

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	May 6, 2019
Time	4:15 p.m.
Location	Stewartstown Community School Library
Chairperson	Philip Pariseau

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent

School Board Members				Principals		SAU Members	
P	Kathleen Covell	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu (left at 5:11 pm)	P	Bruce Beasley (Arrived at 4:22 pm)
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill (Arrived at 5:09 pm)

Public in Attendance: Emily Haynes, Eldon Haynes, Cheryl Eastman, Jeannine Burns, Aaron & Oxana Joos, Jake Mardin, Nancy Joos Drew and her husband, Patricia Grover – Minutes taker. Laurel Hemon 4:58 – 5:05

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm with all board members present. As neither Bruce nor Cheryl were there yet, Philip opened the meeting with the Hearing of the Public.	
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New item: Discuss June 17 & 18 agenda • Quick nonpublic session on student matter 	
3.	<p>Hearing of the Public: Emily Haynes spoke first. She was the person who asked the Board to name the school library in memory of Dennis Joos now that the Town Library has been closed.</p> <p>Jeannine Burns spoke in favor of this. She was the person who penned the petition to close the town library as it is very seldom used. The picture of Dennis will remain in the Town Office Building.</p> <p>Emily stated we now have a principal who can use the event of Dennis' death to teach respect to the 6 – 8 graders.</p> <p>Philip mentioned that Dennis was also school moderator for several years.</p> <p>Emily said that her son, Kevin, approached her about making this request.</p> <p>Aaron Joos stated he did not object to the closing of the town library and suggested that the \$3,000 that was appropriated for the town library be used for the school library. This would be at the discretion of the Selectmen.</p> <p>Emily requested that a brass plaque be placed in the hallway dedicating the library. Bruce Beasley asked if the town sign could be placed at the school. Philip will check the size, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Nancy Joos Drew asked if this would mean that the school & town library would be combined & open to the public. This has not been discussed by the Board yet. This public forum is just about dedicating the school library to Dennis.</p>	

	<p>Jen Mathieu stated that the school still uses cards for loaning books. Aaron doubts that adults use library books as they have such easy access to electronic ones. The State of New Hampshire has a site where you can borrow books.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell</u>: Approve dedicating the school library to Dennis Joos.</p> <p>All members of the public except Patricia left the meeting at 4:28 pm. Laurel Hemon joined the meeting at this time.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: April 1, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kara pointed out multiple errors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing of the Public – forum will be on May 6 not May 1 • Jen’s Report – letters not letter; Children Stage not State; event not even; nomination of staff members – remove the grade levels; Nonpublic session – Cheryl and Jen “were” invited not just invited. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt</u>: To approve the minutes as corrected.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	<p>Policy Review (30 Minutes) – Student Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
6.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Jennifer Mathieu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excited to continue our collaborative services with PHS next year • Children’s Stage Adventures week was out of this world. We will probably wait two years before we have them back, because the cost is approximately \$4,000. • Dennis found one bedbug in a trap over the break. He continues to steam. • We would like to do our annual Yankee Candle fundraiser from September 3-17. • The Spring Concert has been moved to May 23rd at 6:00 pm. • Jen presented three letters she had recently received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for Clarksville student to ride bus to Pittsburg next year Teacher requesting maternity leave in September Parent requesting permission for son to walk home rather than ride the bus. Parent has a problem getting to the bus stop because of younger child at home. Child will be twelve on September 24 and is in fourth grade. <p>Bruce felt we need to wait for next year’s schedule to make final decision on the bus to Pittsburg.</p>	
7	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTE meeting May 23 Graduations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 8 – Pittsburg in the morning; Canaan at 1:00 pm June 11 – Colebrook June 13 – SCS at 5:00 pm Collaborative team met today Administrative team will meet tomorrow GEARUP meeting will be on May 29 in Whitefield. The National Conference will be in July in San Francisco. Four people from SAU 7 are going. UBD Training is July 23-26 outside of DC. Jen & Laurel are going from 	

