

**ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2022**

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**District Meeting Part 1
February 7, 2023
6:00 p.m.
ConVal High School Gymnasium**

**District Meeting Part 2
Voting in Individual Towns
March 14, 2023**



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WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Contoocook Valley School District consisting of the Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at **ConVal High School** at 184 Hancock Rd., (Route 202 North) in Peterborough on the **seventh day of February, 2023, at 6 o'clock in the evening** for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting (snow date: ninth day of February next at 6 o'clock in the evening), to deliberate upon the warrant articles listed below. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended; (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended; and, (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this provision.

You are further notified to meet at the following places in the Town of your residence:

Antrim	Antrim Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Bennington	Pierce Elementary School	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Dublin	Dublin Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Francestown	Francestown Town Hall	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Greenfield	Greenfield Meeting House	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Hancock	Hancock Town Office	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Peterborough	Peterborough Community Center	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sharon	Sharon Meeting House	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Temple	Temple Town Hall	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

on the **fourteenth day of March** next for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting by official ballot at the second session)

Article 01: Operating Budget-School District-SB2

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$56,106,282? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$54,744,674 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 02: Appropriate to the Building Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 03: Appropriate to the Energy Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Energy Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 04: Appropriate to the Technology Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Technology Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 05: Appropriate to the Equipment Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Equipment Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 06: Appropriate to the Building Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. In the event that Article 02 passes, this appropriation shall be in addition to any appropriation to the Building Capital Reserve pursuant to Article 02. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 07: Appropriate to the Health Maintenance Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Health Maintenance Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 08: Accept Reports of Agents and Auditors

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

Article 09: School Board Salaries

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$1,500; Assistant Treasurer; \$500; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 10: School Board Members

To choose Contoocook Valley School District Officers as follows: Six (6) Members of the School Board; one (1) from the Town of Antrim for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Bennington for a term of one (1) year; one (1) from the Town of Frankestown for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Hancock for a term of two (2) years; one (1) from the Town of Peterborough for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Sharon for a term of three (3) years.

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Chair

Janine Lesser Term Expires 2024 Peterborough

School Board Vice-Chair

Alan Edelkind Term Expires 2025 Dublin

School Board

Crista Salamy	Term Expires 2025	Antrim
Stephen Ullman	Term Expires 2023	Antrim
Vacant	Term Expires 2023	Bennington
Kevin Pobst	Term Expires 2023	Francestown
Katherine Heck	Term Expires 2024	Greenfield
Douglas Sutherland	Term Expires 2023	Hancock
Richard Dunning	Term Expires 2025	Peterborough
Greg Kriebel	Term Expires 2023	Peterborough
Tom Burgess	Term Expires 2025	Peterborough
Jim Fredrickson	Term Expires 2023	Sharon
Liz Swan	Term Expires 2024	Temple

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kimberly Saunders

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Ann Forrest

Business Administrator

Lori Schmidt

Director of Special Education

Ben Moenter

Director of Student Services

Cari Christian-Coates

Director of Human Resources

Carrie James

Director of Facilities

Tim Grossi

Treasurer

Denise McLenon

Moderator

Bob Edwards

Term Expires 2024

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

I am pleased to present the District Annual Report for the Contoocook Valley School District to you. The nine communities that comprise our District have consistently shown support for our students, staff, and programs resulting in our ability to support our students' learning and growth. This support has never been as important as it is in the challenging times we face, as the District must remain agile and flexible to respond to multiple possibilities moving forward.

We are asking for your support of the operating budget and trust fund articles this March. The operating budget for the 2023-2024 school year is \$53,819,282. This represents an increase of only 1.35%, in a time of significant inflation. We followed a comprehensive process that included prioritizing our needs across the District, paying particular attention to how dollars can be leveraged to the advantage of our students. We believe that the proposed budget will continue to support the excellent work being done to increase our students' learning, expand the skill sets of our professionals, and to safeguard the communities' investment by continuing the maintenance plan for our buildings.

In addition to the operating budget, there are warrant articles that appropriate money to existing capital reserve accounts to fund future projects as contained in our capital plan and to work to avoid "hills and valleys" in our annual budget process. As in the past, these funds will be appropriated, if sufficient funds are available as a surplus, on June 30, 2023.

We appreciate your continued support and we take seriously our role as stewards of your investment in your children's future and your communities' schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Saunders
Superintendent of Schools

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

As we contemplate our fourth winter of weathering the worldwide COVID 19 epidemic in our nine-community school district, we look backward to what we have learned from the past and how we need to use that knowledge to move forward to the future.

Our brand-new strategic plan, under development for the past year, was reviewed by the public and adopted by the ConVal School Board in December. The five priorities carefully crafted by the Board, Administration, staff and larger community reviewed and considered our district data and outcomes, our resources, our organization and the current environment of our communities. The five priorities address innovation in curriculum and instruction; building an environment that supports all students in their academic, social and emotional growth; ensuring a equitable structure for student achievement in all populations; the effective and efficient use of our physical and financial resources; and supporting the most crucial part of our ConVal system: our educators. Under each of these priorities is a set of steps that the Administration, staff and the School Board will position the ConVal District to maintain and exceed as a superior school district.

ConVal's nationally recognized plan for managing the pandemic kept our schools open and the children learning, using a variety of tools. This year, making the best use of federal funds, the Administration developed, and the ConVal School Board approved, a Learning Recovery plan that focused on individual student recovery and in-depth professional development and collaboration for teachers that will provide long term gains for our students. The Board and Administration are working on developing the plans for the renovations needed in the high school and middle schools.

The public-school system in New Hampshire, as well as across the country, faces significant challenges. Nationally, we are seeing educators leave the field in numbers so large it has been a consistent subject of national news. Schools are trying to find the right mental health supports for their students and identify those strategies that will help their students move to a normal achievement level. We are grateful for our teaching staff and for the administrators who run our schools and our SAU's. Although the last three years have exhausted everyone, students included, I am very proud of how this district has stepped up to every challenge it faces with grace and determination, and plans to address the challenges we face. In the face of these challenges, our educators and students have continued to win awards. As one high school teacher put it, "The pandemic taught us lessons we didn't know we needed to learn."

We continue the deep work of developing a budget each year that is fair to both our students and to taxpayers. This endeavor takes a considerable amount of creativity and negotiation. The state of New Hampshire not only continues to fund its public schools as the worst in the nation but has embarked on the most aggressive voucher system in the country. This voucher system has grown from a cost estimate of \$130,000 to \$60 million in the budget under current development. These funds are coming from the Education Trust Fund and Lottery revenue—two sources through which New Hampshire funds its public schools. Not only is the funding for public schools being reduced every year, but now this funding is going to families sending their children to home schools, private schools, many religious, with no accountability.

While we continue to work towards an equitable funding system through our lawsuit, we will look to ensure our own house is in order, reviewing our district organization, as part of the strategic plan. This process is beginning with a search for an outside consultant, who will help ConVal staff and Board members, local government, and community members to examine our district design.

I stand grateful and humble watching this district meet our challenges and yet always stay focused on our students. ConVal schools remain sources of learning, growth and support for our students, families and communities—and their achievements. We hope that you will once again support us in the coming year.

Thank you,

Janine Lesser

School Board Chairman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COVID's Harmful Aftermath

The pandemic critically disrupted ConVal students' education. The damage they sustained, unfortunately, is reflected nationwide:

"The pandemic has smacked American students back to the last century in math and reading achievement, according to the test known as the Nation's Report Card. Results for students who took the test in spring 2022 - the first main National Assessment of Educational Progress administration for these grades since the pandemic began - show the biggest drop in math performance in 4th and 8th grades since the testing program began in 1990. In reading, 4th and 8th graders likewise are performing on par with students in the 1990s, and about a third of students in both grades can't read at even the "basic" achievement level - the lowest level on the test. Academic declines on the NAEP were sweeping, spanning low-income and wealthier students, boys, and girls, and most racial or ethnic groups in both subjects and grades." (Source: Education Week, November 2, 2022, p. 16)

The Education Committee Response to COVID

In light of these troubling realities, ConVal's Education Committee decided to focus primarily on our students' recovery pursuits. We methodically examined our students' results on the NWEA, MAP tests and other standardized inventories. These assessments revealed that the pandemic visibly slowed our students' progress overall but especially in math.

The Committee received regular updates on the District's multiple, learning recovery programs. The District emphasized student/staff well-being, high intensity tutoring and coaching, and expanded learning time. We were particularly impressed with the District's summer learning programs.

The Committee supported the District's decision to establish socio-emotional learning (SEL) as a priority. The SEL curriculum assists our young people in managing their emotions, achieving personal and collective goals, and manifesting empathy for others. Research has established that SEL programs improve overall grades and attendance.

The Committee also worked to prepare the District's responses to state mandates, such as the requirement that high school students pass a civics examination.

The Committee, in addition, reviewed policies on issues, such as earning high school credits, advanced coursework, and academic integrity

The Committee, moreover, received lengthy curricular updates from the Music and Visual Arts Departments. And we reviewed the schedule of standardized assessments of student learning. Community members can be assured that the District is frequently and intensively evaluating our students' academic progress.

Thanks to Dr. Ann Forrest

The Committee wants to thank Dr. Ann Forrest for her invaluable contributions to the Committee's work and especially for the extraordinary Professional Development Plan she and her peers created for refining our teachers' instructional skills.

