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4 **CONWAY SCHOOL BOARD**  
5 **MEETING MINUTES**  
6 **April 12, 2010**  
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8 A meeting of the Conway School Board was held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Loynd  
9 Auditorium at the Kennett High School.  
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11 **Members present:** Chairperson Sheryl Kovalik, Assistant Chair Kelley Murphy, Dick Klement, Syndi  
12 White, Janine McLauchlan, Rick Breton and Randy Davison were present. Carl Nelson and Assistant  
13 Superintendent Bob Gadomski were also present.  
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15 Signing of Manifests (6:20 p.m.)  
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17 **1. Call to Order (6:30 p.m.)**

18 **2. Salute to the Flag**

19 **3. Approve Minutes (3-22-10)**

20 **Motion:** by Randy, seconded by Rick, to review, discuss and vote on item. **7-0-0.**  
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23 **4. Personnel**

24 **A. Consider Regular Personnel Changes**

25 **Motion:** by Syndi, seconded by Randy, to review as a group but discuss and vote  
26 on each item individually.  
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30 1. Approval of Request by Kimberly Proulx for Child Care Leave. **7-0-0.**  
31 2. Accept Resignation of Susan Tuttle. **7-0-0.**  
32 3. Accept Resignation of Rebecca Arthur. **7-0-0.**  
33 4. Accept Resignation of Johanna Billington. **7-0-0.**  
34 5. Election of David Rich as Bus Driver. **7-0-0.**  
35 6. Election of Gregory Henderson as Bus Driver. **7-0-0.**  
36 7. Election of Spring Coaches. **7-0-0.**  
37 8. Nonrenewal of Teaching Staff (Nonpublic Session)  
38 9. Nonrenewal of CESP Staff (Nonpublic Session)  
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40 **5. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS**

41 **A. KHS Student Representative – None.**

42 **B. Principals' and Directors' Reports (first meeting of the month)**

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45 Mark Zangari, John Fuller and Brian Hastings, Conway El, were not present but there  
46 written reports were included in the packets of info provided to the Board Members.  
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48 **Lori Babine – Career & Tech Center** – March has been a busy month for the Career  
49 and Tech Center with the Career and Tech organizations competing in state  
50 competitions. She invited students to come but some had to attend ball games or junior  
51 and senior parent meetings. Chris Duprey spoke on behalf of Key Club and reviewed  
52 contest winners. Leanne and Logan competed for FBLA and were present to review the  
53 competitions and winners. Dalton LeRoux was present; he went to the Seacoast  
54 School of Technology and won third place in mechanical drafting. Lori recognized  
55 Pamela Clay Storm, Health Science Technology Instructor, for getting the HOSA group  
56 going this year; she took six students to completion this year and they all placed. Lori  
57 read the list of winners' names and what they won in. Lori noted the FCCLA group

58 didn't compete this year but on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium film  
59 "Including Samuel" will be shown free of charge. This is a story of a New Hampshire  
60 family and their struggles trying to educate a child with Cerebral Palsy.  
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62 **Neal Moylan – KHS** – Neal announced May 8<sup>th</sup> is Senior Prom at Mt. Wash Hotel. The  
63 Prom Committee committed early on to make prom affordable to each and every  
64 student of the senior class. They have done fund raising and will sponsor 30 students:  
65 21 will get free tickets; some will get half price tickets. Hats off to the Prom Committee.

66 The Key Club was the top in all of New England again, for 13 years in a row now. He  
67 reviewed the awards won stating this is an amazing organization that continues to  
68 dazzle all of New England. Tasha Joust has received national recognition and has  
69 been accepted to National Honors Band. She is the only student from the entire state of  
70 New Hampshire to earn this award. Hats off to her and our music instructor. Randy  
71 asked Neal if he has looked into the option of students being exempt from finals as a  
72 senior privileges, hoping to have this finalized by the end of the year. Neal stated he is  
73 looking at this as well as a couple of other opportunities.  
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75 **Laura Jawitz – Pine Tree** - Laura provided copies of her School Report Card. Matt  
76 Levenow did the Jump Rope for Heart and they raised over \$4,700. Randy stated that  
77 Pine Tree School is consistently showing NECAP and NWEA scores steady or growing.  
78 He is appreciative of seeing that again. Laura thanked Randy and noted that the staff  
79 and kids have worked very hard.  
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81 **Kevin Richard – KMS** – The Science Fair is on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The students have been  
82 working very hard to do their research design projects, collect their data and they will  
83 present on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at KMS. There is an open invitation to come in  
84 throughout the day. When students have science class they will be presenting their  
85 Science Fair projects. All students will participate this Thursday and if they elect and  
86 have met all the criteria, they will go on to the Mt. Wash Valley Science Fair on May  
87 13<sup>th</sup>. Music was the theme at KMS over the past month or so. They hosted the Lakes  
88 Region Musical Festival. They hosted Luis Fuchs Concert and most recently the Nova  
89 Scotia Band came down and entertained. The Outing club just came back from their  
90 trip to Maine; snowshoeing turned into hiking!! They are getting close to Washington  
91 DC trip.  
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93 **6. Public Comments** – Jim Lefebvre noted on April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Manchester Union Leader stated  
94 there are 163 school districts in the state; 63 of which did not pass the No Child Left Behind  
95 standards. Conway was, for the first time, listed in the preliminary results. He asked what the  
96 Board Member's and Administration's thoughts are on this at this stage. Bob Gadomski  
97 reminded everyone that as far as AYP goes, you need to make it not only as a school but in all  
98 your subgroups (social economic, students with disabilities, etc.). If you miss AYP in one  
99 subgroup in one area two years in a row, your school is identified. Most of the schools in New  
100 Hampshire missing AYP two years in a row is due to students with special needs. 473 schools  
101 are eligible for AYP distinction. Approximately 340 of them were identified. It is getting more  
102 difficult every year. The index score goes up every other year. This is one of the years where  
103 it jumped. Bob stated he will be looking at this and providing a more in depth report on this.  
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105 **7. Old Business** - none.  
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107 **8. Instructional Issues**  
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109 **A. Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Policy IGDJ – KHS Student Activities  
110 Code**