	<p>Stewartstown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students on the DC trip returned May 5. Stewartstown chaperones were very happy with the way the trip was organized. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveillance cameras are in. The company needs to return. Door locks should be fixed this week. Philip asked about access for the fire department. Cheryl responded they will have a code like they do now. Marsha Biron called her about the summer food program. In the past, parents have had to go to Colebrook to get their food. She would like to use SCS for distribution. If no one is there to open the school, they will use the yard. This will be from July 24 – August 19. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve the Summer Food Program using the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Goulet is not interested in having the old telephone system. Do you want to throw it out? <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve disposing of the old phone equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candy Placey and Dorothy Stebbins want to attend a summer workshop on Coding at a cost of \$1,000 each. We have \$1,200 left under the Title IV Grant if they approve the expense. She asked the Board to approve the \$2,000 request with \$800 coming from the budget. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To approve the expense for the Coding workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last summer we purchased a water bottle filling station. We would like to purchase a second one now. It will cost \$500-\$600 installed. There are filters in them that need replacing periodically. This is something that Dennis can do. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve purchasing a second water bottle filling station.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
9.	<p>Unfinished Business: Laurel Hemon entered the meeting at 4:58</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurel presented a matrix showing the evaluations that were done on the two students who have applied for early entrance to Kindergarten. Laurel recommended “no” on Candidate #1 and “yes” on Candidate #2. Jen showed the Board the letter she has written for the parents to sign. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> Recommend admittance for Candidate #II. Data on student is in line with standards.</p> <p>No action was taken on Candidate #I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies for a second reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JICDAA – Employee – Student Relations JICDD – Student Discipline Out-of-School Actions JICE – Student Publications JICEA – Student Productions JICE-R – Student Publications/Productions/Website Publications Administrative Procedures JICF – Gang Activity JICFA – Hazing 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

	<p>JICG_R – Disciplinary Procedures for Tobacco Products Ban – Students JICH – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students JICH-R – Student Alcohol and Drug Use Policy</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt</u>: Approve above policies for a second reading & adoption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies JICK – JTA were distributed for action at the next meeting • Policies JJA – Student Activities & Organizations and JJA-R – Student Athlete Eligibility were in the packet for a second reading. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt</u>: To adopt policies JJA and JJA-R as printed.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board updated Cheryl on what happened in the Public Forum • Bruce updated everyone on the Connecticut River Collaborative Committee. The Committee met last week Stewartstown has full membership. Clarksville and Columbia are still looking for members. Should hear from the grant request by the second week of June Pittsburg was at the last meeting with request to rejoin the committee Subcommittees are working. • June 17 & 18 are non-student days. Jenn has professional development plans for both days: AmesWeb testing for 1½ days and ½ day working in their classrooms. There will be Alice Training on Friday. <u>By consensus, the Board approved.</u> • Request for student to walk home: <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt</u>: To approve the student walking home after the parent signs a form that relieves the school district from any liability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request for maternity leave in September will be covered under the FMLA Policy. • The Board will act on the request for Clarksville student riding the bus to Pittsburg after the fall schedule for busing has been set. • The Board received a Thank You Card from the Colebrook Ski-Bee’s for the donation made in memory of Jim Kenny. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker</p>		
<p>11.</p>	<p>Non-Public Session:</p> <p><u>P. Pariseau / K. Sweatt</u>: Motion to enter into non-public session at 5:41 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II(c)</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes; K. Sweatt – yes</p> <p>P. Grover left the meeting at 5:41 p.m.</p>	<p>Roll call vote</p>

	<p><u>K. Sweatt / K. Covell:</u> Motion to return to public session at 5:50 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes; K. Sweatt – yes</p> <p><u>P. Pariseau / K. Sweatt:</u> Motion to seal the minutes of non-public session</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes; K. Sweatt – yes</p>	<p>Roll call vote</p> <p>Roll call vote</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Beasley</p>		
	<p><u>P. Pariseau / K. Covell:</u> Motion to enter into a second non-public session at 5:55 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(b)</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes; K. Sweatt – yes</p> <p>B. Beasley and C. Covill left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>K. Covell / P. Pariseau:</u> Motion to return to public session at 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes; K. Sweatt – yes</p> <p><u>P. Pariseau / K. Covell:</u> Motion to seal the minutes of the second non-public session.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes; K. Sweatt – yes</p> <p><u>P. Pariseau / K. Covell:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.</p>	<p>Roll call vote</p> <p>Roll call vote</p> <p>Roll call vote</p> <p>Roll call vote</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Philip Pariseau</p>		