

Pittsburg School Board							
Meeting Minutes							
Date		09/28/2020					
Time		6:00 pm					
Location		Pittsburg School Library					
Chairperson		Toby Owen					
School Board Members			Principal			SAU Members	
E	Jamie Gray	E	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
Public in Attendance:							

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Vice Chairman, Bobby Ormsbee and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

L. Gray / B. Paquette: Motion to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes as presented.
 VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:

- Next meeting is scheduled for October 1st
- Suggestion to move the meeting to in-person meeting

Policy Review:

- Policy meeting has been set for October 15th

Special Reports: None

School Administrator’s Report:

- The buses are running smoothly.
- Parents are becoming more consistent with getting the daily student screenings in on time and students are doing a pretty good job maintaining a proper social distance and mask wearing.
- The first boys’ and girls’ game are happening today, September 28th. The girls play Littleton in Littleton and the boys play Littleton at home.
- Bus evacuations are scheduled for Thursday, October 1st.
- Early release is on October 8th and progress reports will go home on the 8th of October as well.
- Professional development is on the 9th of October. Students have the 9th of October off. We are still solidifying the days and will need to reach out to the PEA before confirming what the early release day will look like. Picture day is planned for October 8th.

Superintendent's Report:

- Budget Process

Leadership team will initiate budget preparations this week. DOE's Adequacy information for resident students' district count will be finalized on October 1.

- School Funding

The NH School Funding Fairness Project (NHSFFP) is planning to host a set of regional public forums later this month and into early October.

- Leadership

The leadership team continues to meet weekly to address a variety of school operations and planning issues. Most recently we discussed updated pandemic procedures, website development, professional development, curriculum, instruction, and assessment plans. Next week we will begin to work with School and Central office administrators on budget development.

- Fall Back to School Report

Teachers and administrators report that all are growing accustomed to the new routines. As if today, there are no new CAES of Covid 19 in the district or region. Additional donations of masks have been received from the Kiwanis club and the state of New Hampshire. However, some other items are on backorder with significant delays due to COVID 19. Hand Hygiene, Social Distancing, Face Covering and Environmental Decontamination continue to be a primary focus of our school staff. Our school nursing team is working with administrators and NH Public Health. Recommendations for Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in K-12 Schools in the

- Local and State Assessments

This fall the SAS interim assessments for Math and ELA are required for all 4th thru 8th-grade students. These assessments will be administered in October. Our teachers are also administering reading and math local assessments to our students this fall. Using the results from these assessments will help educators determine how much review will be needed and what their students are ready to learn.

- Fall Sports

Vermont cleared schools to start fall sports. Our first joint soccer team match was held on Saturday. Additional games are scheduled this week.

- Teacher Professional Development

Teachers will participate in an early release on Oct 8 and a full day in-service on Oct. 9. Topics include suicide prevention, curriculum, and technology tools.

- Board Updates

The SAU Policy committee will meet on October 15 at 6:00 pm.

The next meeting of the CRCPC will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 pm. The new website is now live: connecticutrivervalley.org.

The Superintendent and Board Negotiations team met with the union this afternoon to discuss the PEA's MOU request. We will update the board in the non-public session.

Business Administrator's Report:

- The SAU has received a couple of applications for the part-time Custodian position. Would like to schedule interviews this week. In the interest of time for hiring, I would like the board to consider authorizing the Superintendent to hire, based on the recommendation of the interview team.

B. Paquette / L. Gray: Motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire a part-time custodian upon the recommendation of the interview team.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Cocurricular Sports have begun. First Soccer meet in Littleton tonight
 - Guidelines have been established for transportation
- Requesting permission to extend unused vacation leave, beyond the September 30th deadline, until April 30th, due to COVID-19.

B. Paquette / L. Gray: Motion to approve extending unused vacation time until April 30th.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Budget Discussion 2021-2022
 - Discussed Budget Considerations for 2021-2022
 - Reviewed and discussed Trust Funds, Facility needs and Support Staff salaries
- Discussed the possibility of opening the Town Library
 - SAU administration will look into the possibilities

Information: None

Other Business:

- Bobby Ormsbee and Debra Taylor met with representatives of the Pittsburg Education Association regarding the Memorandum of Understanding
 - They are looking to hire a full-time substitute teacher to be available to free up the teachers who are teaching remotely.
 - Look at the lunch schedule to see if the cafeteria can be used for elementary students
 - If full time remote, the employee will have the option to work from home or at school. They would not be required to be in school full day.

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Adjournment:

B. Paquette / L. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 10/12/2020