

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	05/10/2021						
Time	6:00 pm						
Location	Pittsburg School library computer lab						
Chairperson	Toby Owen						
School Board Members							
School Board Members			Principal		SAU Members		
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
Public in Attendance:							

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Fuel Oil Bids

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting minutes the April 26, 2021 minutes.
 - Hold until the next meeting

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee: None

Policy Review: None

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- Website feedback sought
- School Year-End plans
 - Schools within SAU #7 are planning in-person graduation ceremonies at all our schools this spring. The following dates have been finalized:
 - Colebrook Academy Graduation: Thursday, June 10th at 6:00 pm.
 - Pittsburg High School Graduation: Saturday, June 12th at 10:00 am.
 - Stewartstown Eighth Grade Graduation: Wednesday, June 16th at 5:00 pm.
- Educational and Academic Outcome
 - Schools continue to monitor our student's progress in reading and mathematics through local assessments.
 - Several professional development events are planned for our teachers and support staff this summer. These events will be funded through grants.
 - Education Design Institute – June 21-25
 - Self-Paced Curriculum Work – July 1-31
 - Responsive Classroom – August 16-19

- Restorative Practices – August 16-19
 - Crisis Prevention and Intervention Response – August 24-25
 - A.L.I.C.E. School Safety Training – August 26
 - Technology Training – Summer and Coming School Year 21-22
- The Regional Curriculum Committee, which includes teachers and administrators from all schools in SAU #7 and Canaan has provided direction and guidance for professional development.
- Long Term Planning
 - The majority of the August 12th SAU Board Meeting will be spent on long-term planning. The SAU #7 Strategic plan is expiring, and it is time to reflect on our progress and chart our future for the school districts in our region.
- Legislative work is ongoing.

Business Administrator’s Report: Cheryl Covill

- Discussed bus routes.
- Esser II grants are available for grant writing and submission. Under the guidelines, Requests for Proposals will be required for most services
 - Cheryl would like to investigate updating the HVAC system
 - This would mean hiring an engineer to assess our system and design/develop an RFP for replacing or updating
- Food Service Programs and Cost
 - Early indicators from USDA are that they will continue free meals to students during the 21-22 school year under the Summer Seamless Option waiver.
- Budget Analysis – was distributed at the last meeting
 - Any questions?
- Several new provisional requirements fall under the recently adopted Federal COVID Acts:
 - President Biden signed ARPA into law on March 11, 2021. Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
 - COBRA: Premium Assistance – between April 1 and September 30, 2021, the Federal government will pay 100% of COBRA premiums for Assistance Eligible Individuals and their dependents.
 - Flexible Spending Accounts – COVID Relief: Under the COVID Relief act we can extend the grace period to our employees who elected to participate in the Flexible Spending Accounts.

Unfinished Business:

- Cliff Swallows
 - Jill is putting this project on hold.
 - The School board discussed concerns with the Swallows clean-up and maintenance.

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Information: None

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, May 24, 2021, @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School library computer lab

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a).

ROLL CALL: L. Gray – Yes, J. Gray – Yes, B. Ormsbee – Yes, T. Owen – Yes, R. Parker – Yes

Cheryl Covill left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Debra Taylor and Elaine Sherry were invited into the non-public meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to leave the non-public session at 8:05 pm.

ROLL CALL: L. Gray – Yes, J. Gray – Yes, B. Ormsbee – Yes, T. Owen – Yes, R. Parker – Yes

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to allow a senior student who recently moved to continue to attend PSD through graduation.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to extend principals benefits as follows: a) Provide severance stipend following ten years of service. If a 2-year notice is given, stipend is \$10,000. If 1-year notice is given, stipend is \$5,000.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

J. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to appoint Tammy Jeralds as Assistant Principal with an annual stipend of \$6, 500.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Adjournment:

R. Parker / L. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra J. Taylor
Superintendent of Schools

Adopted 05/24/2021