

# Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	December 2, 2019
<b>Time</b>	4:15 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Stewartstown Community School Library
<b>Chairperson</b>	Philip Pariseau

## Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent

School Board Members		Principals		SAU Members			
A	Kathleen Covell	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill

**Public in Attendance:**

Philip Pariseau opened the meeting at 4:15 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

**Hearing of the Public:** None

**Reading of the Minutes:**

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K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau: To accept the minutes of November 4 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Special Reports:** None

**School Administrator’s Report:**

1) What a month to be thankful! We had over 40 family and friends join us on November 14th for our Thanksgiving dinner. I received nothing but positive feedback on the meal AND on how wonderful our lunch ladies are!

2) We held a family night on November 21st, in which Mariah Coulstring and Greg Williams from the North Country Health Consortium came to discuss some great (and shocking!) information on e-cigarettes (also known as vapes, Juuls, or dab pens). Clothing is now available that people can vape from (Vaperwear.com). During the presentation, teachers took students into the classrooms for a multitude of activities. Unfortunately, we only had one parent attend the presentation, but several others joined the classroom activities.

3) Our 7th & 8th grade students were recently able to go to PHS to see a Gear Up presentation by Patrick Ross and have been invited also to view the dress rehearsal for the play “Shrek” that the Pittsburg students are putting on.

4) Code Week is December 9th-13th. I can’t wait to share the lineup we have for that week! If any of you can stop in and check it out, you’re more than welcome!

5) I have some data to share with you regarding attendance, tardy arrivals, and discipline referrals.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Kara, Bruce, Dawn, Elaine, and Arlene went to WMCC for a GearUp Presentation.

There was a meeting at the Tillotson Center. Young professionals came in to speak to Freshmen and Sophomores about life after college in the work world. Snap Chat doesn’t go away. Employers are quick to check social media before hiring employees.

NHSBA Delegate meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>.

SAU Meeting will be on December 16. Agenda will have plans for a new Superintendent.

Bruce and Karen are working with Kristin Scobie from NH Charitable Foundation.

**Business Administrator's Report:**

Cheryl asked if the Board wanted to give out the stipends to teachers this year.

K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau: To approve the stipends.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Cheryl wants to purchase the Dennis Joos Memorial Library plaque from the 19-20 budget. She will get price quotes for the next meeting.

GearUp has \$32,000 available, but this is a dollar-to-dollar match. In the past In-Kind donations have been what was used. It has become very tough to get people to fill out their forms. Volunteer hours can be used. We need someone to step up and get these forms done. Any plans for spending this money on a summer program will be on hold until we get this problem under control.

Time paid for employee to do building checks on days off will be discussed at the next meeting after Cheryl has spoken with the employee.

Jenn was given the Canaan letter for skiing at Burke Mountain from a parent. Is there any interest at SCS? Cost is \$18/day without equipment. Chaperones needed are one per level. Background checks may be needed. It's a good program, but not sure if we can get it in this year. Philip thought we should look into it.

K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau: To research the ski program at Burke Mountain.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Cheryl then reviewed the budget analysis. At this time, she is projecting we could have a \$338,000 possible savings. Last year we turned back \$307,000.

**Unfinished Business: Nursing**

Jenn, Devin, and Tanya have done some interviews. They recommended a candidate. Bruce asked for permission to hire a nurse for the balance of 19-20. Looking at January 2 as a start date.

K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau: To approve Bruce hiring a nurse.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**New Business:**

The Collaborative Committee is looking at a North Country Master Schedule. They want to be able to move teachers between schools. We could eliminate duplicate offering of courses. Could eliminate some staff. Transportation can be difficult, especially at the end of the day. Sports is a contributing factor.

Regional Committee Update: There are four proposals. They are looking for funds from NH Charitable foundation. Canaan needs upgrades. They will be meeting on December 5.

Administrative Coverage: Bruce and Jenn will meet to discuss coverage for late April to June 30 for the Principal. They will bring a proposal to the Board in January.

The balance of the meeting was spent discussing changes to the budget for 2020-2021. Some of the comments on this were: We may want to purchase a 45-passenger bus rather than a 32 for convenience in traveling out of town. Cheryl will get bids for January; Bruce recommended that the Board have a salary benefit discussion; Insurance plans need to be coordinated; we will have a Title I staff change and will need to add the nurse to insurance. Other changes may be made in January.

P. Pariseau/K. Sweatt: To adjourn at 6:05 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover  
Minutes Taker

*Adopted by Stewartstown School Board 01/06/2020*