Committee Members:

Thomas Burgess

Kiera Christian

Richard Dunning

Liz Swan

Stephen Ullman (Chair)

Respectfully,

Dr. Stephen Ullman

Education Committee Chairman

BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The year 2023 will mark the end of my seventh year of retirement from my business career and the end of my second three-year term serving as Sharon's representative on the ConVal School Board – and I'd like to share some of my perspective on the challenges associated with both of these.

As we age, we are faced with some financial and physical/health related challenges that can be chronic or short term, physical or emotional, expected or unexpected, serious or merely an inconvenience associated with growing older. Hopefully we have the experience, knowledge, attitude, resources and support from family, friends, and community required to successfully navigate the minefield we call life.

I can't help but think about the parallels with running a school district. We have financial challenges, social, emotional and health issues, aging infrastructure, regulations - and the mix of these changes every year. To deal with these successfully also requires experience, knowledge, attitude, resources, support – of our staff and students, from the community, as well as from our state and federal governments.

The ConVal School District has an advantage that others don't have: an experienced, committed, and effective administration and a supportive community.

Some of the issues we're dealing with are associated with the Covid pandemic (are we really past it?): lost learning and increased need for emotional and social support of our students. Others are common to many school districts across the nation, including: school security, differences in opinions on what our students should be taught, and how we deal with the individuality of all our students and staff.

From a Budget & Property perspective, we're still dealing with some "chronic" health issues: a slow but steady decline in student enrollment, increasing security risks, aging facilities, and an organizational structure that requires attention – possibly major surgery (as does the high school parking lot). What's new? Inflation and cost increases we haven't seen in decades.

How are we dealing with it? We've added a School Resource Officer, we are working with federal and state agencies to evaluate and improve school security, we're embarking on a multi-year program to develop a plan to renovate and modernize our high school and two middle schools, and we're continuing to look into the possibility of restructuring the district to improve both educational and financial health.

Developing the budget we're proposing for FY' 23-24 involved a new challenge that hit hard: inflation. The Operational Budget is what we can control at the District level and our proposed budget increase is only 1.35% - a remarkable achievement in the current inflationary environment. We had to take the belt in a few notches...a crash diet so to speak...without unwanted side effects.

FY'24 will be the second year of the three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Contoocook Valley Education Association (CVEA). The CVEA is the exclusive representative of district employees in the Collective Bargaining Unit which includes district teachers, specialized service professionals and paraprofessionals. The salary and wage increase associated with this contract is higher than the percentage increase in the overall budget

The CVEA does not represent District supervisory or administrative staff, and our budget needs to ensure that salaries/wages and benefits for these employees are competitive so we can attract and retain the staff that is so critical to running the District.

We did make some changes in staffing that we felt were needed to deal with some of the ongoing issues we are faced with. These are directed at improving reading, math, and language skills as well as supporting students and managing the district.

Going forward, we need to address the high school parking lot in the near term. We plan on using District Trust Funds for that, which your continued support of these Warrant Articles allows.

Your taxes will likely go up next year, regardless of whether the budget passes or not. One major contributing factor is the significant amount of funds we've been able to "return" over the last several years. We don't expect that to happen when we close the books on this year.

We've published an updated series of financial articles that provide more details on several of the issues addressed above.

I'd like to close by thanking you in advance for your support of the proposed budget and warrant articles for District Trust Funds. We believe the budget addresses our District needs in a financially prudent manner.

Respectfully,

Jim Fredrickson

Budget & Property Committee Chairman

FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Contoocook Valley School District continues to provide nutritional and well-balanced breakfast and lunch meals in each of our schools. We have worked to keep the cost per meal as low as we can. The District is working to increase the use of reduced and free lunch applications for families that can take advantage of these federally funded programs.

The wellness of our students is an ongoing effort. The School Board has supported efforts, district-wide, to keep our students as active as possible each day. Physical education is the main avenue to support this effort, but classroom teachers also provide additional movement activities each day, beyond Physical Education classes. The Board is proud of the continued efforts made by our teachers each day in maintaining a helpful and caring environment for each of our students.

Respectfully,

Richard Dunning

Food Service/Wellness Committee Chairman

SELECTMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Selectman's Advisory Committee is the only committee of the ConVal School Board established by the Articles of Agreement. The Committee has the responsibility to meet with the School Board for District financial planning, providing and receiving information on district business and educational news, and other matters of mutual interest.

The Committee is kept updated on budget development, and subsequent town tax rate information. The District sees the Select Boards as important partners and takes these meetings as an opportunity to inform the Select Boards about school and district events, concerns, and District plans. The Selectman's Advisory is helpful in returning information to their respective communities who may not have another connection to the schools. The Committee was helpful in the development of the Strategic Plan, discussions on the tax rate, understanding the implications of the charter school now located within the District, and information about the effects of legislation on the District and the towns.

The District is facing new challenges in the coming years: the high school and CTE and middle school renovations, and implementation of a new strategic plan that includes some very hard work.

ConVal's focus is on our students, and we are happy that we are able to work with our Select Boards. Meetings are generally held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the SAU Board Room. 7:00-8:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully,

Janine Lesser, Selectmen's Advisory Committee Liaison

John Robertson, Selectmen's Advisory Chairman

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The mission of the School Board Communication Committee is to:

Create positive, proactive communications that directly aid the district in achieving its Strategic Plan.

Celebrate the successes of ConVal students, faculty, staff, and initiatives.

Build and improve relationships with stakeholders to solicit support for programs and budget.

Enhance the district's reputation/standing and promote our "high quality" district.

Promote ongoing, timely communications and create a means for engagement by the communities.

The key to the boards' activities is to communicate successfully to our community. The ConVal community is a diverse, involved, knowledge seeking and student committed community. The advent of social media, streaming electronic communications certainly presents challenges and opportunities.

One of our new initiatives has been the development of the Community Forum. We have, in the current year, had four quarterly Community Forums. The format of the forums is one of presentations and then time for questions and responses. We have two audiences; one in-house and one on live stream. Recognizing the different needs of our community, we felt it necessary to serve both audiences. The advent of COVID had, initially, limited our in-house audience. This was to be expected. Our in-house audience is growing with each successive Forum but will never reach the level of live stream audience. Live stream also allows for recording of the forum so folks can watch at their convenience or re-watch segments of interest.

We have, in the last forum, added a "meet and greet" get together after the forum ends. This has turned out to also be a great opportunity for folks to get together for non-formal discussion and meeting their school board representatives and school administration. We thank the ConVal community for making these forums a success.

Not to overshadow other activities. The communications Committee has produced a series of articles on the budget, its processes, and what it means to the community. This is important as the school budget becomes a significant portion of your tax bill.

We have produced articles for distribution in local media (Monadnock Ledger Transcript and the Keene Sentinel).

We have worked with the ConVal administration to jointly produce articles that relate to both areas of responsibility. COVID has taken a needed focus in some of these articles as would be expected.

We are looking forward to continuing our Community Forums and adding to our communications. We are looking at providing a monthly summary of School Board activities, board goals, school safety, and information on why one should choose a public-school education etc.

None of this could have been accomplished without the expertise, time commitment, drive and willingness of the Communications Committee members to give of their own time to keep our community informed.

Members:

Keira Christian – School Board Representative – Bennington

Alan Edelkind – Committee Chair – School Board Representative – Dublin

James Fredrickson – School Board Representative - Sharon

Elizabeth Swan – School board Representative – Temple

Respectfully,

Alan Edelkind

Communication Committee Chairperson

TITLE I

Student performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, as well as extensive research on educational practices and outcomes, has highlighted ongoing and sizeable differences between the performance of students from low-income households and the performance of students from middle- to high-income households. Like other districts and schools within New Hampshire and across the United States, the ConVal School District continues to see these differences in performance and continues to work to provide *all* students with the support needed to meet challenging academic standards.

The ConVal School District's efforts to create learning environments in which *all* children, regardless of their economic status, learn and succeed are supported in part by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Title I provides financial assistance to districts and schools with high percentages of students from low-income households. During the 2022-2023 school year, four elementary schools in the ConVal School District receive financial assistance through Title I—Antrim Elementary School, Frankestown Elementary School, Peterborough Elementary School and Pierce School.

Because the percentage of students from low-income households often exceeds 40% of the overall student population, Antrim Elementary School, Pierce School, and Peterborough Elementary School implement “school wide” Title I programs, which focus on strengthening the instructional programs and practices implemented throughout the whole school. However, if further funds are available, additional schools may be eligible for a “targeted assistance” Title I program, which targets providing support to specific students who are most at risk of not meeting grade-level academic standards. This year, Frankestown Elementary School is implementing a Title I targeted assistance program. Both programs (school wide and targeted assistance) include a requirement of using instructional strategies that research has determined to be effective. Both programs also include a focus on providing families meaningful opportunities “to participate in the design, development, operation, and evaluation of the program for the next school year” (see School Board Policy KB – Title I Parent Involvement in Education).

The ConVal School District strongly believes the differences in achievement experienced by some of our students from low-income households is in no way a reflection of their potential or their abilities. Instead, the District believes it is a result of not being provided with the support and resources they need to succeed. Therefore, the District remains committed to working collaboratively with families to find and provide the supports and resources students need to be fully engaged and successful.

