

School Administrative Unit #7

Fall Meeting Minutes

Date	November 14, 2019						
Time	6:00 p.m.						
Location	Pittsburg School						
Attendance							
School Board Members							
Clarksville		Colebrook		Columbia		Pittsburg	
E	Michel Dionne	E	John Falconer	P	Chris Brady	P	Lindsey Gray
P	Heather Mitchell	E	David Gales	P	Stacey Campbell	P	Jamie Gray
P	Judy Roche	P	Deb Greene	P	Carrie Klebe	P	Willard Ormsbee
		P	Craig Hamelin			E	Toby Owen
		P	Brian LaPerle			E	Billie Paquette
		E	Michael Pearson				
		E	Nathan Lebel				
Stewartstown		SAU #7				Public	
P	Kathleen Covell	P	Bruce Beasley, Superintendent			Peter Chappel	
E	Philip Pariseau	P	Cheryl Covell, Business Administrator			David Covill	
E	Kara Sweatt	P	Mandie Hibbard, Special Services Coordinator			Kathleen Lawton-Haynes	

Roll Call:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Vice Chair Chris Brady

Hearing of the Public:

- B. LaPerle / S. Campbell: Motion to accept and expend \$69,228 for a 3-year Farm to School Grant from the NH Charitable Foundation.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED
- S. Campbell / D. Green: Motion to accept and expend \$18,500 for a 1-year Social & Emotional Learning Practices Grant from the NH Charitable Foundation.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Reading of the Minutes:

- B. Laperle / L. Gray: Motion to approve the SAU #7 Summer Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019 as written.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

School Administrative Unit #7 Reports:

- Farm to School – Amanda Kellner (A written report was provided to the board)
 - Funding – utilizing funds leftover from the Beacon community Grant, small Tillotson Grant and are beginning to use 2019 NH Charitable Foundation Grant
 - School Gardens – In Pittsburg a greenhouse kit was purchased and assembled as outlined in the NHCF Grant; unfortunately, it was destroyed in the 11/01/19 windstorm; reevaluating options – any new structure will need to wait until spring. In Stewartstown and Colebrook the garden beds were very well received and maintained
 - Professional Development – working with Laurel Hemon and Maire Folan (Green Mountain Farm to School) to offer opportunities for teachers
 - Classroom Work – working with all schools in various grades and classes to include Farm to School

- Coordinator of Special Services – Mandie Hibbard
Director of Special Services Mandie Hibbard reported to the board that Special Education numbers are about the same as previous years. There are about 17% of the students on IEP's and another 16% that have a 504 plan. Within these plans, approximately 40% of the students have established social emotional goals and approximately 19% live with their grandparent(s). Mrs. Covill added that the loss of Project Aware funds means a loss of services to these students.
- Technology - Removed from the agenda
- Business Administrator – Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator Covill reported to the board that she would share regarding the budget during the budget discussion of the agenda. She also reported on the safe schools committee work. She shared that the committee is working on the implementation of an updated safety plan, a program for students in an emergency, and the implementation of the updated safety plans. She commended the local support from police, EMS, and Border Patrol. The group is working on warm zones, entering the building as early as possible, and teaching strategies until the warm zone is accessible.
- Superintendent – Bruce Beasley
Superintendent Beasley reported to the board that the collaborative committee continues to work to improve collaborative opportunities. This work includes a North Country Master Schedule, examining the current daily schedule for improvements, and ramping up the identified opportunities.

He shared that regional committee is also continuing to meet. There is an Interstate Compact that is ready for signatures, that there are four models of regionalizing schools being examined (the group I has narrowed these down to 2 that they think have merit). The group will continue to examine these models.

Local boards in Pittsburg and Colebrook are now negotiating contracts with their local teachers association. Health Insurance is a big issue in these negotiations and therefore tonight's report on Health Insurance is extremely important.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Insurance Overview / HealthTrust
Peter Chappel from Health Trust shared information with the board regarding insurance options. These options are explained in the handout that he provided. This included information on Health Savings Accounts, Flexible Spending Accounts, and updates on the many plans that Health Trust offers. Peter took the time to review the districts ratings and offered the services of Heath Trust to work with staff in an effort to maximize the benefit of any plan that is negotiated.
- SAU #7 Budget for 2020 – 2021 (distributed at the meeting)
Cheryl Covill updated the board on the draft budget. She reviewed the projected budget, the anticipated revenue (carryover) and the projected expenses. The General Fund Budget has increased \$96,395, \$48,000 of that is due to projected increases and changes in the Technology Department. There is also 15.2% projected increase for Health Insurance. The Revenue projection increased by \$40,000 from the balance on hand. The overall increase for the district share is \$63,408 over prior year and is to be

distributed based on district apportionment. Cheryl has included a placeholder of 3% for salary adjustments and has included a placeholder of a .5 position to serve as office assistant at the SAU #7 office.

- **Confirm Spring Meeting date/time and sponsor (Stewartstown)**
The next meeting of the SAU Board of Directors is scheduled for December 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Clarksville. This meeting will include adoption of the SAU 7 budget. The Spring meeting will be held on April 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Stewartstown.

Information: None

Non-Public:

J. Roche / H. Mitchell: Motion to enter non-public session at 7:29 pm on a personnel matter per RSA 91-A:3 II(c).

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: H. Mitchell – yes, J. Roche – yes, D. Greene – yes, C. Hamelin – yes, B. LaPerle – yes, C. Brady – yes, S. Campbell – yes, C. Klebe – yes, L. Gray – yes, J. Gray – yes, W. Ormsbee – yes, K. Covell – yes

Cheryl Covill and Mandie Hibbard left the meeting at 7:29 pm.

B. LaPerle / L. Gray: Motion to return to public session at 7:40 pm

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: H. Mitchell – yes, J. Roche – yes, D. Greene – yes, C. Hamelin – yes, B. LaPerle – yes, C. Brady – yes, S. Campbell – yes, C. Klebe – yes, L. Gray – yes, J. Gray – yes, W. Ormsbee – yes, K. Covell – yes

Cheryl Covill reentered the meeting at 7:40 pm.

B. LaPerle / S. Cambell: Motion to accept the resignation of Superintendent Bruce Beasley, effective June 30, 2020.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Other Business: Brian LaPerle expressed concern to the full board regarding the master schedule for the North Country. He was concerned that following the Board Chairs meeting it appeared that Pittsburg is not on board with these discussions. The Pittsburg board disagreed and shared that they did approve looking at a schedule but would not approve it until after they had a chance to review it.

Meeting Dates:

- SAU #7 Winter Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in Clarksville
- SAU #7 Spring Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2020 @ 6:00 pm in Stewartstown.

Adjournment:

L. Gray / B. LaPerle: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Beasley
Superintendent