111 **Motion:** by Kelley, seconded by Rick, to review, discuss and vote on item.  
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113 Randy stated he will be voting no on this item due to the fact that he feels if students are  
114 failing, they should not be participating in practice for or going to games. Dick stated he  
115 is going to vote for this; he agrees with Randy but the progress we are making far  
116 outweighs holding this up to try and achieve what may not be achievable at this time.

117 **6 in favor, 1 opposed (Randy), 0 abstained.**

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119 Sheryl asked Neal, in respect to Randy's objection, to provide feedback on a regular  
120 basis as to how things are progressing with kids that are having academic risk and what  
121 the sediment is relative to them being allowed to participate.

122 **B. Consider Approval of KHS Graduation Date**

123 **Motion:** by Kelley, seconded by Randy, to review, discuss and vote on item.

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126 Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. **7-0-0.**

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128 **9. Business Affairs**

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130 **A. Declare Equipment Surplus and Authorize Sale or Disposal**

131 Sheryl reviewed the list.

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133 **Motion:** by Janine, seconded by Randy, to review, discuss and vote on item.

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135 Dick asked if the soft-serve ice cream machine can be used at other locations perhaps  
136 at the concession stand. Carl will ask Jim Hill about this. Dick asked if the concrete  
137 blocks could be stored for use later. Carl stated there is no safe place to store them; this  
138 is why Jim wants to get rid of them. Rick asked if the concrete blocks could be used for  
139 the bridge; Dick stated that bridge will be on concrete pilings. **7-0-0.**

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141 **10. Administrators' Reports**

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143 There is an SAU Board Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Albany. The middle school Awards will be on  
144 May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. The elementary school awards on will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Pine Tree.  
145 The high school awards will be on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Carl presented, on behalf of the  
146 Washington Valley, a plaque to Sheryl for her six years on the Board, two years as Chair. She  
147 has a lot to do with what goes on in the valley and she certainly deserves a lot of credit. Sheryl  
148 received a standing ovation. Sheryl stated that public service is just that, it is a service to the  
149 public as an elected official. People place their confidence in you that you will do the best you  
150 can to uphold the things that are important and do the job the best that you can. She stated  
151 that doing that for this valley, while there have been some moments that have been difficult, in  
152 general the community as a whole, the professionals that represent our teaching staff, and our  
153 SAU professionals have made the job as easy as possible. They have been very supportive  
154 on every front. She stated she could not say as much as the job has been a huge amount of  
155 work, hence time to move on, she still thinks it was an honor and a pleasure to serve everyone  
156 of you. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve and everyone made it a joy to do and she  
157 appreciates this community for its commitment to education and for the process involved in  
158 governing the community that we are all part of.

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160 **11. Board Members' Issues -- Board Discussion**

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162 Randy asked Carl to provide the class sizes at the middle school in regard to teacher  
163 assignment and how many students are in each class. He also noted that we put forth a  
164 breakdown of 34 out-of-district placements for special services and he has yet to see this  
165 breakdown. Randy noted that he has received a couple of phone calls regarding us playing  
166 Class I sports teams. He firmly believes we need to play teams in our division. He thinks Neal  
167 could have this conversation and stay within our league and play teams that are in our division.  
168 On the next board he wouldn't mind standing on that committee. Sheryl responded on the  
169 history of the coaches that two years ago conversations began throughout the various coaches  
170 in New Hampshire on how to minimize the amount of travel time involved for various sports  
171 events (fuel saving and academic time lost). It would be helpful if the Board can we get a  
172 recap of where it is at and how it affects the competitive environment of the students. Perhaps  
173 Kerry can put together a report.

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175 Syndi addressed Randy's comment about out-of-district placements. She noted, confirmed by

176 Carl, that the 34 figure includes all of pre-school kids. We have 8 that are out of district. She  
177 noted this is a really big difference. She was at a selectmen's meeting and they were talking  
178 about honoring the sports teams. Mike DiGregorio noted that we frequently honor the kids that  
179 do well in sports but we don't do much for the kids who do well academically. The selectmen  
180 said that they would love to honor the kids that do well in AP or get high scores on SATs but  
181 they do not get that information. She thinks this is an excellent idea. Sheryl noted we do have  
182 awards banquets for academic achievers and it would be very easy to invite the selectmen to  
183 these meetings. Also if this information could get into the paper, it would be nice.

## 184 **A. Committee Reports**

### 185 **12. Public Comments (time permitting)**

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187 Jim Lefebvre asked out of the 34 out-of-district placements, does this mean that 26 are either  
188 under age (not yet eligible to go to kindergarten)? Carl stated yes, the 26 are pre-school age.

### 189 **13. Nonpublic Session - RSA 91-A:3 II**

190 **Motion:** by Kelley, seconded by Randy, to move into non-public session.  
191 By roll call vote, all in favor.

#### 192 Nonpublic Session Minutes

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194 Personnel issues were discussed.

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196 **Kelley Murphy moved to return to Public Session and adjourn. The motion was seconded by  
197 Janine McLauchlan and passed 7-0-0 at 7:29 p.m.**

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202 Recording Secretary  
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