Title I Project Manager - Katherine Morrocco, M.Ed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT



James A. Amica, CPA*

Sheryl A. Pratt, CPA**

Michael J. Caruso, CPA, MACCE

Loren M. Lusselli, CPA, CVA, CFE

January 19, 2023

* Also Licensed as Member
** Also Licensed as Treasurer

Members of the School Board
Contoocook Valley Regional School District
106 Hancock Road
Peterborough, NH 03458

To the Members of the School Board:

This is to advise you that as of January 19, 2023, the audit of the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022, has been substantially completed and we are in the process of finalizing the audit. A completed audit report will be sent to you by end of March 2023.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Pratt, CPA
Director

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Certified Public Accountants

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Department of Revenue Administration Concord, New Hampshire

Your report of appropriations voted and property taxes to be raised for the 2022-23 school year has been approved on the following basis:

Total Appropriations:	\$	56,388,036
REVENUES & CREDITS AVAILABLE TO REDUCE SCHOOL TAXES		
Unreserved Fund Balance:	\$	2,761,822
Bond	\$	-
Equitable Education Aid & State Education Tax	\$	12,409,612
Special Education Aid:	\$	84,057
Area Vocational School:	\$	25,000
Child Nutrition:	\$	12,000
Medicaid:	\$	170,000
Other State Sources	\$	289,943
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		
Other Federal Sources	\$	800,000
Child Nutrition:	\$	600,000
IDEA	\$	600,000
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES		
Tuition:	\$	131,000
Earnings on Investment:	\$	10,000
Child Nutrition:	\$	200,000
Other Local Sources	\$	75,000
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$	900,000
TOTAL REVENUE & CREDITS:	\$	19,068,434
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT:	\$	37,319,602
TOTAL REVENUE & DISTRICT ASSESSMENT:	\$	56,388,036
CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPORTIONMENT		
Antrim:	\$	4,154,628
Bennington:	\$	2,452,137
Dublin:	\$	3,702,223
Francestown:	\$	3,498,200
Greenfield:	\$	3,127,894
Hancock:	\$	3,900,616
Peterborough:	\$	12,817,823
Sharon:	\$	906,217
Temple:	\$	2,759,864
TOTAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT (Includes State Education Tax):	\$	37,319,602

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23

Name of Project	CVHS
Interest Rate	1.69%
Notes/Bonds	2012 Series D
7/1/2022	\$ 355,000
Payments of Principal	
2/15/2023	\$ 355,000
Notes/Bonds Balance	
6/30/2023	\$ -
Interest Rate	\$ 0
Notes/Bonds	2018 Series B
7/1/2022	\$ 365,000
Premium Reduction	
8/15/2022	\$ 185,000
Notes/Bonds Balance	
6/30/2023	\$ 180,000

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUST FUNDS MS-9



Town of Peterborough Funds
MS-9 for Year Ending June 30, 2022

JUNE MONTHLY TOTALS										JUNE MONTHLY TOTALS								
PRINCIPAL/CORE										INCOME								
DATE	TRUST NAME	Type	Purpose TOTAL	% OF	BALANCE					Transf		BALANCE		BALANCE		Transf Income	BALANCE	TOTAL
					6/30/22	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	Mgmt Fee	Income/Exp	6/30/22	6/30/22	Gross Income	Mgmt Fee	Exp	6/30/22			
01/01/00	Special Education	Capital Bkct (Hes W/S)	Educational Program	11%	806,167.58	-	-	-	-	-	806,167.58	22,580.72	126.08	-	-	22,706.80	828,874.38	
01/01/00	Conval School Bldg	Capital Bkct (Hes W/S)	Educational Program	33%	2,366,744.86	-	-	-	-	-	2,366,744.86	56,570.34	368.67	-	-	56,939.01	2,423,683.87	
01/01/00	Athletic/Co-curricular	Capital Bkct (Hes W/S)	Educational Program	30%	407,555.47	-	-	-	-	-	407,555.47	16,684.38	64.34	-	-	16,748.72	424,284.19	
06/01/11	Conval Health Maintenance	Capital Bkct (Hes W/S)	Educational Program	15%	474,988.25	-	-	-	-	-	474,988.25	21,189.27	75.49	-	-	21,264.76	496,253.01	
01/01/01	Equipment	Capital Bkct (Hes W/S)	Educational Program	30%	411,072.88	-	-	-	-	-	411,072.88	12,227.32	64.40	-	-	12,291.72	423,364.60	
01/01/03	Energy Projects and Efficiency Fund	Capital Bkct (Hes W/S)	Educational Program	20%	94,998.10	-	-	-	-	-	94,998.10	146.82	14.47	-	-	161.29	95,159.39	
School District Capital Reserve Funds Total (0000006414)					4,561,507.14	-	-	-	-	-	4,561,507.14	129,399.05	713.65	-	-	130,112.70	4,691,619.84	

SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL REPORT
CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Balance June 30, 2022		
Actual Revenues		
Source		
Intergovernmental		\$1,379,397
Other		\$56,294
Total		\$1,435,691
Actual Expenditures		
Food Service Expenditures		\$1,375,135
Total		\$1,375,135
Balance June 30, 2023		\$60,556

PER PUPIL COSTS

PER PUPIL COSTS		
Rank as of 2020-2021		
Elementary	\$25,236.46	#5
Middle	\$20,617.90	#15
High	\$20,378.99	#17
Rank as of 2021-2022		
Elementary	\$25,588.30	#32
Middle	\$23,355.12	#9
High	\$22,828.52	#14

All rankings are sequential from high (1) to low (155) Elementary
 All rankings are sequential from high (1) to low (62) Middle
 All rankings are sequential from high (1) to low (73) High

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Salaries:	\$ 5,498,524	\$ 5,805,369	\$ 7,717,781	\$ 6,575,845
Benefits:	\$ 3,420,358	\$ 3,167,921	\$ 3,284,988	\$ 3,338,394
Purchased Services:	\$ 2,158,509	\$ 3,121,075	\$ 1,797,009	\$ 1,528,993
<i>(Includes Transportation & Tuition)</i>				
Supplies:	\$ 55,357	\$ 51,919	\$ 49,458	\$ 36,602
Equipment:	\$ 15,013	\$ 23,758	\$ 36,753	\$ 24,945
Other:	\$ 18,095	\$ 10,714	\$ 9,747	\$ 7,968
Total Expenditures:	\$ 11,165,857	\$ 12,180,756	\$ 12,895,736	\$ 11,512,747
REVENUES				
Tuition:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Education Aid:	\$ 130,410	\$ 155,441	\$ 67,858	\$ 117,045
Medicaid:	\$ 273,246	\$ 63,970	\$ 389,046	\$ 242,434
Adequacy*:	\$ 622,222	\$ 698,342	\$ 702,153	\$ 793,999
Total Revenue:	\$ 1,025,879	\$ 917,753	\$ 1,159,057	\$ 1,153,478
NET EXPENDITURES:	\$ 10,139,978	\$ 11,263,003	\$ 11,736,679	\$ 10,359,269

* Adequacy per pupil amounts:

2019: \$1956

2020: \$1995

2021: \$1995

2022: \$2037

2023-2024 Proposed Budget
Executive Summary
ConVal School District

To provide opportunities and inspire our learners to explore interests, pursue new knowledge and skills, learn about self and others, and give of oneself to the greater community.
Toward Excellence for Every Child

The ConVal School Board completed a Strategic Plan in 2016. Contained in the plan are a series of steps to be taken in order to accomplish four main goals:

- Provide high quality educational opportunities for all students
- Foster a responsive, caring, and high achieving culture
- Align schools and staffing with current best practices, demographic realities, and geographical challenges
- Effectively research, plan, and implement best practices in facilities, personnel, leadership, and technology

The proposed budget for 2023-2024 continues the effort of reaching these goals in the coming year.

Budget Assumptions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Each year the budget development process begins with a set of assumptions for the following fiscal year. The assumptions for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year was that we need to maintain current level of programming; continue with replacement cycles; and continue with planned curriculum. Each of these assumptions fall into one of 3 categories:

Procedural assumptions are those assumptions that continue to support the mission, vision, and values of the District. These assumptions include referencing ConVal class size guidelines, annual reviews of Special Education caseloads, and the potential reallocation of existing resources.

Financial assumptions primarily deal with fixed costs. They include items such as collective bargaining agreements, contractual obligations, health insurance costs, utilities, and legal obligations.

Programmatic assumptions deal with curriculum, the continuum of services for identified students, community education program, and technology investments and upgrades.

Financial Overview

The total gross budget proposed for 2023-2024 is \$56,106,282. Of this, \$53,819,282 is the general fund operating budget, which represents an increase of \$718,246 or 1.35% over the current year's budget; \$812,000 represents revenue and expenses for the food service program, \$75,000 represents our Special Revenue Funds such as E-rate and Indirect Cost, and \$1,400,000 represents the budget for federal projects received by the District (Title I, Title II, IDEA, and Perkins).

