

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	September 9, 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	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill
Public in Attendance: None							

Philip Pariseau opened the meeting at 4:24 pm with all members present.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Hearing of the Public: To expend funds from the Building Expendable Trust Fund to purchase and install Access Control Equipment in the amount of \$13,956.

K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve expending funds from the Building Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$13,956 to purchase and install Access Control Equipment.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Reading of the Minutes: Kara noted the errors in the minutes of August 5, 2019 – Page 1, Item 6, Bullet 5: disclaimer “that” not “this”.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To approve the minutes of August 5, 2018 as corrected.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Special Reports: None

School Administrator’s Report:

Jenn reported that the Ice Cream Social had a good turn out and everyone had FUN.

Enrollment for the year is at 66 children from 46 families.

Yankee Candle sales have commenced.

AimsWeb has made changes to the program.

Superintendent’s Report:

Bruce has made a few visits to SCS.

Project Aware is coming to a close on September 30. We are waiting for news on a new grant application that has been submitted.

On August 22, we held New Teacher Orientation and Substitute Training. Stewartstown does not have any new teaching staff.

On August 26, Staff met to review goals and the importance of staff to students.

Casey Hibbard is the new payroll person at the SAU Office.

Bruce will be going to NCEs on September 10 and on September 12 will attend the first Superintendent's meeting in LinWood. There are a number of new Superintendent's in the North Country. On Friday, he will attend the Commissioner's Meeting in Concord.

The Legislature is reviewing the State Budget. Carl Ladd doesn't think there's enough votes to override the veto.

Business Administrator's Report:

So far it has been a hectic year with new employees.

The grant application that was submitted to the local Tillotson Foundation was denied. The scope was too large for them.

Unfinished Business:

Library Dedication – we will need to research the cost of bronze plaques and put something in the budget for next year.

New Business:

Nurses – ISHC withdrew on August 22 from providing nurses to the schools. UCVH and CCNH were both contacted along with other per diem companies. Lindsay Lea from UCVH developed an hourly contract to start. Still checking for possibilities. We have to have school nurses – both to help the students and sending medical records to other schools when students transfer. Bruce asked the board's permission to post the position.

K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To give Bruce permission to post the position.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Staffing Update – We need one paraprofessional. Jenn will interview on Friday. Title I funding is complete.

Bus Driver Update – Mark Towle will be testing tomorrow for his license.

Bus Requests – Parent of third and fifth graders asked permission for them to be dropped off at home with no adult present. Fifth grader is able to watch third grader until grandparent gets there approximately 10 minutes later.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To approve the request.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Parent of an eighth-grade student who lives in Canaan, but attends school at SCS, requested that the student rides the bus from Stewartstown to Canaan in time to catch the Canaan bus to her home. Unfortunately, the Canaan bus leaves before the Stewartstown bus can get there without making a special run.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To deny the request.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

We also have a student who has moved to Bridge Street. The boyfriend who is a Canaan student is also riding. We need to look into this further.

Unpaid lunches – UCVH has a dress down day on which staff pays money to be allowed to dress down. They raised \$184.18, which they have donated to SCS to offset lunch money owed.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To accept the \$184.18

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Our Worker's Compensation Agreement with Primex ends December 2019. They are asking that we renew with a three-year contract.

K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve a three-year contract with Primex.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To approve Stewartstown's share of a three-year contract for SAU 7.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Collaboration Meeting – We need a vote of the Board to recognize members on an Interstate Compact Committee as well. We only have two members on the committee – do we want to advertise for a third? By consensus, the Board agreed to advertise.

K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve the recognition of our committee members on an Interstate Compact Committee as well.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Before the regional meeting last Thursday, there was a conference with the Dresden School District – Hanover/Norwich. They formed their school district in 1963 and it has been very beneficial for them. When they formed, they kept their own elementary schools and school board.

Cheryl reported on the yearly tuition and CTE tuition rates for Canaan.

The chairman signed the music contract with Canaan.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To adjourn at 5:28 pm.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
Minutes Taker

Adopted by Stewartstown School Board 10/07/2019