

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	April 8, 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: Tanya Young & Emily Bernhardt

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
	A public forum was held to discuss the future of education in Pittsburg. Approximately 40 community members were in attendance.	
1.	The meeting of the Pittsburg School Board was called to order at 6:55 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"> • Emily Bernhardt’s class found a dead saw whet owl on school property while snow shoeing. Tanya Young and Emily Bernhardt would like to use the owl to provide education opportunities in the classroom. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Because the saw whet owl is a species that is protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a permit is required. ○ T. Young and E. Bernhardt would pay the cost of the permit as well as the cost of taxidermy. ○ Requesting permission to submit the request for permit under the Pittsburg School District and Tax ID number as the bird will be kept at the Pittsburg School most of the time. <p><u>J. Gray / B. Ormsbee:</u> Motion to approve submitting the permit request under the Pittsburg School District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tanya Young asked if the School Board would also send a letter of support for the permit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Superintendent Beasley will draft a letter of support. 	
3.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed rescheduling the second meeting in May (which falls on Memorial Day) to May 20, 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consensus of the School Board to reschedule the second meeting to May 20, 2019 	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>J. Gray / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2019 as presented.</p>	Vote: 4 yes; 1 abstention

5.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section J Policies continued (First Reading) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JICJ – Unauthorized Communication Devices ○ JICK – Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying ○ JICK-R – Bullying Report Forms ○ JICL – School District Internet Access for Students ○ JICL-R – Acceptable Internet Use Procedures – Students ○ JICM – Bring your Own Device/Technology ○ JIH – Student Searches and Their Property ○ JIH-R – Search of Students ○ JIHB – Searches of Student Automobiles on School Property ○ JIHB-R – Student Operated Vehicle Search Report ○ JIHD – Student Interviews and Interrogations ○ JIJ – Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes ○ JJE – Student Fund-Raising Activities ○ JJF – Student Activities Fund Management ○ JJF-R – Administering Student Activity Funds ○ JJG – Non-School Sponsored Contests for Students 	
6.	<p>Special Reports: None</p>	
7.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report distributed at the meeting • Baseball and softball practices are underway; however, the weather has impacted the game schedule • Grades closed on Friday, April 5th and report cards will be sent home Friday, April 12th. • E. Sherry attended the annual Coos Coalition Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This coalition addresses the academic and social/emotional needs of children from birth to 5 years of age. • Carrie Jones, a New York Times best-selling author, will be at Pittsburg School from 4/8/19 – 4/11/19 to work with junior high school students on creative writing. • Students ages 12 and over are eligible to perform community service by helping the town of Pittsburg with the annual spring cleanup during April vacation. • Old Business: Two Pittsburg teachers are currently taking college courses and will utilize reimbursement as noted in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. 	
8.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collaborative Committee will meet again on April 4. Since their last meeting in March a sub-committee tasked with bringing alternate options to the April 4th meeting has met 3 times. The focus of these meetings is to look at alternate models to the original model 11 proposal. • I was able to attend the legislative update workshop offered by NHSAA on Monday (25th). Carl Ladd offered updates on numerous bills that are being worked on in Concord. Please know that you can find many of these bills online and if you are interested in sending testimony to any of them that we can put something together. I will address a couple of pieces of legislation at our meeting on Tuesday. • A regional GEAR UP meeting was held recently in Gorham at the Town and Country. Arlene Allard, Diane Fisher, Dawn Pettit, Colleen Clogston, and myself were able to attend. There was discussion about services for our students, upcoming events, and the July National Conference in San Francisco. The statewide GEARUP meeting is scheduled for May 29th at the Mountain View Grand. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball and softball practice is now underway. The teams have been inside for about two weeks at this point and it sure is looking like they will be there for a few more. The kids seem to be hanging in there pretty well and there is a feeling that the teams will be competitive once again this spring. • I had to cancel the collaborative meeting due to staff absences and other commitments. I anticipate that principals and school counselors will meet soon to review course requests for the 2019-2020 school year. • The third quarter is coming to an end on April 5. It is hard to believe that the year is now three quarters of the way complete. This final quarter will go quick due to a large number of events and the coming of spring. I am fully expecting that the last day of school will be an early dismissal on June 18. Please keep in mind that the Pittsburg Safety Training is scheduled for Thursday June 20th. • I look forward to working with the full SAU 7 board at their meeting on April 18th in Colebrook. 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to use a blended program for CPR/AED/First Aid training <p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> Motion to approve the blended program for CPR/AED/First Aid training for staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the air distribution system in the wood shop. 	Vote: Unanimous
10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell phone policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still working on this policy; staff has concerns 	
11.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the Community Forum and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should the School Board write a letter to the Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee (CRCEC) or attend a meeting to request continued participation in collaborative discussions. ○ Agenda item for the next board meeting: Who will represent the Pittsburg School Board on the CRCEC. • Staff nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Beasley nominated Support Staff for the 2019-2020 school year. <p><u>T. Owen / B. Ormsbee:</u> Motion to accept Superintendent Beasley's nominations for hiring Support Staff for the 2019-2020 school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Beasley nominated Christine Cote as OT staff <p><u>B. Ormsbee / T. Owen:</u> Motion to approve hiring Christine Cote as OT staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Beasley nominated Elaine Sherry for a one-year contract <p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> Motion to approve the nomination of Elaine Sherry for a one-year contract.</p> • Superintendent Beasley distributed policy CBI-R for Superintendent Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked board members to review for discussion at the next meeting 	Vote: Unanimous Vote: Unanimous Vote: Unanimous

12.	Other Business: None	
13.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting with Clarksville School Board – April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. • SAU #7 Spring Meeting: April 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Colebrook Elementary School Cafeteria – luncheon items will be provided • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: April 29, 2019 	
14.	<u>B. Paquette / T. Owen</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		