Appropriations

Major 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions: Net Increase to Operating Budget of \$718,246

- **Proposed staffing (100 Series)** **Overall increase of \$235,984**
Includes notified lane changes and retirements; salary savings from change of personnel; reduced positions; expansion of BEST program and additional interventionists
- **Benefits (200 Series)** **Overall increase of \$472,563**
Includes relative changes in FICA; New Hampshire Retirement; Health Insurance costs increased which are offset by planned use of \$145,000 from appropriate trust fund
- **Purchased services (300 Series)** **Overall increase of \$273,528**
Represents changes in contracted custodial services and increase in student services
- **Property Services (400 Series)** **Overall decrease of (\$121,851)**
There aren't as many repair and maintenance projects planned for the year
- **Other Purchased Services (500 Series)** **Overall decrease of (\$172,427)**
Increase of 3% to home to school transportation; decrease in tuition; increase in property insurance; savings in phone and internet service
- **Supplies and materials (600 Series)** **Overall increase of \$428,801**
Includes increase in heating oil; increase in propane for buses; increase in electricity; and increase in software costs
- **Property (700 Series)** **Overall decrease of (\$32,372)**
Classroom technology funded through ESSER grants
- **Dues and Fees and Debt Service (800 Series)** **Overall decrease of (\$5,980)**
Decrease in bond interest; increase in dues & fees; planned food service loss
- **Bonds (900 Series)** **Overall decrease of (\$300,000)**
CVHS Gymnasium bond ends

Revenues

District assessment is directly related to the amount of state and other revenues received by the District. Estimated revenue is decreasing by 28.91% which is primarily due to decrease in state funding.

Net requested appropriations would result in a District assessment of \$41,369,716, which is a net increase to the District Assessment of \$1,538,293 or 3.86%.

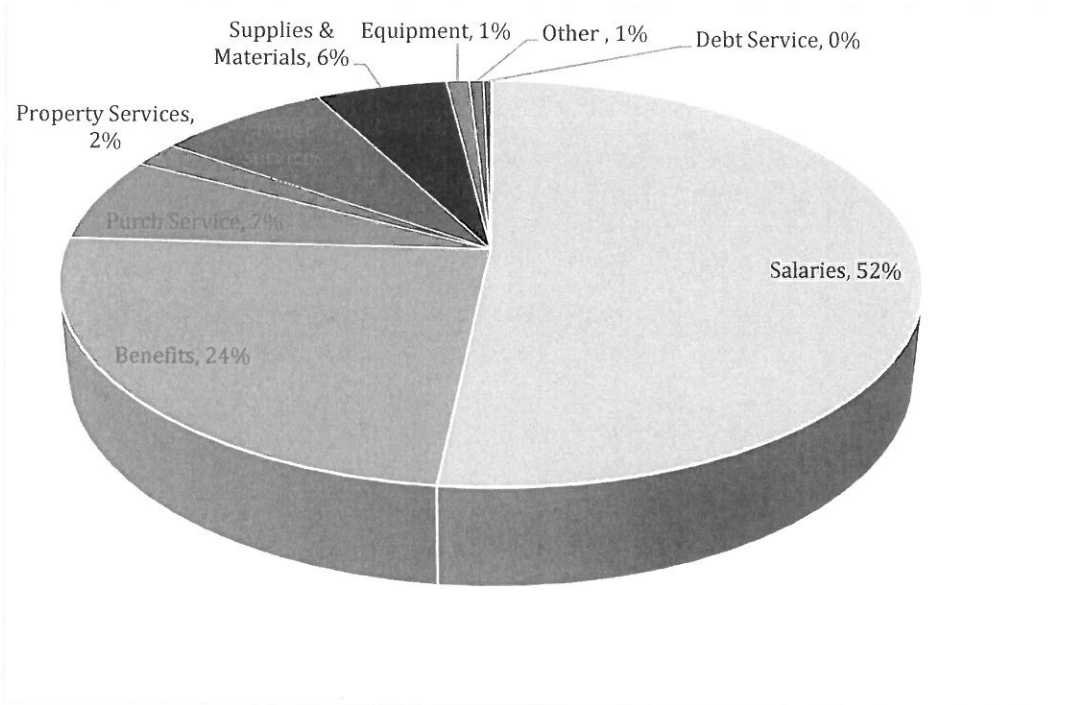
Trusts

The 2023-2024 budget includes offsets of \$338,842 from trusts for appropriate purchases such as flooring in FES and TES; concession stand for the CVHS field; facility truck, food service vans; and to offset health insurance increase if rate increase is at maximum rate.

Special Warrant Articles

We are proposing six warrant articles that appropriate money into our Capital Reserve, Energy Trust, Technology Trust, Equipment Trust and Health Maintenance Trust. If approved, these amounts would come from the 2022-2023 available surplus.

Budget by Object



Budget Reconciliation to Default

The proposed Budget for 2023-2024 represents an increase of 2.41% over the Default Calculation. This includes a decrease in positions, repairs& maintenance, transportation, equipment & furniture and debt service which is offset by increases in benefits, pupil services and utilities.

The table below summarizes the calculations for the Default Calculation.

2022-2023 General Fund	\$ 53,101,036
Staffing	\$ (501,324)
Benefits	\$ 473,322
Professional Services	\$ 85,053
Property Services	\$ 6,380
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ (537,680)
Transportation	\$ (122,628)
Purchased Services	\$ 8,306
Utilities	\$ 432,989
Equipment and Furniture	\$ (103,917)
Bond	\$ (383,863)
Total Increase/(Decrease) for General Fund	\$ (643,362)
Default Calculation for General Fund	\$ 52,457,674
2022-2023 Special Funds	\$ 2,287,000
Food Service	\$ -
Grants	\$ -
Total Increase/(Decrease) for Special Funds	-
Default Calculation for Special Funds	\$ 2,287,000
Total Default Calculation (2023-2024)	\$ 54,744,674

**CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES
2023-2024**

Object Code	Description	Proposed 2023-2024 Budget	Approved 2022-2023 Budget	Difference	Percent	Actual 2021-2022 Expense
110	REGULAR SALARIES	17,398,372	17,751,179	(352,807)	-1.99%	16,260,891
111	PARAPROFESSIONAL SALARIES	3,175,780	3,040,876	134,904	4.44%	2,659,990
112	ADMN ASSISTANTS	1,288,668	1,219,856	68,812	5.64%	1,125,966
113	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE	632,015	579,309	52,706	9.10%	545,979
114	ADMINISTRATOR	3,062,775	2,800,178	262,597	9.38%	2,761,572
115	DEPARTMENT HEADS	28,500	25,000	3,500	14.00%	22,500
119	SUPPORT SERVICES	1,076,790	962,480	114,310	11.88%	824,962
120	TEMPORARY SALARIES	1,103,129	1,153,666	(50,537)	-4.38%	938,052
130	OVERTIME	40,000	37,500	2,500	6.67%	43,694
	Total Salaries	27,806,029	27,570,045	235,984	0.86%	25,183,606
211	HEALTH INSURANCE	5,676,282	5,538,844	137,438	2.48%	5,135,357
212	DENTAL INSURANCE	214,594	209,663	4,931	2.35%	210,578
213	LIFE INSURANCE	51,698	48,299	3,399	7.04%	48,282
214	LONG TERM DISABILITY	71,504	67,625	3,879	5.74%	66,345
220	FICA	2,047,064	1,832,453	214,611	11.71%	1,853,709
231	NON - TEACH RETIRE	798,195	773,969	24,226	3.13%	775,844
232	TEACHER RETIRE	3,976,641	3,887,903	88,738	2.28%	3,894,863
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	21,924	22,500	(576)	-2.56%	-
260	WORKERS' COMP	96,882	101,990	(5,108)	-5.01%	107,584
299	OTHER BENEFITS - LT CARE & ANNUITIES	18,110	17,085	1,025	6.00%	266,430
	Total Benefits	12,972,895	12,500,332	472,563	3.78%	12,358,991
321	PROF SERVICES	114,900	108,755	6,145	5.65%	86,177
322	STAFF SERVICES	93,835	88,817	5,018	5.65%	20,951
323	PUPIL SERVICES	1,091,560	1,046,007	45,553	4.35%	1,036,175
330	PURCHASED/PROF	2,056,773	1,870,169	186,604	9.98%	1,668,360
340	STATISTICAL SERVICES	28,744	31,036	(2,292)	-7.38%	3,840
380	PURCH SERVICES	270,000	237,500	32,500	13.68%	695,802
390	SPECIAL TUTORING	-	-	-	0.00%	36,213
	Total Services	3,655,812	3,382,284	273,528	8.09%	3,547,517
411	WATER/SEWER	70,056	63,676	6,380	10.02%	46,512
420	ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL	1,800	900	900	100.00%	-
421	DISPOSAL	53,028	48,476	4,552	9.39%	48,628
422	SNOW PLOWING	138,720	129,536	9,184	7.09%	137,818
430	REPAIR/MAINT	265,744	198,638	67,106	33.78%	61,472
431	STRUCTURAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	112,630	317,962	(205,332)	-64.58%	105,686
432	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	23,379	32,650	(9,271)	-28.40%	87,454
433	MECHANICAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	231,890	259,044	(27,154)	-10.48%	34,264
434	HVAC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	32,028	93,290	(61,262)	-65.67%	73,276
435	SAFETY REPAIRS & MAINT	57,691	21,014	36,677	174.53%	13,194
436	Copier Repairs	37,100	15,350	21,750	141.69%	30,743
440	BUILDING RENTAL	-	2,550	(2,550)	-100.00%	2,550
443	Equip Rental: Copiers	64,150	25,980	38,170	146.92%	49,590
449	Equip Rental - Postage Meter	3,200	4,200	(1,000)	-23.81%	3,876
450	RENTAL	-	-	-	0.00%	3,676
	Total Property Service	1,091,416	1,213,266	(121,851)	-10.04%	698,738

