

Clarksville School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	05/10/2021					
Time	5:30 p.m.					
Location	Pittsburg School Library					
Chairperson	Michel Dionne					
Attendance						
Attendance Legend: P – Present A – Absent E - Excused						
School Board Members			Principal		SAU Members	
P	Michel Dionne			Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Heather Mitchell				P	Cheryl Covill
Public in Attendance:						

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Debra Taylor.

Organizational Meeting: Current officers are named within parentheses ()

- Superintendent Presides:
 - Election of Chairperson (Michel Dionne)

H. Mitchell / M. Dionne: Motion to nominate Michel Dionne as Chairperson.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Chairman Presides:
 - Election of Vice-Chairman (Heather Mitchell)

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to nominate Heather Mitchell as Vice-Chair.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- NHSBA Delegate (Heather Mitchell)
- NHSBA Alternate (Michel Dionne)
- Legislative Delegate ()
- Legislative Alternate (Michel Dionne)
- SAU #7 Policy Committee ()
- SAU #7 Technology Committee ()

Agenda Adjustments:

- Add Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021 with the following corrections:

- School Administrator’s report – add the apostrophe.
- Under Superintendent’s report correct spelling error on the second bullet - change heath to health.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry

- Covered under the Pittsburg School District Report

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- May Report Discussed at the Pittsburg meeting.
- Website Feedback Sought
- School Year End Plans
 - Schools within SAU #7 are planning in-person graduation ceremonies at all of our schools this spring.
 - The following dates have been finalized:
 - Colebrook HS Graduation: Thursday, June 10th at 6:00 pm.
 - Pittsburg HS Graduation: Saturday, June 12 at 10:00 am.
 - Stewartstown Eighth Grade Graduation: Wednesday, June 16 at 5:00 pm.
- Educational and Academic Outcomes
 - Our schools continue to monitor our students progress in reading and mathematics through local assessments.
 - What follows is a list of these development opportunities and a brief description. All of these events will be funded through our grants.
 1. Education Design Institute - June 21-25
 2. Self-Paced Curriculum Work - July 1-31
 3. Responsive Classroom - August 16-19
 4. Restorative Practices - August 16-19
 5. Crisis Prevention and Intervention Response - August 24 and 25
 6. A.L.I.C.E. School Safety Training - August 26
 7. Technology Training - Summer and Coming School Year - 21-22
- Long Term Planning
 - The majority of our August 12 SAU 7 Board Meeting to 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!
 - Propose that our school board chairs or their representative join me for an ad hoc committee to plan for this event. The ad hoc meeting will be held in June (tentatively Tuesday, June 8 at 5:30 pm).
 - The August SAU 7 Meeting will be held at Columbia Town Hall.

Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill – Discussed at the Pittsburg Board meeting.

- Discussed bus routes.
- Colebrook is looking to sell the remaining kitchen equipment at Colebrook Academy. We will be advertising in the near future.
- ESSER II grants are available for grant writing and submission. Under the new guidelines, Request for Proposals will be required for most services. I 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. If ESSER II and ESSER III are significantly funded I would like to explore hiring a Project Manager as part of these grants.

- Food Service Programs and Cost
Early indicators from USDA will continue free meals to students during the 21-22 school year under the Summer Seamless Option waiver. I am waiting for confirmation from the NHDOE. There is the Emergency Operation Reimbursement Cost program that the NHDOE is currently writing in the State plan. This will reimburse most SAUs with some money for the early COVID period which was March – June.
- Budget Analysis was distributed at the last meeting.
- **There are several new provisional requirements that fall under recently adopted federal COVID Acts.**
- President Biden signed ARPA into law on March 11, 2021. Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
 1. COBRA
 - a. 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. What this means to us, we will be responsible to identify eligible employees during the COBRA window, offering this benefit, add to our plan and pay for the plan. As I understand it, we will receive a credit on our quarterly report. This potential could tie up district funds for a while.
 2. Flexible Spending Accounts – COVID Relief
 - a. Under the COVID Relief act, we can extend the grace period to our employees who elected to participate in the Flexible Spending Accounts. This will increase the time to spend down funds from 2 ½ months to 12 months beyond the school year. I feel our employees could benefit from this extension as many put off doctors’ visits, and/or medical procedures during the COVID period.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Board member vacancy
 - Michael Dionne will reach out to a couple of individuals.
- Program Assurances

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to approve the general Assurances as reviewed.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Committee update:

- Full Committee met in April – Discussed various options and concluded it was difficult coming to a plan.
- Discussed the RHR financials and it was determined costs are too high.
 - Some discussion that federal money was available and discussed a new Regional High School. A subcommittee met with Brian Bresnahan from Annie Kuster’s office. Brian stated if the committee is interested in pursuing federal funds the district must have a strategic plan and a plan for the project. The federal money would pay back loans if the district received funding.

- Committee met last Thursday heard a report from the subcommittee. The committee discussed 3 options
 - A new building, renovate Colebrook high school and CTE, or high school and CTE at Canaan with renovations.
- Develop a survey for the committee members' input; Kyle Daley will submit a survey listing various options for the committee to rank in order.

Information: None

Other Business: None

Meeting Reminders:

- Clarksville School Board Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021 @ 5:30 pm – Pittsburg School library computer lab.

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to go into non-public session at 5:57 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

Roll Call: M Dionne - yes, H Mitchell - yes

- Michel and Heather moved to a classroom.
- Debra Taylor and Cheryl Covill did not attend non-public

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to enter public session at 6:40 pm

Roll Call: M Dionne - yes, H Mitchell – yes

Adjournment:

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 06/14/2021

