

## Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	May 20, 2019
<b>Time</b>	6:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Pittsburg School Conference Room
<b>Chairperson</b>	Toby Owen

### Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **E** – Excused Absence **A** – Absent

School Board Members				Principals		SAU Members	
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Jamie Gray	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Bob Ormsbee	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Toby Owen						

### Public in Attendance:

- Beverly Martin, Brooke Byrnes, Heather Mitchell, Robin Maxwell, Tammy Jeralds entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.
- Dan Wade and Dan Lepine entered the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

### Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman, Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	<b>Hearing of the Public:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tammy Jeralds: Inquired about a decision to move forward with Wellness Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tammy Jeralds left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Beverly Martin: Asked why, at the last meeting, the Board did not make a decision to move forward with re-joining the Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee (CRCEC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brooke Byrnes stated she was attending for the same reason as Beverly Martin and emphasized that they were both in attendance for the children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dan Wade and Dan Lepine: Discussed the possibility of having one Athletic Director for Canaan and Pittsburg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ D. Wade stated that if a new position was created, it should be advertised</li> <li>○ Last year discussed having an Assistant Athletic Director</li> <li>○ Discussed having one Athletic Director and One Assistant Athletic Director</li> <li>○ D. Wade and D. Lepine will take this proposal back to the full Canaan School Board which meets June 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>○ D. Wade and D. Lepine left the meeting at 6:34 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Agenda Adjustments:</b> None	
4.	<b>Reading of the Minutes:</b> <u>L. Gray / J. Gray</u> : Motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2019 as presented	Vote: Unanimous
5.	<b>Policy Review:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next SAU Policy Committee meeting is May 30th</li> </ul>	

6.	<b>Special Reports:</b> None	
7.	<p><b>School Administrator's Report:</b> Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharon Pearson was unable to attend but wanted the Board to know she has potential interest in Foreign Exchange students.</li> <li>• Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior softball and baseball games are today</li> <li>○ J. Daly, Athletic Director, will present flowers to the girls and a goodie bags with items from Treats and Treasures to the boys.</li> <li>○ The New Hampshire Scholars annual celebration of the valedictorian and salutatorian is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. This event will take place at White Mountains Regional School.</li> <li>○ An off-site evacuation will be conducted the afternoon of May 21<sup>st</sup>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Buses, parents/guardians will pick up students at the church.</li> <li>▪ Students must be released to parents by an instructor or participant in the evacuation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last day of school for students is June 14<sup>th</sup>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dismissal time is 12:00 p.m. for students and 12:30 for staff</li> <li>▪ June 17<sup>th</sup> is cleaning day for staff.</li> <li>▪ June 18<sup>th</sup>: Staff will review various testing and discuss student needs for the upcoming school year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two interviews for the English teacher position are scheduled for the afternoon of June 22<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Superintendent's Report:</b> Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Pittsburg School staff member suffered serious injuries over the weekend and will be out of work until further notice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ E. Sherry will arrange for appropriate classroom coverage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Curriculum subcommittee (of the CRCEC) met May 14<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to meet again on May 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The Spring School Concert is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• Graduation is June 8<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Business Administrator's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributed a site layout for placement of the greenhouse and raised beds</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletic Director position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ D. Wade and D. Lepine will discuss the Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director positions with the full Canaan School Board at their next meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Foreign Exchange Student policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reviewed and discussed policy JFABB (Foreign Exchange Students) and JFABB-R (Admission of Foreign Exchange Students)</li> <li>○ Important considerations include type of visa and the number of students allowed within a public school.</li> <li>○ S. Pearson will be given a copy of the two policies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wellness Day</li> </ul> <p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> Motion to approve the Wellness Day pending approval of the water activities and documentation required for the events.</p>	

- Discussed rejoining the Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee
  - L. Gray stated there is no one more interested in doing what's best for the students than he is.
  - L. Gray asked Superintendent Beasley to provide clarification on some concerns:

**Q: If you vote "yes", does it bar you from looking into other options?**

A: No

**Q: If you vote "yes", how much money will it cost the SAU?**

A: Funding to date has been provided by a grant. B. Beasley and K. Conroy have written a grant for a second year and a determination should be made by mid June.

