

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	January 28, 2019
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	Pittsburg School Conference Room
Chairperson	Toby Owen

Attendance

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

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

Public in Attendance: Eugene Cote, John Daly, Amanda Merrill

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chairperson, T. Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene Cote, John Daly and Amanda Merrill presented proposed changes to policies in the Coach’s Handbook regarding Sunday practices and out-of-season open gym. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This request will be added to Unfinished Business portion of the next meeting and the Canaan School Board will be invited to attend. <p>E. Cote, J. Daly and A. Merrill left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.</p> <p><u>R. Parker / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to accept funds from the Habitat for Humanity to purchase winter clothing.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
3.	Agenda Adjustments: None	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>L. Gray / T. Owen:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of January 14, 2019 with the following correction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ #8 “concern” should be “concert” 	
5.	Policy Review: None	
6.	Special Reports: None	
7.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JHG/B vs Brighton – Thursday, 1/24/19 at 5:00 p.m. (away) game was cancelled ○ VG/B vs Lisbon – Friday, 1/25/19 at 5:00 p.m. (home) ○ Grades closed for quarter 2 on 1/17/19; report cards were distributed on 1/25/19 ○ Swim & Skate Program: 1/25/19 ○ Afterschool Program has started again 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carnations are available for those who wish to purchase them as a special gift. See any NHJS/NHS member. 	
8.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collaborative Committee hosted the second of its four forums on January 24 in Stewartstown. The committee did spend some time on 1/21 reviewing questions and feedback from the first forum. The committee is also planning to meet again on 2/7/19 for its monthly meeting. Future forums are February 12th in Colebrook and February 18th in Pittsburg. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm. • The most recent Professional Development day was held in Pittsburg on Friday, January 18th. The sessions that I attended were very informative. I want to thank all who presented and the members of the PD committee for putting the plan together. Our next opportunity for more local Professional Development is the early release day scheduled for February 6th. • The 1st semester has come to a close. According to the calendar, it is expected that report cards will be sent out to families on January 25th. I was in the office the other day and talked with Sylvia about how things are going, and she mentioned that reports cards are on the horizon. She seemed very confident that things would go smoothly. • The basketball teams are starting to gel at the right time. If I am not mistaken, the boys team has won 3 games in a row while the girls are on a 3 game winning streak as well. If your schedule allows, they will be taking on Colebrook next Wednesday the 30th. The game is a home game for Pittsburg/Canaan at the Canaan gym - I believe. • The New Hampshire School Board Association is hosting a meeting with Commissioner Edelblut at their office building on Triangle Park Drive. The meeting is scheduled for 2/6 at 6:30 if anyone is interested in attending. • Reminder: The delegate assembly is Saturday, January 26th at the same location on Triangle Park Drive. The registration for this meeting begins at 10:00 in the morning. 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with the executor of the Kent Washburn Estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He will forward the necessary documentation to the Trustees of the Trust Fund to complete and submit to the insurance company for payment. (\$35,000) 	
10.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Ormsbee discussed the format for the Pittsburg meeting as it is the last community forum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendees should have the opportunity to ask questions 	
11.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Phone Use Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed cell phone Use policies from at Colebrook Academy and Canaan School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestion: involve students in developing a policy ▪ Suggestion: All phones must be on the student's desk and shut off and must remain on the desk if the student leaves the room. ○ Consensus of the Board: E. Sherry will inquire with other schools and meet with staff and students regarding the cell phone use policy. 	

12.	New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Beasley recommended co-coaches to share the Grade 5/6 position between Kim and Brian Dorman. • Reviewed the NHSBA Legislative bulletin 	
13.	Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Sherry reported there are five classes with one student this semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One is an independent study student 	
14.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Meeting: 2/7/19 • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: 2/11/19 • Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee Public Forum: 2/18/19 at 6:30 p.m. 	
15.	<u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		