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES
2023-2024 (CONT'D)**

Object Code	Description	Proposed 2023-2024 Budget	Approved 2022-2023 Budget	Difference	Percent	Actual 2021-2022 Expense
510	OTHER TRANSPORTATION	251,544	239,480	12,064	5.04%	163053.16
519	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	2,606,994	2,729,622	(122,628)	-4.49%	1922737.36
520	INSURANCE	126,956	118,650	8,306	7.00%	106988
530	Telephone / Web access	237,160	253,615	(16,455)	-6.49%	281693.11
531	Cellular Phones	28,400	21,860	6,540	29.92%	24356.04
534	POSTAGE	15,560	16,972	(1,412)	-8.32%	9599.58
540	ADVERTISING	10,000	25,000	(15,000)	-60.00%	19078.45
550	PRINTING	5,300	8,500	(3,200)	-37.65%	3452
561	TUITION	721,686	776,729	(55,043)	-7.09%	495694.06
580	MILEAGE	85,328	79,242	6,086	7.68%	60151.2
581	TRAVEL	8,315	-	8,315	0.00%	0
	Total Other Service	4,097,243	4,269,670	(172,427)	-4.04%	3,086,803
610	GENERAL SUPPLIES	720,243	733,738	(13,495)	-1.84%	512,858
615	TESTING SUPPLIES	28,290	25,669	2,621	10.21%	15,568
622	ELECTRICITY	713,634	445,637	267,997	60.14%	460,688
623	BOTTLED GAS	23,950	30,950	(7,000)	-22.62%	27,216
624	HEATING OIL	567,200	422,208	144,992	34.34%	353,932
640	BOOKS	72,148	84,573	(12,425)	-14.69%	66,277
641	PERIODICALS	19,612	21,400	(1,788)	-8.36%	17,417
649	OTHER INFO SOURCES	4,625	3,610	1,015	28.12%	3,037
650	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	557,472	530,587	26,885	5.07%	414,046
656	PROPANE	415,000	395,000	20,000	5.06%	221,188
	Total Supplies and Materials	3,122,174	2,693,373	428,801	15.92%	2,092,227
733	NEW FURNITURE	500	6,890	(6,390)	-92.74%	8,181
734	OTHER TECH EQUIPMENT	8,400	20,961	(12,561)	-59.93%	10,704
737	REPL FURNITURE	20,600	44,313	(23,713)	-53.51%	8,823
738	REPL EQUIPMENT	511,785	467,675	44,110	9.43%	401,365
739	OTHER EQUIPMENT	5,522	39,341	(33,819)	-85.96%	59,600
	Total Property	546,807	579,179	(32,372)	-5.59%	488,672
810	DUES & FEES	217,317	199,434	17,883	8.97%	179,211
830	DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	4,590	28,453	(23,863)	-83.87%	55,993
890	FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	125,000	125,000	-	0.00%	-
	Total Other	346,907	352,887	(5,980)	-1.69%	235,203
910	DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL	180,000	540,000	(360,000)	-66.67%	540,000
	Total Debt Service	180,000	540,000	(360,000)	-66.67%	540,000
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	53,819,282	53,101,036	718,246	1.35%	48,231,757
	Title I & II	550,000	550,000	-	0.00%	671,442
	Other Federal Programs	250,000	250,000	-	0.00%	1,312,654
	IDEA	600,000	600,000	-	0.00%	629,103
	Food Service	812,000	812,000	-	0.00%	1,375,135
	Special Revenue Fund	75,000	75,000	-	0.00%	19,119
	Health Maintenance Trust		50,000	(50,000)	-100.00%	-
	Athletic Trust		-	-	0.00%	25,000
	Capital Reserve		750,000	(750,000)	-100.00%	500,000
	Equipment Trust		-	-	0.00%	50,000
	Energy Trust		100,000	(100,000)	-100.00%	25,000
	Special Education Trust		-	-	0.00%	100,000
	Technology Trust		100,000	(100,000)	-100.00%	-
	TOTAL GROSS BUDGET	56,106,282	56,388,036	(281,754)	-0.50%	52,939,210

**CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET DEFAULT BY OBJECT 2023-2024**

Object Code	Description	Approved 2022-2023 Budget	Proposed 2023-2024 Budget	Default Calculation 2023-2024	Difference Between Proposed & Default		Default Notes
					\$	%	
110	REGULAR SALARIES	17,751,179	17,398,372	17,216,532	(181,840)	-1.05%	CVEA Contract
111	PARAPROFESSIONAL SALARIES	3,040,876	3,175,780	3,070,700	(105,080)	-3.31%	CVEA Contract
112	ADMN ASSISTANTS	1,219,856	1,288,668	1,219,856	(68,812)	-5.34%	
113	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE	579,309	632,015	579,309	(52,706)	-8.34%	
114	ADMINISTRATOR	2,800,178	3,062,775	2,800,178	(262,597)	-8.57%	
115	DEPARTMENT HEADS	25,000	28,500	28,500	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
119	SUPPORT SERVICES	962,480	1,076,790	962,480	(114,310)	-10.62%	
120	TEMPORARY SALARIES	1,153,666	1,103,129	1,153,666	50,537	4.58%	
130	OVERTIME	37,500	40,000	37,500	(2,500)	-6.25%	
	Total Salaries	27,570,045	27,806,029	27,068,721	(737,308)	-2.65%	
211	HEALTH INSURANCE	5,538,844	5,676,282	5,676,282	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
212	DENTAL INSURANCE	209,663	214,594	214,594	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
213	LIFE INSURANCE	48,299	51,698	51,698	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
214	LONG TERM DISABILITY	67,625	71,504	71,504	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
220	FICA	1,832,453	2,047,064	2,047,064	(0)	0.00%	CVEA Contract
231	NON - TEACH RETIRE	773,969	798,195	798,195	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
232	TEACHER RETIRE	3,887,903	3,976,641	3,976,641	-	0.00%	CVEA Contract
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	22,500	21,924	22,500	576	2.63%	
260	WORKERS' COMP	101,990	96,882	101,990	5,108	5.27%	
299	OTHER BENEFITS - LT CARE & ANNUITIES	17,085	18,110	13,185	(4,925)	-27.19%	Less expired benefit
	Total Benefits	12,500,332	12,972,895	12,973,654	759	0.01%	
321	PROF SERVICES	108,755	114,900	108,755	(6,145)	-5.35%	
322	STAFF SERVICES	88,817	93,835	88,817	(5,018)	-5.35%	
323	PUPIL SERVICES	1,046,007	1,091,560	1,091,560	-	0.00%	Mandated Law
330	PURCHASED/PROF	1,870,169	2,056,773	1,902,169	(154,604)	-7.52%	Mandated Law
340	STATISTICAL SERVICES	31,036	28,744	31,036	2,292	7.97%	
380	PURCH SERVICES	237,500	270,000	245,000	(25,000)	-9.26%	Mandated Law
	Total Services	3,382,284	3,655,812	3,467,337	(188,475)	-5.16%	
411	WATER/SEWER	63,676	70,056	70,056	-	0.00%	Mandated Neccessity for Adequate Education
420	ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL	900	1,800	900	(900)	-50.00%	
421	DISPOSAL	48,476	53,028	48,476	(4,552)	-8.58%	
422	SNOW PLOWING	129,536	138,720	129,536	(9,184)	-6.62%	
430	REPAIR/MAINT	198,638	265,744	151,378	(114,366)	-43.04%	Less one time expenditures
431	STRUCTURAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	317,962	112,630	126,702	14,072	12.49%	Less one time expenditures
432	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	32,650	23,379	18,570	(4,809)	-20.57%	Less one time expenditures
433	MECHANICAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	259,044	231,890	26,764	(205,126)	-88.46%	Less one time expenditures
434	HVAC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	93,290	32,028	40,490	8,462	26.42%	Less one time expenditures
435	SAFETY REPAIRS & MAINT	21,014	57,691	21,014	(36,677)	-63.57%	
436	Copier Repairs	15,350	37,100	15,350	(21,750)	-58.63%	
440	BUILDING RENTAL	2,550	-	2,550	2,550	0.00%	
443	Equip Rental: Copiers	25,980	64,150	25,980	(38,170)	-59.50%	
449	Equip Rental - Postage Meter	4,200	3,200	4,200	1,000	31.25%	
450	RENTAL	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Total Property Service	1,213,266	1,091,416	681,966	(409,449)	-37.52%	

BUDGET DEFAULT BY OBJECT 2023-2024 (CONT'D)

