

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	06/14/2021						
Time	6:00 pm						
Location	Pittsburg School library computer lab						
Chairperson	Toby Owen						
School Board Members							
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
Public in Attendance: H. Mitchell, E. Blanchard, and M. Dionne							

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- 2 Teacher Resignation
- Compensation for Staff member

Hearing of the Public:

- Fred Cunningham discussed the transportation of Clarksville student.
- Neil entered the meeting at 6:05 pm
- David Covill entered at 6:05 pm
- Fred Cunningham left at 6:08 pm
- David discussed teaching in Colebrook and word is out he will not teach in Colebrook and that is not what he stated at the last meeting.
 - Discussed potential scheduling for next year. Colebrook has hired a Business Teacher full-time.
 - He expressed concern about Pittsburg students losing out of programs. David stated it did not matter if it was him or another teacher from Colebrook, but Pittsburg needs the course offerings.
- David Covill left at 6:20 pm
- Neil expressed his concerns with the form Matt Jordan was given for student sign-off for traveling during summer camp. He stated this has nothing to do with the school.
- Neil Prehemo left at 6:38 pm.

Reading of the Minutes:

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to accept the Pittsburg School Board Meeting minutes of May 24, 2021.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee: None

Policy Review: None

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry

- Discussed parent request for the early entry of their preschool student to kindergarten.
 - Recommendation by the principal, not to move a student from preschool to kindergarten due to early entrance.
- Vacancies: Consumer Science, English, Math, and Art.
 - Several applications have been received for the English position.
 - Debra Taylor would like to reach out to Colebrook to see if there are options to share staff if Pittsburg can not fill the vacancies.
- Discussed various options such as virtual offerings, p/t teacher to oversee classes.
- Cellphone use has become an issue with staff. Elaine would like to have the staff follow the same policy as the students.
- Graduation
 - The question was asked why the Music teacher was not at graduation.
 - Music services were not requested.
- Heather stated that the Clarksville Board did not receive a graduation invitation.
 - Discussed the board should receive an invitation

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- Plans for high school graduation are underway. Students are very excited and looking forward to the next steps in their college and career. This year two philanthropic foundations of the NH Charitable Foundation are offering every member of that class of 2021 an early graduation gift: a free class at any of New Hampshire's seven community colleges in the fall!
- Grant Work Our school boards have approved our plans to engage an engineer to recommend improvements to our HVAC system. These expenditures will be covered through our ESSER II grants.
- At a recent grant meeting, our leadership team prioritized school improvement strategies and plans for summer and fall 2021 which will be funded through ESSER grants. These plans include professional development for student behavior support, CPI social-emotional training, and teacher and leadership support. We are also exploring reinstatement of afterschool and enrichment programs for students, credit recovery programs for high school students, mentoring programs for new teachers and paraeducators, outdoor fitness stations for students, and more! We will provide further updates as our examinations of additional needs and school improvement needs evolve.
- ESSER III requires a reopening plan and engaging a group of Stakeholders.
- T. Jeralds asked for an exception to receive the stipend for leaving the district, per the guidelines in the CBA.
 - This benefit must meet: Retiring the position and notifies the district by January 1st.
- Included in the material is a list of program offerings and a number of students attending throughout the SAU and Canaan.

Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- ESSER II & ESSER III

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to accept ESSER II & ESSER III

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Coaches Nomination

J. Gray/B Ormsbee: Motion to approve coaches as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Summer Basketball Camp
 - Permission form for Summer Basketball Camp - remove the Pittsburg School District name from the form.

J Gray/ T Owen: Motion to approve the use of the facility with a waiver stating it is not school affiliated.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Staff members' request for Retirement Stipend

T. Owen/ B Ormsbee: Motion to deny request go with the current contract

VOTE: 3 - Yes and 2 - abstention

- Parent request for Early Entrance to Kindergarten

T. Owen/ J. Gray: Motion was made to go with principals recommendation to deny the parent request to have their child enter the kindergarten program however they are welcome to come to the PreK program.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- 2 Teachers Resignations: T. Jeralds and Z. Burrows
 - Letter of Resignations from Tammy Jeralds and Zack Burrows

B Ormsbee/T Owen: Motion to accept the resignation of Zach Burrows with regret.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

T. Owen/ L Gray: Motion to accept the resignation of Tammy Jeralds with regret. Thank her for her years of service to Pittsburg School.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Change the school board meeting from June 28, 2021 meeting to June 24, 2021.
- Cell phone policy

T. Owen/ J. Gray: Motion to approve the Principals' recommendation to change the cellphone policy for the staff to be the same as the students.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Other Business:

- Discussed the possibility of one or two board members meeting to various options regarding the future direction of the school.

Clarksville Board left at 8:07 pm

- Discussed the Preschool Program

Information: None

Meetings:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021, @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School library computer lab

Adjournment:

R. Parker/T Owen: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 06/24/2021