

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	June 10, 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	Jamie Gray	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Bob Ormsbee	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Toby Owen						

Public in Attendance: Neil Prehemo, Heather Mitchell

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Prehemo entered the meeting at 6:00pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked the board for permission to use the baseball field this summer and to keep keys to the storage area and the batting cage. ○ Neil also requested permission to use his personal ATV to drag the field after the practice. He would be the only one driving the ATV after the players leave. <p><u>J. Gray / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to approve the use of the baseball field as long as for practice and following requirements for ATV use as outlined above.</p> <p>Neil Prehemo left at 6:10 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Mitchell entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heather Mitchell spoke to the board about her dissatisfaction with the hiring process for the English position. ○ She spoke to Mrs. Sherry and Mr. Beasley about the English position and that she was working on her certification. ○ Heather called Mrs. Sherry on May 30th to ask if the position was still open; Mrs. Sherry stated the position was filled. ○ Three people knew she was interested and qualified for the position, and working on her certification. <p>Heather Mitchell left the meeting at 6:17p.m.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
3.	Agenda Adjustments: None	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>J. Gray / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of May 20, 2019 as presented</p>	Vote: 3 yes , 2 abstentions

5.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHAB – Data Governance and Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This policy is recommended by the SAU #7 Policy Committee and presented for school board approval. <p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> To approve policy EHAB – Data Governance and Security, as presented</p>	Vote: Unanimous
6.	<p>Special Reports: None</p>	
7.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graduation went well. ○ Emilie Smith, the commencement speaker, did a great job with her speech, as did Austen with his valedictorian speech and Cassandra with her salutatorian speech. ○ Wellness Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tammy Jerald's planned Wellness Day which went extremely well. The students had a great time. There was walking, kickball, and various other outside games. Thirteen students participated in kayaking. Officer Eagan accompanied the students in his boat in case any student experienced difficulty. Tammy 's son, Matt, and daughter, Nichole, served as life-guards. ○ Elementary grades K-3 will be doing the Riverwalk in Colebrook on Wednesday, June 12th. They will also go bowling and celebrate with ice-cream. • Final-exams for underclassmen will be blocks 1and 3b on Tuesday and blocks 2 and 3c,d on Wednesday. 	
8.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First I want to congratulate the Class of 2019! This group has been a pleasure to work with over the past three years. I wish them well as they move onto their next step. It is my belief that the graduates will be off to military, Unity College, Southern New Hampshire University, and to the workforce. Good Luck to all! • Congratulation is also in order to Deb Sargent. Deb is the recipient of the teacher fellowship grant from the North Country Foundation. She was chosen from a pool of approximately 15 candidates. When I spoke with her recently she shared how proud she is to be recognized and how thankful she is to her colleagues that took the time to make the nomination. • The collaborative committee will meet again on June 6. During our meeting we will discuss the response to your request to reestablish your seat at the committee table. The focus of the committee continues to be on governance, financials, and curriculum. Karen Conroy and I have applied to the North Country Charitable Foundation for continued support for Carol Martin as well as additional support for legal services, design, and curriculum. We should hear back on our request in mid-June. • The state GEAR UP meeting is on May 29th at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield. I anticipate that Elaine and Dawn will be joining other SAU 7 representatives at this conference. The national conference is in San Francisco in July. Jayden Hodge and her mother will be attending this national conference as well. Jayden is a Stewartstown resident that attends Pittsburg School. • The good news is that we have a teaching candidate that has accepted the 	

	<p>English teaching position for next year. An interview team spent time yesterday interviewing for the math vacancy and as of yet has not offered the candidate the position. We still have the woodworking position left to fill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was able to attend the music concert at the Tillotson Center last Wednesday. Austin Keyser, Valedictorian of the Class of 2019, deserves thanks for making the trip to Colebrook for the annual concert. He participated in their concert and was terrific. Austin has really grown over the last few years and should be very proud of his accomplishments • Please be reminded that graduation is this Saturday morning at 10:00. I look forward to this celebration and hope to see many of you there! 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See written report distributed • Summer Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dust Collection System ○ District work: Cement, Electrical, housing <p><u>T Owen/B. Ormsbee:</u> Motion to approve M. Blanchard to install the pad with frost walls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I asked the Pittsburg Road Agent, Ricky Clogston, if they could fill the hole at the end of the school driveway if they do any paving this summer and to also look at the catch basin. <p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Student and Staff Privacy Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the SAU meeting, I mentioned joining an organization that will assist in compliance with vendors and software. ○ We have joined the NH COSN agency which will give us the opportunity to receive contracts that have been vetted by attorneys. ○ The cost will be \$ 1/per student. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If contractor/vendor is new, the district becomes the contractor. ▪ If the contractor/vendor already exists, we will be covered by the existing agreement with a simple one-page signoff. • NFR Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We received notification that each district will receive \$ 4,571.19 for the purchase of books and multimedia supplies and equipment to benefit the students. • Website Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School in Sites – Gold Plan (Promotion through June 30, 2019) ○ Additional Service: Conversion from existing to new ○ ADA compliant and two days of training ○ Other features: video streaming, storage, private email, notification system • Project Aware & System of Care – update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislation: A few education bills were reviewed. 	Vote: Unanimous

10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Director Position with Canaan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canaan School Board voted to hire the positions together – one Athletic Director and one Assistant to the Athletic Director ○ Canaan would like a voice in hiring and will pay for half of the cost for the positions ○ Repost the AD position and add a Game Manager <p><u>T. Owen / J. Owen:</u> Motion to post the Athletic Director and Game Manger positions to be shared with Canaan</p>	Vote: Unanimous
11.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing update - Nominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominate Zachary Burrows at appropriate step. <p><u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to approve the nomination for the English position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lisa Kenny will continue as the Reading Specialist next year. ○ Title I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking to fill the Title I vacancies; will likely be a shared position <p><u>T. Owen / L. Gray:</u> Motion to accept Lisa Kenny’s resignation from Title I</p> <p><u>J. Gray/ L. Gray:</u> Motion to work with Colebrook to hire a Title I position</p> <p><u>J. Gray/ B. Paquette:</u> Motion to accept Dianna Lundberg’s resignation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Misty Blais is filling in as a long -term substitute for Grade 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current policy is first year teacher after 5 days. ▪ B. Beasley asked the board to waive the policy and pay the first year teacher rate starting from her first day as substitute for Grade 1. <p><u>T Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to approve waiving policy and pay the substitute teacher from the first day of filling in as a classroom teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Con-Val Lawsuit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does it mean for Pittsburg? ○ Distribution – Reviewed a handout from NHSBA with cost numbers 	Vote: Unanimous Vote: Unanimous Vote: Unanimous Vote: Unanimous
12.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Paquette attended the June 6th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curriculum subcommittee reported ○ Ron Patterson attended from the public ○ Building and Finance subcommittee discussed the interstate compact ○ Should hear about the extension on the grant to fund the continuation of the study ○ Committee will not meet in July; will meet again August 1st. ○ Sub Committees will meet during July 	

13.	Non-Public Session: None	
14.	Other Business: None	
15.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: June 24, 2019 	
	<u>T. Owen / J. Gray</u> : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Covill		