

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	04/12/2021
Time	6:00 pm
Location	Pittsburg School library computer lab
Chairperson	Toby Owen

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						

Public in Attendance: Dawn Pettit, Holly Paquette, David Covill, John White (Clarksville)

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Hearing of the Public: Dawn Pettit, David Covill, Holly Paquette

- Discussed offering the seniors an opportunity for a field trip. Looking at an overnight trip to Boston.
- Looking at the end of May or early June.

L. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to allow the planning to proceed for a senior class trip.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

David and Dawn left the meeting at 6:14 pm.

- Holly discussed graduation planning.
 - Discussed flower girl and boy
 - Will Baccalaureate and class night be allowed?
 - The consensus of the school board is yes
 - Graduation time - will be held at 10:00 am

Holly Paquette left at the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Reading of the Minutes:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting minutes of March 22, 2021.
 - Lindsey stated on page 4 - finish the sentence – add “to the school report”.
 - Lindsey also stated that this was illegally put in the school report as it should have had prior approval from the board.

J. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to approve the minutes as corrected.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:

- Lindsey missed the last meeting, however, he is concerned with the number of individual committee members making the decisions.

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th. This is an update from the last meeting where they ran out of time.

Policy Review: None

Special Reports:

- Discussed the Superintendent’s Evaluation progress.
 - April 26 the Pittsburg board will meet and complete the Superintendent’s evaluation.
 - May 11th the SAU #7 Chair will meet and fill out the evaluation form collectively.

School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry

- Ann Mordecai, who is working with us as part of our school in need of improvement, will be returning to the school on April 21st to review with the staff the math standards that are most heavily tested on the SAS assessment, which is the state assessments. Most of the elementary staff are signed up.
- In addition, Tom Ledue who has been assisting the Pittsburg School with our professional learning community “PLC” development, will be returning April 20th-April 22nd. He will be requesting that staff share the PLC exercise results he assigned from his workshop at the end of March and he will continue to observe instructors in the classroom and offering them feedback on engagement, culture, and technology.
- We have professional development opportunities taking place in the summer for Responsive Classroom and Restorative Practices. Both approaches to behavior are evidence-based and show effectiveness when used with fidelity. Both approaches to discipline are approaches to discipline that were similar to the approaches that were used in our former PBIS initiative.
- Finally, we will be continuing our work toward becoming a competency-based school with performance assessments embedded.

Superintendent’s Report: Debra Taylor

- Reviewed Progress on goals set for the 2020-2021 school year
 - Goal # 1:
 - Provide leadership during the pandemic in 5 key areas: 1) health and safety; 2) finance, policy, and communication; 3) logistics; 4) curriculum, instruction, and assessment; 5) social-emotional learning and support.
 - Recent changes by the Governor allow for more flexibility.
 - Pittsburg quarantine 8 staff and 18 students
 - Recent positivity rates have increased, however, it has not affected our schools.
 - Travel restrictions have been lifted within the states.
 - Goal # 2:
 - Support the advancement of curriculum, instruction, and assessment with the goal of improving student achievement within the context of personalized, competency-based education with a futuristic focus.
 - Established a curriculum committee SAU-wide.
 - The Connecticut River Collaborative has been meeting regularly.
- Bobby inquired about the new position budgeted for the 21-22 school year Curriculum Coordinator. The employee will be hired in Vermont.

Business Administrator’s Report: Cheryl Covill

- Pittsburg Town Library

- The Selectmen's office called inquiring if the Town Library could be opened. I shared with Beth the procedure the school board discussed a few months ago. The same would apply to today. The Town Librarian and Trustees are meeting to discuss how they will handle visitors:
 - Community members will order online and pick up the books at the door.
 - If they allow visitors in the school the librarian will be responsible for the prescreen notification, contact log, and disinfecting the area.
 - Book returns would be held aside, and the Town Librarian would wipe down a week later and replace the books on the shelves.
- Transportation
 - We are struggling this spring to fill games, field trips, and provide daily transportation.

J. Gray / T. Owen: Motion to authorize under an emergency situation to hire an outside contracted bus service.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Replacement of Equipment
 - Kitchen Refrigerator
 - Need to look at the possibility to replace one three-door refrigeration unit in the kitchen.
 - Submitted RFP to four vendors. Received two proposals.
 - Funds would come from the general operating budget
 - Optimum Food Service Conway - \$5,220.
 - Douglas Equipment - \$4,458

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to award the RFP based on the best option for the school district.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Athletics
 - Neil inquired if the Baseball field could be used by the Canaan JH Baseball team for two games.
 - Consensus of the board - authorize the use of the Pittsburg field.
 - The softball coach would like Caleb Tufts to assist with the scorebook and game manager activities as a volunteer.

J. Gray / T. Owen: Motion to approve Caleb Tufts to assist with duties of a game manager and the scorebook.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Budget Analysis
 - Reviewed current budget analysis. Will have a handout at the next meeting.
 - Estimating \$400,000 with uncertainty in several areas. Also, tuition revenue could easily change. We estimated \$350,000 in March.
- Grant Funds
 - We have unexpended funds from Fiscal Year 2019, 2020, and 2021 in Title II, Title IV, and CSI. The Administrative team has been working to utilize the funds to support summer work in Competency-Based Learning, Restorative Justice (HS, Responsive Classroom) and CPI training for staff.
 - This will occur over the summer.

- The preliminary allocation for ESSER II funds for Pittsburg is \$ 128,404 (Funds must be used for COVID related expenses)
- Legislative Update
 - Reviewed NHSBA Legislative Update for the week.
 - House & Senate bills will cross over to review amendments and outcome.
 - Several Adequacy bills, right to know law proposals.
- Medicaid training expense

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to approve Medicaid training.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Staff Nominations 2021-2022

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for hiring Support Staff.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Other Business:

John White and Michael Dionne left the meeting at 7:16 pm.

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3(a) at 7:18 pm.
Roll Call Vote: L Gray – yes, R Parker – yes, J. Gray – yes, B Ormsbee – yes, T Owen – yes
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Cheryl Covill left the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Debra Taylor and Elaine Sherry invited to stay in non-public session.

B. Ormsbee / J. Gray: Motion to return to public session at 7:40 pm.
Roll Call Vote: L Gray – yes, R Parker – yes, J. Gray – yes, B Ormsbee – yes, T Owen – yes
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to accept the resignation of Thomas Telicki as Principal for the 2021-2024 school year(s).
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to rescind the motion on 11/09/2020 to accept Elaine Sherry's resignation effective 06/30/2021.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to offer a contract to Elaine Sherry as Principal for the 2021-2024 school year(s) with a 3.5% salary increase for 2021-2022 school year.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Information: None

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, April 26, 2021 @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School library computer lab

Adjournment:

R. Parker / B. Ormsbee: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 04/26/2021