Object Code	Description	Approved 2022-2023 Budget	Proposed 2023-2024 Budget	Default Calculation 2023-2024	Difference Between Proposed & Default		Default Notes
					\$	%	
510	OTHER TRANSPORTATION	239,480	251,544	239,480	(12,064)	-4.80%	
519	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	2,729,622	2,606,994	2,606,994	-	0.00%	Mandated Law
520	INSURANCE	118,650	126,956	126,956	-	0.00%	Mandated Law
530	Telephone / Web access	253,615	237,160	253,615	16,455	6.94%	
531	Cellular Phones	21,860	28,400	21,860	(6,540)	-23.03%	
534	POSTAGE	16,972	15,560	16,972	1,412	9.07%	
540	ADVERTISING	25,000	10,000	25,000	15,000	150.00%	
550	PRINTING	8,500	5,300	8,500	3,200	60.38%	
561	TUITION	776,729	721,686	776,729	55,043	7.63%	
580	MILEAGE	79,242	85,328	79,242	(6,086)	-7.13%	
581	TRAVEL	-	8,315	-	(8,315)	-100.00%	
	Total Other Service	4,269,670	4,097,243	4,155,348	58,105	1.42%	
610	GENERAL SUPPLIES	733,738	720,243	733,738	13,495	1.87%	
615	TESTING SUPPLIES	25,669	28,290	25,669	(2,621)	-9.26%	
622	ELECTRICITY	445,637	713,634	713,634	-	0.00%	Mandated Necessity for Adequate Education
623	BOTTLED GAS	30,950	23,950	30,950	7,000	29.23%	
624	HEATING OIL	422,208	567,200	567,200	-	0.00%	Mandated Necessity for Adequate Education
640	BOOKS	84,573	72,148	84,573	12,425	17.22%	
641	PERIODICALS	21,400	19,612	21,400	1,788	9.12%	
649	OTHER INFO SOURCES	3,610	4,625	3,610	(1,015)	-21.95%	
650	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	530,587	557,472	530,587	(26,885)	-4.82%	
656	PROPANE	395,000	415,000	415,000	-	0.00%	Mandated Law
	Total Supplies and Materials	2,693,373	3,122,174	3,126,362	4,188	0.13%	
733	NEW FURNITURE	6,890	500	-	(500)	-100.00%	Less one time expenditures
734	OTHER TECH EQUIPMENT	20,961	8,400	1,500	(6,900)	-82.14%	Replacement Cycle, less one time expenditures
737	REPL FURNITURE	44,313	20,600	26,613	6,013	29.19%	Replacement Cycle, less one time expenditures
738	REPL EQUIPMENT	467,675	511,785	412,339	(99,446)	-19.43%	Replacement Cycle, less one time expenditures
739	OTHER EQUIPMENT	39,341	5,522	34,811	29,289	530.40%	Replacement Cycle, mandated, less one time expenditures
	Total Property	579,179	546,807	475,262	(71,545)	-13.08%	
810	DUES & FEES	199,434	217,317	199,434	(17,883)	-8.23%	
830	DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	28,453	4,590	4,590	-	0.00%	Debt Service
890	FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	125,000	125,000	125,000	-	0.00%	
	Total Other	352,887	346,907	329,024	(17,883)	-5.15%	
910	DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL	540,000	180,000	180,000	-	0.00%	Debt Service
	Total Debt Service	540,000	180,000	180,000	-	0.00%	
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	53,101,036	53,819,282	52,457,674	(1,361,608)	-2.56%	
	Title I & II	550,000	550,000	550,000	-	0.00%	
	Other Federal Programs	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	0.00%	
	IDEA	600,000	600,000	600,000	-	0.00%	
	Food Service	812,000	812,000	812,000	-	0.00%	
	Special Revenue Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	-	0.00%	
	Health Maintenance Trust	50,000	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Athletic Trust	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Capital Reserve	750,000	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Equipment Trust	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Energy Trust	100,000	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Special Education Trust	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
	Technology Trust	100,000	-	-	-	0.00%	
	TOTAL GROSS BUDGET	56,388,036	56,106,282	54,744,674	(1,361,608)	-2.41%	

REVENUE

Revenue Code	Description	Proposed 2023-2024	Estimated 2022-2023 (MS-24R)	\$ Amount Incr / (Decr)	% Incr / (Decr)
1000	Revenue from Local Sources				
	Regular Ed, Preschool, Sped Tuition	\$ 115,000	\$ 131,000	\$ (16,000)	-12.21%
	Total Tuition	\$ 115,000	\$ 131,000	\$ (16,000)	-12.21%
	Earned Interest	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Child Nutrition - Sales	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Total Local Sources	\$ 400,000	\$ 416,000	\$ (16,000)	-3.85%
3000	Revenue from State Sources				
	Special Education Aid	\$ 75,000	\$ 84,057	\$ (9,057)	-10.77%
	Vocational Aid	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Voc Ed Tuition	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ 16,000	0.00%
	Child Nutrition	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Other State Sources	\$ -	\$ 289,943	\$ (289,943)	-100.00%
	Total State Sources	\$ 128,000	\$ 411,000	\$ (283,000)	-68.86%
4000	Revenue from Federal Sources				
	All Special Ed	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Title I & II	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Child Nutrition	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Other Federal Sources	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Medicaid	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Total Federal Sources	\$ 2,170,000	\$ 2,170,000	\$ -	0.00%
5000	Revenue from Other Sources				
	Bond Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	Total Other Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	Unreserved Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Transfer to Building Capital Reserve		\$ 750,000	\$ (750,000)	0.00%
	Transfer to Sped Trust Fund		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	Transfer to Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$ 50,000	\$ (50,000)	0.00%
	Transfer to Athletic Trust		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	Transfer to Equipment Trust		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	Transfer to Energy Trust		\$ 100,000	\$ (100,000)	0.00%
	Transfer to Technology Trust		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ (900,000)	-78.26%
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 2,948,000	\$ 4,147,000	\$ (1,199,000)	-28.91%
	PROPOSED GROSS BUDGET	\$56,106,282	\$56,388,036	\$ (281,754)	-0.50%
	Less Estimated Revenues	\$ 2,948,000	\$ 4,147,000	\$ (1,199,000)	
	Less State Funding				
	Adequacy Grant	\$ 7,601,234	\$ 9,355,681	\$ (1,754,447)	-18.75%
	State Education Tax	\$ 4,178,500	\$ 3,053,932	\$ 1,124,568	36.82%
	EFA Phase Out	\$ 8,832			
	DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$41,369,716	\$39,831,423	\$ 1,538,293	3.86%

**OPERATIONAL BUDGET BY FUNCTION
2023-2024**

Function		Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Current Budget 2022-2023	Difference (+/-)
1100	Instruction	\$ 17,499,622	\$ 17,490,011	\$ 9,611
1200	Special Ed	\$ 13,829,204	\$ 13,593,857	\$ 235,347
1300	Vocational	\$ 1,265,797	\$ 1,237,146	\$ 28,651
1400	Co-Curricula	\$ 922,948	\$ 909,259	\$ 13,689
2100	District Student Support	\$ 37,995	\$ 14,590	\$ 23,405
2120	Guidance	\$ 1,686,011	\$ 1,738,067	\$ (52,056)
2123	Accountability	\$ 28,744	\$ 31,036	\$ (2,292)
2130	Health Services	\$ 955,500	\$ 884,973	\$ 70,527
2190	Support Services	\$ 696,263	\$ 451,003	\$ 245,260
2210	Imp Instruc	\$ 409,550	\$ 502,085	\$ (92,535)
2213	Staff Development	\$ 208,735	\$ 197,572	\$ 11,163
2220	Ed Media	\$ 816,124	\$ 749,234	\$ 66,890
2310	School Board	\$ 167,818	\$ 361,686	\$ (193,868)
2315	Legal	\$ 200,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 25,000
2320	SAU Management	\$ 2,051,170	\$ 1,804,887	\$ 246,283
2330	SPED Administration	\$ 206,383	\$ 456,146	\$ (249,763)
2331	Student Services Administration	\$ 256,658	\$ -	\$ 256,658
2410	School Administration	\$ 3,661,740	\$ 3,525,586	\$ 136,154
2490	Voc Admin	\$ 246,765	\$ 271,027	\$ (24,262)
2620	Plant Operation	\$ 4,672,210	\$ 4,316,572	\$ 355,638
2630	Grounds	\$ 400,087	\$ 315,684	\$ 84,403
2640	Upkeep Equipmwnt	\$ 13,690	\$ 12,980	\$ 710
2650	Vehicle Oper	\$ 415,000	\$ 395,000	\$ 20,000
2721	Transportation	\$ 1,781,885	\$ 1,878,257	\$ (96,372)
2722	Transportation (SPED)	\$ 825,109	\$ 851,365	\$ (26,256)
2724	Transportation (Ath)	\$ 132,515	\$ 123,750	\$ 8,765
2725	Transportation (FT)	\$ 55,854	\$ 68,520	\$ (12,666)
2726	Transportation Voc	\$ 60,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 15,000
2829	Other Info Services	\$ 6,315	\$ 7,290	\$ (975)
3100	Food Service Operations	\$ 812,000	\$ 812,000	\$ -
5100	Debt Service	\$ 184,590	\$ 568,453	\$ (383,863)
5200	Fund Transfers (Grants and Food Service)	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 56,106,282	\$ 55,388,036	\$ 718,246

**OPERATIONAL BUDGET BY SCHOOL
2023-2024**

SCHOOL	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Current Budget 2022-2023	Increase / (Decrease)
AES	\$ 3,003,927	\$ 2,308,183	\$ 695,744
BES	\$ 1,350,505	\$ 1,263,518	\$ 86,987
DCS	\$ 1,173,701	\$ 1,005,290	\$ 168,411
FES	\$ 757,446	\$ 832,373	\$ (74,927)
GES	\$ 1,817,458	\$ 1,184,933	\$ 632,525
HES	\$ 1,789,770	\$ 991,220	\$ 798,550
PES	\$ 4,649,369	\$ 4,095,520	\$ 553,849
TES	\$ 998,586	\$ 927,519	\$ 71,067
CVES	\$ -	\$ 2,018,353	\$ (2,018,353)
GBS	\$ 4,538,509	\$ 4,543,504	\$ (4,995)
SMS	\$ 6,483,444	\$ 5,646,710	\$ 836,734
CVHS	\$ 12,687,070	\$ 12,605,523	\$ 81,547
DIST*	\$ 16,856,497	\$ 18,965,390	\$ (2,108,893)
TOTAL	\$ 56,106,282	\$ 56,388,036	\$ (281,754)

*Includes Fund Transfers for Food Service and Grant Appropriations
Special Education costs are included in each location

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual Meeting
ConVal High School
District Meeting – Part I (Deliberative Session)
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Moderator Bob Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Edwards reminded those present of the locations of the fire exits. For the safety of everyone, masks are required to be worn at this assembly. In addition, a separate room is available for those that do not wish to wear a mask. Mr. Edwards said that he will enforce this throughout the meeting.

