Committee

Don Johnson said that recommendations on physical activity were worked on at the last meeting. Fundraising and parties will be looked at next.

7. Old Business

a. Budget

Craig Hicks said that we need to decide if we will be bringing a bond forward. Second, if so, we need to charge Marian to seek bond counsel.

Gail said that there is interest in the bond issue being contingent upon a guarantee from the State that we will receive a certain amount in return.

Craig said that we can work between bond counsel and Ed Murdough.

Stewart Brock moved to allow Marian Alese to seek bond counsel and to say that we will be seeking a bond. Arthur Knight second. Unanimous.

8. New Business

Craig said that Don and Sue Dell have met to propose that January 29th and 30th as the dates set for final exams. Second semester would begin on February 2nd.

Don said that nine days were lost which is a lot on a block schedule. Some of the time can be recouped by pushing out the schedule by five school days.

Mary Allen asked if the nine days we have lost will be exempt. Dick Bergeron replied “absolutely not.” Individual community waiver requests will be entertained. The Commissioner is not in favor of a complete wipe out of nine days but rather thoughts from the Board on what creativity they bring forward to make up some of this time.

Craig asked the Board to think about alternatives other than adding five minutes to the length of each class. Thought should be given to Saturdays, vacation time etc. Our objective should be that in June, students received a year of growth.

Dick said that he will work with Mascenic and Jaffrey-Rindge for further discussion.

Mary Allen asked if budget detail needed further discussion. Linda Potter referenced budget documentation distributed on the default budget and a December 18th memo.

Mary Allen asked when some of the specific budget items would be discussed.

Dick Bergeron said that a recommendation for consideration on Multi-age could be made available the first week of January.

Gail asked if salaries could be broken down by administration, maintenance, teachers etc. so that a better understanding could be made of the almost \$20 million. Dick Bergeron said that it could be done. Salaries and benefits could be broken down as well

9. Approval of Manifests (Board Vote Required)

Linda Potter certified that manifests 56 through 63 totaling \$633,354.84 and Sub Run 115 and 116 totaling \$22,886.97 and Payroll 12 and 13 totaling \$2,183,756.28 have been reviewed by Marian 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.

Stewart Brock moved to accept the manifests as read. Arthur Knight second. Unanimous.

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

Dan Harper moved in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,IIc to enter into non-public session for matters of personnel at 7:39 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.

Arthur Knight moved to exit non-public session at 8:47 p.m. second by Stewart Brock. Unanimous.

John Gryval moved to seal the minutes of non-public session. Arthur Knight second at 8:47 p.m. Unanimous.

Ray Cote moved to grant permission for ConVal High School to conduct final exams for Semester I on Thursday, January 29th and Friday, January 30th and to begin Semester 2 on Monday, February 2, 2009. Stewart Brock second. Unanimous.

Craig Hicks asked for a sense of the Board to bring sabbatical discussion forward on January 20, 2009. The Board confirmed in majority.

Ray Cote moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:52 p.m. Stewart Brock second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok