

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

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| Date | March 4, 2019 |
| Time | 4:15 p.m. |
| Location | Stewartstown Community School Library |
| Chairperson | Philip Pariseau |

Attendance

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

| School Board Members | | | | Principals | | SAU Members | |
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| P | Kathleen Covell 4:25 pm | P | Philip Pariseau | P | Jennifer Mathieu | P | Bruce Beasley 4:30 pm |
| P | Kara Sweatt | | | | | P | Cheryl Covill |

Public in Attendance: None

| Item | Subject | Action |
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| 1. | The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call | |
| 2. | Adjustments to the Agenda: | |
| 3. | Hearing of the Public: | |
| 4. | <p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two corrections – “Kole” not “Cole” under hearing of the public and “if” not “is” under the Superintendent’s Report. <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau</u>: To approve the minutes of February 4, 2019 with corrections.</p> | Vote: Unanimous |
| 5. | <p>Policy Review (30 Minutes) – Student Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | |
| 6. | <p>School Administrator’s Report: Jennifer Mathieu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Detective Jennifer Harlow, who was scheduled to come speak to our students about internet safety, had to cancel again due to inclement weather. We are planning on rescheduling for late April, in hopes that the weather will be more cooperative! I have been working on scheduling for the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System testing for students in grades 3-8. Testing will begin at the end of March and if all goes well, should wrap up mid-May. SCS staff participated in a very productive early release day on February 6th. Together, we spent about an hour and a half reviewing a recorded webinar discussing changes and adjustments to the new AIMSweb system that will be put into place for the start of the new school year. Afterwards, staff watched some short snippets and engaged in a few minutes of discussion regarding their “WHY.” Staff then used provided materials to paint their “WHY” on a canvas. The results were amazing- not only the paintings (which are being displayed in the lobby), but the resulting conversations and connections that were made. It was a rejuvenating activity that helped us to refocus as we move toward the second half of the year. | |

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| 7 | <p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collaborative Committee has finished with the community forums on Model 11. The feedback from those in attendance has been similar across each of the four forums. Many of the questions that are being are the same questions identified by the committee prior to these meetings beginning. These are terrific questions that feed right into the warrant article for further research. Keep in mind that the article being proposed does not bind a community to anything other than a deeper dive into Model 11. This deeper dive will address many of the questions that are unable to be answered at this point. • The Professional Development Team has been busy planning upcoming work. The March day will be held in Pittsburg and will include Nicole Highmark from NHSBA. Nicole will review the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct with staff members from all four schools. Justice Broderick has been moved to the October 2019 early release day. Justice Broderick will share with high school students in the morning and with staff in the afternoon. I also want to mention that the entire staff will be attending a training in Berlin in October that is being supported by North Country Educational Services. • Recently the New Hampshire School Board Association sent out a couple of emails. Please keep an eye on these bills and let me know if you would like to testify or send testimony regarding any of these pieces of legislation. I recently sent a letter opposing the Learn Everywhere proposal on behalf of the Colebrook School Board and am willing to do this for any of the boards. • I was able to get to Little Diamond State Park to see the high schoolers winter carnival. A huge shout out to Colebrook staff for pulling together such a magnificent event that included kids from both Pittsburg and Canaan. The weather was outstanding, and the activities were well attended. The kids were sliding, skiing, playing hockey, volleyball, and football. I saw kids dancing in the lobby while others waited in line at the Ski Bee food trailer for lunch. This was a great event! • I am planning to meet with the Stewartstown staff after vacation to answer any questions that I can regarding the proposed model 11. The one thing that I really want to emphasize to every board member and to every citizen is that the upcoming vote is only designed to further study the model. It does not lock any community into a binding decision. While this journey has been long and difficult at times, I want to thank Phil Pariseau and Skip Covell who have served as Stewartstown representatives on the committee for their time and energy | |
| 8. | <p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl informed the Board that two of their employee's spouses have passed away recently. Does the Board want to make the usual contribution to their chosen charities? By consensus, the board agreed to split the \$75.00 contribution for each to the charities chosen. • She said that the bus drivers will also have a full day of training on the Professional Development Day. • Cheryl went over the slide show for the annual meeting. Board members volunteered to speak to designated articles. • The window film team was here last week. We have \$4,086 left in grant funds. Cheryl would like to use that money to finish the window film on the front windows. The back windows are scheduled to be replaced in next year's budget, so it doesn't make sense to put window film on them | |

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| | <p>at this time.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell</u>: To approve spending the rest of the grant on window film for the rest of the front windows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The audit report is available if any board members want to read it. • April vacation is going to be very busy with all the contractors completing the rest of the projects that are grant funded. • Kara mentioned that the second microwave for student use has not been purchased yet. Cheryl said Kathleen Adams should do a purchase requisition for one. • Kara also mentioned that the northern blinking light doesn't always work. Cheryl said she would check it out as soon as the snow banks are lower. • Daylight Saving commences Sunday. | Vote: Unanimous |
| 9. | Unfinished Business: | |
| 10. | <p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewartstown Annual District Meeting: March 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm • Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Meeting: March 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Canaan School • Stewartstown School Board Meeting: April 1, 2019 at 4:15 pm. | |
| 11. | Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm on a motion from K. Covell and second from K. Sweatt. | |
| <p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker</p> | | |