

## Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	03/23/2020						
<b>Time</b>	6:00 pm						
<b>Location</b>	Pittsburg School Conference Room						
<b>Chairperson</b>	Toby Owen						
<b>School Board Members</b>							
<b>School Board Members</b>			<b>Principal</b>		<b>SAU Members</b>		
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
<b>Public in Attendance:</b> Bridger DeWitt, Dawn Pettit (6:25 pm), Bailey DeWitt, Dillon Brooks							

**Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Superintendent of Schools, Bruce Beasley and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Organizational Meeting:** Current officers are named within parentheses ( )

- Superintendent Presides: Superintendent accepted nominations for Board Chair.
  - Election of Chairperson (Toby Owen):

J. Gray / L. Gray: Motion to nominate Toby Owen as Board Chair

VOTE: YES = 4 / ABSTAIN = 1

- Chairman Presides: Toby Owen accepted nominations for Vice-Chair.
  - Election of Vice-Chairman (Bob Ormsbee)

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to nominate Bob Ormsbee as Vice-Chair.

VOTE: YES = 4 / ABSTAIN = 1

- Appointment and/or Volunteers:
  - NHSBA Delegate: (Bob Ormsbee) – Toby Owen
  - NHSBA Alternate: (Toby Owen) – Jamie Gray
  - Legislative Delegate: (Lindsey Gray) – Lindsey Gray
  - Legislative Alternative: (Billie Paquette) – Billie Paquette
- Subcommittees:
  - Athletic Council: (Lindsey Gray, Bob Ormsbee) – Toby Owen, Bob Ormsbee
  - Negotiations: (Toby Owen, Bob Ormsbee) – Toby Owen, Bob Ormsbee
  - Leadership Team: (Toby Owen, Jamie Gray) – Toby Owen, Jamie Gray
  - SAU #7 Policy Committee: (Lindsey Gray, Jamie Gray) – Jamie Gray

**Agenda Adjustments:** None

**Hearing of the Public:**

- To accept and expend \$525.00 for wellness activities from HealthTrust

L. Gray / T. Owen: MOTION to accept and expend \$525.00 for wellness activities

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Class of 2020 – usage of class funds (requesting to be heard @ 7:15 pm)  
See Special Reports

**Reading of the Minutes:**

L. Gray / T. Owen: Motion to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes with the following corrections:  
correct meeting date of the meeting on the minutes and mark board as present

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

**Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:**

Lindsey Gray attended the meeting on March 12, 2020. Discussion around school choice and roles of each district. Funding was received from NH Charitable Trust and funds are available immediately. The committee went into non-public session. The committee received notification that Dan Wade has resigned from the Regional Committee. Exploring other options for the location of a high school.

**Policy Review:** None

**Special Reports:**

- Scheduling: Dawn Pettit read a letter from Zach Burrow expressing concerns with splitting time with Colebrook.
- Concern with a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule as they do not have the same schedule as high school.
- Continuity of the English Program will require more combining of courses.
- Discussed Business and English courses, selling time next year to Colebrook. Board asked for a schedule to be developed with guidance counselor and administrators from Pittsburg and Colebrook. To present a schedule at the next meeting.
- Discussed graduation
- Dawn Pettit left the meeting at 7:25 pm
- Baylee DeWitt and Dillon Brooks presented a proposal to the school board for use of the senior class funds in lieu of a class trip. Board will take under advisement and address at a later date.

**School Administrator's Report:** None

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Commissioner of Education announced they might extend the 4/3 reevaluation of date for school opening.
- Administration agreed to end the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades to 3/13/20; 4<sup>th</sup> quarter courses to start as scheduled
- Committee is holding zoom meetings 3 times a week
- School offices are open 8 – 12, closed to outside visitors
- Superintendent Beasley feels that remote learning is going well.

**Business Administrator's Report:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Staff Appreciation Day (May 5<sup>th</sup>): Administration team to make a choice for a gift
- Teacher nominations

T. Owen / B. Paquette: Motion to approve the Superintendent nominations to hire staff for the 2020-2021 school year.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Coronavirus update: Messages are on Pittsburg's Facebook page; website announcements are posted by the Superintendent; currently no cases of coronavirus in Coos County.
- Quotes for Firewall and Backup: Did not receive quotes from original bid request; asking permission for the IT staff to work with a vendor to secure purchase of a Firewall and Backup Systems.

J. Gray / B. Paquette: Motion to approve the SAU and Tech staff to work with a vendor of their choice for securing a Firewall and Backup Systems.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Grant for SRO position:

J. Gray / B. Paquette: Motion to approve the submission of a grant to hire an SRO in the fall.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Staffing Adjustments: Principal Elaine Sherry withdrawing her letter of resignation
- Updates on cancellations: Superintendent Beasley is trying to hold on to year-end activities such as graduation until a later date.
- 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity

B. Paquette / J. Gray: Motion to approve the 403(b) plan as approved by the Superintendent and Business Administration

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Discuss 4/27/2020 meeting: Discuss at the 4/13/20 meeting

**Information:**

- Superintendent Search Committee: 9 applications received; Committee has interviewed two candidates

**Non-Public:** None

**Other Business:**

- Look into property located next door
- Discussed forming a committee to look into alternative programs such as a Charter School per the voters at the Annual District meeting
- SAU #7 Spring Board Meeting will be held remotely or on-site at Colebrook Academy & Elementary School

**Meeting Dates:**

- SAU #7 Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2020 @ 6:00 pm – Stewartstown Community School
- Pittsburg School Board: Monday, April 13, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

J. Gray / B. Paquette: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Covill  
Business Administrator

*Adopted Pittsburg School Board 04/13/2020*