Except for transportation of the collaborative students, this initiative is district funded. Other expenses have been covered from in-kind costs.

**Q: If you vote "yes", are you bound to the control of other schools?**

A: A "yes" vote tonight does not bind you in any way. It gives you a seat at the table.

**Q: If you vote "yes", are we bound to send our students to other schools?**

A: It does not bind you to send your students to another school. Residents will take a binding vote at a future district meeting

**Q: If Pittsburg wants to work on improvements at the local level, does it affect their position on the CRCEC?**

A: No

**Q: Can Clarksville be discussed during joint meetings?**

A: Only committee members are bound to committee ethics. Other non-committee board members are not bound to these ethics and may have discussions with other board members.

**Q: At the forum meetings, it was stated that questions presented by the community, would be answered. Where and when were the answers provided to the public?**

A: Community questions were answered and posted on the websites and handouts were made available at each district's town halls, schools and at the annual district meetings.

- B. Ormsbee felt questions from Pittsburg residents were omitted from the Q&A document.

**Q: What good would it do to attend if there is a "no" vote on the committee?**

A: The value is to be part of the committee so you have a voice on the design, planning, governance, etc.

Example: If there is a single-site high school, you would have a say in the high school programs and governance.

**Q: What would happen if we did not have a seat on the committee?**

A: Example: Stewartstown Board sends students to area districts and they have no say in the educational process.

	<p><b>Q: Define" having a voice".</b>  <i>A: You have 3 delegates on the committee and when the committee discusses curriculum, staffing, finance and governance, you have the same voice as any other members of the committee.</i>  <i>The committee is currently looking at a single middle school and single high school.</i></p> <p><b>Q: Will we have a vote for the type of curriculum offerings, such as French, classes?</b>  <i>A: You would have 3 votes (one per member) like every other district.</i></p> <p><b>Q: How will community members on the committee report to the Board?</b>  <i>A: Community member(s) should listen to the School Board and provide regular updates back to the Board.</i></p> <p><u>J. Gray / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to re-join the Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Structure of Pittsburg representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One Board member</li> <li>▪ One community member</li> <li>▪ One flexible member (Board or Community member)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ An ad will be put in the paper for community representation</li> </ul> <p>• Rob Maxwell, Beverly Martin and Brooke Byrnes left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting conflicts in July; the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled</li> </ul> <p><u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to excuse Elaine Sherry from the March Annual District Meeting</p> <p><u>B. Ormsbee / T. Owen:</u> Motion for Billie Paquette to represent the School Board on the Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee</p> <p><u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to run an ad in the paper asking for interested community members to serve on the CRCEC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finalizing information for the Reading Specialist/Title I position</li> <li>○ Ed. Technology vacancy</li> <li>○ Para professional vacancies</li> <li>○ Part-time custodial position available May 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cell Phone policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Heather Mitchell suggested reviewing policies from other schools to learn how other districts are handling cell phones.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>• Heather Mitchell left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>Information:</b> None</p>	

13.	<p><b>Non-Public:</b></p> <p><u>B. Paquette / T. Owen:</u> Motion to enter into non-public session at 8:08 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b)</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: L. Gray-yes; J. Gray- yes; B. Ormsbee –yes; B. Paquette- yes; T. Owen-yes</p> <p>E. Sherry, C. Covill, R. Maxwell and B. Beasley left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>	Roll Call Vote
14.	<p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> Motion to return to public session at 8:24 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: L. Gray-yes; J. Gray- yes; B. Ormsbee –yes; B. Paquette- yes; T. Owen-yes</p> <p><u>T. Owen / L. Gray:</u> Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: L. Gray-yes; J. Gray- yes; B. Ormsbee –yes; B. Paquette- yes; T. Owen -yes</p>	Roll Call Vote  Roll Call Vote
15.	<b>Other Business:</b> None	
16.	<p><b>Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pittsburg School Board Meeting: June 10, 2019</li> </ul>	
	<u>T. Owen / B. Ormsbee :</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted by: Billie Paquette		