Mr. Edwards introduced Mr. Cronin as Assistant Moderator. Abby Tucker was present to serve as legal counsel. Tonight's meeting is for those present serving as the body. The moderator will recognize a School Board member or school official to speak on each of the warrant articles. There is a petitioned warrant article tonight. If anyone who signed the petition is present, he asked that they speak on the article.

This is a Deliberative Session and votes do not occur tonight but rather on March 8, 2022 in each of the towns. If you wish to make an amendment tonight, he asked that it be done in writing and presented to the Moderator. Once all discussion on an article is complete, the article will be closed.

The Legislative body may move to restrict reconsideration of an article. Only voters from the nine ConVal towns may speak and vote at this session.

A voter may request that a non-voter be allowed to speak. If there are no objections, they may speak.

All those that ask questions or make comments must state his/her name and town of record and purpose to address the meeting. All questions and comments should be directed to the Moderator.

A speaker may not speak to an article and make a motion on the same trip to the microphone. Speakers will be recognized in order. Anyone calling Point of Order will be the exception.

Voter cards will be used to count a voice vote as needed.

A signature card must be signed to request a secret ballot vote. A request must be made immediately after a voice vote is taken and before any other business begins.

The moderator asked that cell phones be silenced.

Anyone wishing to move the question must take their place in line to speak.

The Moderator asked that full attention be devoted to the discussion at hand. Each speaker's perspective deserves attention.

The Moderator read the following:

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Contoocook Valley School District consisting of the Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at **ConVal High School** at 184 Hancock Rd., (Route 202 North) in Peterborough on the **eighth day of February, 2022**, next at **6 o'clock in the evening** for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting (snow date: tenth day of February next at 6 o'clock in the evening), to deliberate upon the warrant articles listed below. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended; (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended; and, (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this provision.

You are further notified to meet at the following places in the Town of your residence:

Antrim	Antrim Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Bennington	Pierce Elementary School	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Dublin	Dublin Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Fracestown	Fracestown Town Hall	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Greenfield	Greenfield Meeting House	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Hancock	Hancock Elementary School	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Peterborough	Peterborough Community Center	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sharon	Sharon Meeting House	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Temple	Temple Town Hall	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

on the **eighth day of March** next for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting by official ballot at the second session)

Moderator Edwards introduced Tim Theberge, School Board Chair. Tim Theberge thanked members of the board and administration for preparing and presenting a responsible budget for the district. He thanked the community members for coming out tonight and for the Supervisors of the Checklist for attending tonight. He asked that those present ask questions about the warrant. ConVal has served member towns well for over 50 years.

Article 01: Operating Budget-School District-SB2

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$53,766,080? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$52,842,414 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Jim Fredrickson, Chair of Budget & Property Committee, said that the proposed budget includes approximately \$2M of federal program costs. The proposed budget is roughly \$300K more than last year, which equates to a .65% increase. This does not include any operating costs associated with the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement. If the budget is not passed, we would go to a default budget requiring a \$588K decrease. He highly recommended supporting this budget.

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on this article. Hearing none, the Moderator closed this Article for further debate.

Article 02: Accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Contoocook Valley Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the ConVal School Board and the ConVal Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2022-2023	\$877,844
2023-2024	\$737,576
2024-2025	\$714,868

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$877,844 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Kevin Pobst said that the School Board bargains with the ConVal Education Association on behalf of three groups of employees, teachers, paras and specialized services staff. This is a three-year contract. The advantage is that it provides stability in building budgets. The total next year is \$877,844 which is in line with previous years. The increases for the following two years are significantly lower. Salary increases will vary in following years depending on where an employee falls on the salary scale. Other details were shared. Mr. Pobst said that this is a good contract, especially in this economy.

The Moderator closed Article 02 to further debate after hearing no discussion.

Article 03: Special Meeting for Defeated/Amended Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the District, if Article 02 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 02 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

Kevin Pobst said that if the voters do not approve of Article 02, this would enable negotiators to continue to meet and bargain and bring another agreement forward. If an agreement is not reached, they will not receive any increase for the following year.

The Moderator closed Article 03 to further debate after hearing no discussion.

Article 04: Expansion of Current Preschool Program

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,112 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the purpose of expanding the existing preschool program? (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Rich Cahoon said that this proposal arises from a 2016 report raising serious concerns that more and more students were entering kindergarten and were not ready. They did not recognize letters, unable to associate sounds with letters, and unable to recognize colors. In order to address this issue, the district worked to expand preschool offerings. We are looking to expand to eight classrooms. The board and administration recognize that a significant investment is asked of the voters. At least 70% of incoming students will be kindergarten ready if this passes. The School Board voted unanimously to support Article 04 and they asked for the voters' support.

David DeWitt asked if the federal government decides to provide funds for this preschool program what would happen to this money?

Dr. Saunders said that it would go into an unreserved fund balance and would be returned to the taxpayers, or be used to fund trust fund balances, or it would be up to 2.5% would be used for an unreserved fund retention as previously voted.

Tricia Saenger, Temple, asked where the classrooms would be located.

Dr. Saunders said that they would be centrally located in Peterborough, Hancock, Antrim, and Greenfield.

Tricia Saenger further asked about busing or if parents are responsible for transporting. Parents would be responsible for transportation at this time.

Hearing no further debate, the Moderator closed debate on Article 04 for further discussion.

Article 05: Establish and Appropriate to Technology Trust Fund

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Technology Trust Fund, for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining hardware, software, and services as necessary to support the use of digital equipment and technology throughout the District, and shall it raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the fund, and further to name the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Katherine Heck respectfully asked the voters to consider approving establishing a trust fund for technology. This is an expense and we have fully budgeted for technology needs for the current year. Technology is highly expensive and this would allow in the event to pivot or incur a cost with no additional taxation and provide what is needed for the students in the ConVal School District.

Sarah Edwards, Antrim, asked what deems a warrant article to be a "Special Warrant Article"?

Abby Tucker, legal counsel, said that a special warrant article is one where the money would be appropriated only for that use. The operating budget is line by line. Here, if this were to be increased or decreased, the money would still be for the purpose outlined.

The Moderator closed Article 05 for further debate after hearing no further discussion.

Article 06: Appropriate to the Energy Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Energy Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Katherine Heck said that this Warrant Article is directly related to the solar project which is complete and on the high school roof. This would allow a buyout of that solar contract and maximize the savings on that contract. We are saving money and there are investors. It would take six years for the current investors to fully realize their investment and allow the district to buy out. This would also allow for any other energy efficient project that might come forward.

Ms. Heck recommended adoption of this article.

The Moderator closed Article 06 for further debate after hearing no discussion.

Article 07: Appropriate to the Building Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Janine Lesser said that this asks the voters for the transfer of unreserved funds to the Building Capital Reserve Fund. These are not new dollars raised and would allow the district to maintain its Capital Improvement Plan.

Tricia Saenger, Temple, noted that there are several trust fund articles and asked how it is decided which are funded.

Tim Theberge responded stating that they are funded in the order that they appear on the ballot.

Ms. Saenger asked if these represent all of the trust funds the district has. Tim Theberge responded that there are several others that are not on this year's warrant. Target balances are set for the trusts and those at or near have not been placed on the warrant.

Ms. Saenger asked if the balances of the trust funds are available. Jim Fredrickson shared that information is available online.

The Moderator closed this article for further debate after hearing no further discussion.

Article 08: Appropriate to the Health Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Health Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Tim Theberge said that this trust manages the ups and downs related to health care costs.

The Moderator closed this article for further debate after hearing no further discussion.

Article 09: Appropriate to the Building Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, with no amount to be raised from taxation. In the event

that Article 07 passes, this appropriation shall be in addition to any appropriation to the Building Capital Reserve pursuant to Article 07.
(The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Dick Dunning said that if monies are depleted from the unreserved fund balance, this fund would be funded. Building the assets to deal with capital improvements is the goal to minimize the impact on our taxpayers as our buildings age and require attention.

The Moderator closed this article for further debate after hearing no further discussion.

Article 10: Accept Reports of Agents and Auditors

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

Tom Burgess said that this is an article to accept the reports that are seen in the annual report tonight.

The Moderator closed the article to further debate after hearing no discussion.

Article 11: School Board Salaries

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Deputy Treasurer, \$2,000; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Alan Edelkind said that the School Board salaries are stipends that don't cover board expenses. Why do board members do this? We give our time and energy to students to provide the best cost-effective education possible.

