

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	12/14/2020
Time	6:00 pm
Location	Pittsburg School Conference Room
Chairperson	Toby Owen

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
R	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray					P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						

Public in Attendance: In Attendance: H. Mitchell, M. Dionne, David Covill

Remote Attendance: Butch Ladd, Jessica & Kylee Tracey, Matt Jordan, Stephanie Grondin, Kim Dorman

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Principal Search Non-Public and School Board Vacancy

Hearing of the Public:

- Discuss Extra Curricular Sports
 - Dr Taylor reviewed outcome of the regional meeting with other north country school districts. Items of concern:
 - If a school is remote, they will not play a game.
 - No fans or parents
 - Could live stream as a possibility
 - Masks must be worn by students, coaches, and officials
 - Neil Prehemo, Pittsburg Athletic Director recommended no winter sports season.
 - Colebrook decided if in session they would participate in a sports season
 - First game January 12th
 - The Pittsburg Board suggested if school is in session offer the basketball season
 - Concern expressed to allow students to practice now before school resumes.
 - Stephanie Grondin attended the Canaan School Board meeting and updated the Pittsburg School Board on Canaan's decision to approve moving forward with sports pending the Governor's and other elected officials' approval
 - Debra Taylor stated Canaan would have to request a waiver from the Governor to allow students to play

L. Gray / B. Ormsbee: Motion to approve moving forward with the winter basketball season when students return to school.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Remote Public left the meeting 6:37 pm.

- Public Hearing to accept and expend Supplemental Public School Response Funds

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to accept and expend the Supplemental Public School Response Funds.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Questions on Minutes
- Inquired on applications for the Administrative Assistant
 - Applications have been received
- Inquired on filling the PE vacancy
 - Vacancy has been filled

Reading of the Minutes:

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to approve the November 23, 2020 minutes as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:

- The following Subcommittees have met.
 - Facility
 - Naming of the School
 - Finance Committee – in process of gathering data
- Attorney’s will be coming to the meeting to discuss the Articles of Agreement
- Each board is discussing each districts preference on the grade span
 - School Board discussed what it means to Pittsburg regarding governance, and finance
 - Lindsey Gray discussed concerns with governance, financial formula, and equitable representation. Everyone should be heard.
- David Covill discussed the committee taking time to gather all the facts and present to the public at a time when the citizens can be involved. Not during a COVID period when the citizens can not come out and express.
- Jamie agreed. You need to present something that is fair to all communities
- Heather Need facts and believe in what you present, need something strong for the community to believe. You need to do your homework. Need options and back up with Ethics

David Covill left the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Policy Review:

L. Gray / T. Owen: Motion to approve the policies as recommended by the policy committee. See attached listing of policy presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports: None

School Administrator’s Report: None

Superintendent’s Report:

- Interviews scheduled tomorrow for Administrative Assistant position.
- Superintendent will discuss Principal applications in Non-Public

Business Administrator’s Report:

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to approve the purchase of an interactive board from Gov Connection including an additional 2-year warranty.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Presented to the School Board, closing the schools and SAU office for a ½ day before Christmas and New Year's.

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to approve a full day off for the day before Christmas and New Year's.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Open vacancy on school board
 - Reggie Parker submitted a letter of interest to fill the vacancy until March.

L. Gray / B. Ormsbee: Motion to approve Reggie Parker to fill the vacancy until March.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Unfinished Business:

- Budget 2021 – 2022
 - Update on the balance on hand - possible increase of an additional \$ 25,000.

New Business:

- Sports and Co-curricular – Discussed under Public Comment.
- Clarksville to attend the next meeting to discuss opening the position to vote on the board.
- Both school boards agreed to hold their semiannual Joint meeting December 28th.

Other Business:

- March Meeting date – discuss the next meeting.

Information: None

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, December 28, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Michel Dionne and Heather Mitchell left the meeting at 8:09 pm.

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) to discuss the principal application at 8:09 pm.

Roll Call Vote: L. Gray – yes, J. Gray – yes, T. Owen – yes, B. Ormsbee – yes

Cheryl Covill and Elaine Sherry left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

General Meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to return to public session at 8:30 pm.

Roll Call Vote: L. Gray – yes, J. Gray – yes, T. Owen – yes, B. Ormsbee – yes,

Adjournment:

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 12/28/2020