

Stewartstown School Board							
Meeting Minutes							
Date		November 2, 2020					
Time		4:15 p.m.					
Location		Zoom					
Chairperson		Philip Pariseau					
Attendance							
Attendance Legend: P – Present at SCS A – Absent Z – Via Zoom							
School Board Members			Principals		SAU Members		
Z	Jamie Boire	Z	Philip Pariseau	Z	Jennifer Mathieu	Z	Debra Taylor
Z	Betsy Gray					Z	Cheryl Covill
Public in Attendance:							

Philip opened the meeting at 4:20 pm. He asked for Adjustments to the Agenda.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

B. Gray/J. Boire: To accept the minutes of October 5, 2020 as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Special Reports: None

Policy Review:

GCG – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment

Dr. Taylor stated that the school nurse substitute would now be employed rather than a service.

J. Boire/B. Gray: To accept the Policy GCG as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

School Administrator's Report – Jennifer Mathieu

- Jenn reported that we have lost another teacher. The physical ed teacher also works at the glove factory and doesn't have the time to come to SCS one day a week. Fortunately, we have a sub who is interested. Brandon Crawford will be a floating sub. He has five years' experience with the Rec Program in Colebrook. He is not certified so he will be working under Ryan Call. He will work 20 days at SCS then he must go to another school on the 21st day. He will spend that day with Ryan.
- Jenn received a message on Monday, October 19 from a retired teacher (Norma Gray) who is interested in applying for our open Title I position. She can only work part-time, but it's better than nothing. We are looking for Board approval in advance to hire Brandon & Norma.

B. Gray/J. Boire: To approve hiring both Brandon Crawford & Norma Gray for their respective positions.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

3. Jenn and Debra have interviewed a perspective math teacher (Kevin Corriveau). Once his fingerprints come back, he wants to shadow Mr. Kennedy. He has military experience and is a meteorologist, so he probably won't accept the position.

B. Gray/J. Boire: To approve his employment if he shows interest in accepting the position.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

4. High-quality cameras for our teachers have been received. They make a huge difference.
5. Huge shout out to Mr. Kennedy, who has been working extremely hard taking on Jr. High Math as well as the Jr. High Science along with an hour of Title I work each day.
6. Mrs. Placey took pictures of our dressed-up crew and arranged them in a slide show for students to enjoy during snack.
7. Border Patrol visited last Monday to help us kick off Red Ribbon Week.
8. Jenn was glad the decision was made on Friday for remote learning. It gave the teachers time to prepare. Betsy stated she was happy with the full day schedule that the students were given. Philip asked if the teachers have to make up Monday when they couldn't work at school due to cleaning. Dr. Taylor said, "no", they worked from home.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:

1. Dr. Taylor included a written report in the packet.
2. She demonstrated the new SCS website. Jenn has worked very hard to make it very user friendly. All the school districts and SAU 7 have new websites.
3. The Policy Committee has been very productive.
4. On Wednesday, we were notified that we had a positive case of Covid-19. We now have six. 17-18 staff members are quarantined. We felt it was safer to close all the schools now. Having some remote learners from the beginning of the school year made it easier for the teachers. Teachers will be teaching from the schools. Betsy asked if we were going to be able to open in two weeks. Dr. Taylor felt it was too early to tell.
5. Debra joined other superintendents on a call this morning. They don't believe we should start winter sports now. Soccer was outdoors so it was easier for safe distancing. Basketball will be very difficult.

Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill:

1. Food Service – The plan is to deliver meals to any students who want them on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jenn said she had 20 on her list as the moment.
2. We need more Chromebooks. The ones we had on order were not going to arrive until January. Justin was able to find some (30) from a different vendor. They should arrive on Tuesday, November 3.
3. The new bus is here. It should be ready to go by Wednesday. All the drivers have been trained on it.
4. Health Trust is returning \$80,000. Teachers will be reimbursed. Hopefully, we will get the money before the end of December.
5. We are also going to get supplemental funds from the Education Response Funding in the amount of \$19,200. We must expend these funds by 12/20/2020. We also have Care's Grant funds (\$31,000) left to spend by 12/30/2020. We can use these funds to reimburse the district for the PPE items we purchased out of district funds. She is making a list and we will need to hold a public hearing next month to expend these funds.

Philip asked if Cheryl had looked at room purifiers. She has but will need an expert to look at them to find one that will work with our air handler system.

6. Cheryl said she had an envelope addressed to Philip that she had received from the Selectmen. She opened it with Phil's permission. They were concerned with the WW Berry bus that is parked at their office without their permission. This should have been addressed to the Clarksville Board. Cheryl will call WW Berry and the Stewartstown Selectmen's Office.
7. Cheryl has spoken with Aaron Joos about the plaque. He will take a look at the wording and get back to her.
8. Work has stopped on the budget at the moment due to the Covid-19 problems.
9. New Hampshire Retirement has given their rates for next year: 3.22 for teachers and 2.89 for employees. Health Trust will have a 6.4% increase which is considerably lower than in past years.

New Business:

1. Plow Bids

Only one bid received – Belknap Septic

\$60/hour for plowing

\$80/hour for sanding

\$80/hour for snow removal

No increase from past year. Jimmy has been doing this for a number of years and does a good job.

B. Gray/J. Boire: To approve Belknap Septic's bid.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

2. To authorize the transfer of \$16,026.44 from the Stewartstown IDEA Grant allocation to the SAU 7 Consolidated Grant. Normally this is done at the SAU Spring Meeting but was forgotten last spring.

B. Gray/J. Boire: To approve the transfer.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

B. Gray/J. Boire: To accept the resignation of Robin Maxwell as physical education teacher.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Aaron Mathieu joined the meeting as a member of the public

Meetings:

SAU 7 Board Meeting: November 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Columbia Town Hall. If this meeting is done by remote, then it will have to be moved to Colebrook due to the Columbia Town Hall not having internet access. There isn't enough space at the Town Hall for social distancing.

Next meeting for Stewartstown School Board will be December 7, 2020 at 4:15 pm.

B. Gray/J. Boire: To adjourn at 5:15 pm.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
Minutes Taker

Adopted 12/07/2020