The Moderator closed this article to further debate after hearing no discussion.

Article 12: Petitioned Warrant Article

Shall the voters of the CONVAL Regional School District approve the following warrant article?

Whereas an educated citizenry is necessary for the effective functioning and preservation of a representative democracy and

Whereas full transparency in government is a bedrock principle for ensuring accountability in a democracy and

Whereas the primary purpose of our schools is to provide a quality education that prepares students to become active and knowledgeable citizens and productive community members and schools must provide the tools students need to acquire and develop analytical thinking skills that enable them to navigate the complexity of a modern economy and

Whereas the primary responsibility for guiding the education of children and overseeing what is being taught in our schools and classrooms falls primarily to parents/grandparents/legal guardians in conjunction with elected School Boards and appointed administrators and

Whereas taxpayers also have an absolute right to know how their educational tax dollars are being spent then therefore

Consistent with the above this article shall require that the CONVAL Regional School District School Board of Education/SAU 1 SHALL make available by September 15th of each year and as available thereafter throughout the school year ALL instructional materials, including, but not limited to, textbooks, printed matter and/or materials in electronic form used in classrooms, to the general public in libraries in each of the Towns in the CONVAL School District (PETERBOROUGH, DUBLIN, FRANCESTOWN, GREENFIELD, HANCOCK, TEMPLE, ANTRIM, SHARON, AND BENNINGTON).

In addition, copies of all professional training materials provided to teachers, administrators and staff shall also be made available to the public.

The School District is hereby instructed to spend \$200 from existing budgeted funds to publicize the availability of these materials to the public.

(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED) (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Moderator Edwards asked if there is a petitioner present who would like to speak on Article 12. Ms. Matson, Dublin, said that this caught her attention as a result of things going on all over the country. As a grandmother of future ConVal students, she would like to go to the library to see what is being taught. The best thing about it is that the library will be a place to have accessibility to these materials.

Abby Tucker, legal counsel, said that this warrant article is advisory in nature and is unclear if the ConVal School Board can impose on town libraries. There is a town in this district that does not have its own public library but enjoys access to another that is in a town not in this district.

Furthermore, this article does not appropriate funds for materials from all of the classes from all grades, but only to publish that materials would be available. There is an issue if the intent is for materials to be present in school libraries as well.

Katherine Heck, Greenfield, taxpayer and resident, said that she believes in the right to petition. However, there are already mechanisms in place for parents, guardians, and the public, including state and federal law as well as School Policy that provide the opportunity for materials that are available from curriculum adoption, parent objections to materials, and library collection development. Additionally, copyright policies are in place that prevent reproduction of materials. She said that this petition is on approximately a dozen ballots across New Hampshire and nationally on hundreds of ballots. ConVal is open to sharing information and materials with the public and can be done so by requesting to see information.

Pierre Groleau, Sharon, asked if this was to take place and ConVal had to allocate resources to hire people and make this happen, what might it cost in approximation.

Tim Theberge spoke about one specific course in music in particular. To purchase material alone for DVD's alone would total \$500. We offer hundreds of courses. Looking at sheet music for every piece, text books, etc., coupled with staff, is not a small number.

Mr. Groleau asked if this could be amended or withdrawn.

Abby Tucker said that a petitioner could withdraw, or one that signed could withdraw the petition.

Mr. Groleau said that this is simply not feasible.

Abby Tucker said that it is advisory in nature. Even if it were to pass, the law informs the board that they are not mandated to do what is outlined in this article. They do not have the authority to mandate that libraries find the space for all of these materials. None of the libraries can accommodate the space required.

Mr. Groleau said that if the petitioner would withdraw, it would be most sensible.

Tim Iwanowicz offered an amendment to this article. It read as follows:

The amendment included everything in base article with the addition:

The school district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of hiring staff to manage all of the collection, organization, and distribution necessary to manage the requirements of this warrant article”.

Walter Turner, Frankestown, seconded the amendment.

Twenty-two were in favor of the amendment as proposed.

Katherine Heck clarified that if we amend and add \$200K plus the \$200.00 already in the petitioned article, does it make it compulsory or still advisory in nature?

Counsel said that it has no binding authority on town libraries regardless.

Opposed: Majority.

Article 12 will appear at respective voting halls as originally read and not as amended.

Stephen Ullman, Antrim, said that he has been a Library Trustee in Antrim for nine years. The key point is that parents and legal guardians have the right to access instructional materials that students are consuming.

Legally speaking, libraries are independent entities and have limited space. Libraries determine, independently, what resources will be offered to patrons. What appears in libraries changes over time. If this warrant were to pass and if a library were asked to find room for all of the instructional materials that were prescribed, a space or no space might be granted. Libraries do not have to do what school boards ask them to do.

Richard Sanders, Peterborough, said that if this were to become a reality he thought about what the school board and educators were to do if everyone were to pick on some piece of the curriculum or how a teacher is pursuing professional training. This is going too far. Having access to materials is already there. He said that he found this article scary.

The Moderator closed this article to further debate after hearing no further discussion.

Article 13: School Board Members

To choose Contoocook Valley School District Officers as follows: Six (6) Members of the School Board; one (1) from the Town of Antrim for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Dublin for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Hancock for a term of three (3) years; two (2) from the Town of Peterborough for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Peterborough for a term of one (1) year.

Moderator read the article. This is an article that is regulatory governed and is not subject to debate. It has to be on here as a matter of compliance.

Moderator Edwards reported that this completes the articles.

Moderator Edwards asked if there are special awards or declarations to come before the meeting.

Tim Theberge said that let it be resolved that the Contoocook Valley School District recognize Rich Cahoon, School Board Representative from Antrim for his 9 years of dedicated service to the children and residents of the ConVal community. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be

The Moderator asked if there was any other business that may legally come before this meeting? There was none.

Moderator Edwards thanked everyone for coming out tonight to share thoughts and opinions with the School Board. He appreciated compliance with mask requirements.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Greg Kriebel seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

March 2022 Voting Results

ConVal School District - Results of Voting March 8, 2022 - OFFICIAL

	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10			11			12		
	Budget			Collective Bargaining Agreement			Special Meeting			Pre-school Expansion			Appropriate to Technology Trust Fund - \$100,000			Energy Trust Fund - \$100,000			Building Capital Trust Fund - \$500,000			Health Trust Fund - \$50,000			Building Capital Reserve Fund - \$750,000			Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers			School Board Salaries			Article - Provide Instructional materials to town libraries		
	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y	YES	NO	% Y
Andrus	217	83	70%	231	83	74%	234	82	70%	186	120	62%	236	73	77%	232	81	74%	225	78	78%	248	88	79%	232	78	75%	275	32	90%	201	48	84%	107	211	54%
Beverington	124	117	51%	129	111	54%	125	111	53%	117	124	48%	132	107	55%	132	107	55%	125	110	54%	136	104	57%	130	110	54%	177	82	74%	143	87	62%	84	158	35%
Dublin	200	159	56%	206	147	59%	300	127	71%	200	177	53%	309	131	70%	289	138	68%	303	134	69%	314	124	72%	296	142	68%	309	65	83%	334	104	76%	151	236	34%
Francetown	255	150	57%	262	181	59%	275	151	65%	225	206	52%	274	165	62%	289	153	66%	250	152	62%	281	159	64%	271	170	61%	340	98	78%	310	123	72%	178	287	38%
Greenfield	132	147	47%	150	128	54%	154	120	56%	117	159	42%	148	128	54%	160	118	58%	162	115	59%	163	112	59%	180	117	61%	211	61	78%	177	98	64%	106	172	38%
Hancock	281	113	71%	294	105	74%	284	99	74%	278	119	70%	287	100	75%	291	103	74%	291	103	74%	296	99	75%	290	103	74%	340	45	88%	317	81	80%	101	287	26%
Peterborough	717	265	74%	775	206	79%	782	201	79%	683	282	71%	735	215	78%	773	202	79%	762	208	79%	772	197	80%	728	236	76%	878	71	93%	823	148	85%	221	783	22%
Sharon	68	42	62%	70	40	64%	78	30	72%	52	45	54%	72	38	66%	73	31	70%	69	40	63%	72	37	66%	67	42	61%	97	11	90%	88	21	81%	48	62	44%
Temple	230	207	53%	243	185	56%	240	175	58%	220	211	51%	240	189	56%	245	183	57%	231	198	54%	251	178	59%	228	197	54%	328	101	76%	278	153	64%	154	278	36%
Total	2308	1320	54%	2480	1191	67%	2454	1104	69%	2175	1458	53%	2467	1148	63%	2489	1116	69%	2472	1136	69%	2553	1074	70%	2249	1192	67%	3016	542	85%	2724	874	76%	1123	2827	31%

School Board Members

Andrus - 3 Year Term (One Position)	
Chris Salamy	89
Write-In	
Dublin - 3 Year Term (One Position)	
Alan Edelind	324
Emily Primrose	110
Write-In	2
Hancock - 3 Year Term (One Position)	
Timothy Ruberge	348
Write-In	
Peterborough - 3 Year Term (Two Positions)	
Burgas	645
Dunning	707
Write-In	8
Peterborough - 1 Year Term (One Position)	
Gregory L. Carle	108
Greg Wiebel	894
Write-In	5

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

THE CONVAL 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.



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