

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	August 27, 2018
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	Pittsburg School Conference Room
Chairperson	Toby Owen

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **E** – Excused Absence **A** – Absent

School Board Members				Principals		SAU Members	
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reginald Parker	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Bob Ormsbee	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill (6:08 p.m.)
P	Toby Owen						

Public in Attendance: None

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	Hearing of the Public: None	
3.	Agenda Adjustments: None	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>B. Paquette / R. Parker:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of August 13, 2018 as presented.	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review: None	
6.	Special Reports: None	
7.	School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report distributed at meeting 	
8.	Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Continue to work on para-professional assignments at Pittsburg School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had a change in the program for a student which necessitated an extra para-professional • SAU #7 Administrative Team recently met in Stewartstown. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agenda included a review of the Strategic Plan, teacher evaluations, bullying and the opening day agenda. ○ It is rewarding to work with such caring and dedicated staff • New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 16th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A bus tour of the region is planned as well as a meeting to familiarize them with systems, important policies and other useful information. ○ Feedback from last year was very good. • Fall sports are underway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Numbers for the boys and girls soccer teams appear to be fairly high. ○ The teams open their season at Farmington on August 24th and first home game is August 28th. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coach Aldridge invited B. Beasley to be a guest coach at an upcoming practice ○ B. Beasley is looking forward to sharing some of the drills that were used during his coaching days. ● First day for staff is Monday, August 27th with Opening Day events held at Colebrook Elementary School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board members are invited to attend or visit before 11:00 a.m. at which time staff will attend local school meetings. ○ The all-inclusive Opening Day meeting gives B. Beasley a chance to celebrate with the staff and send an energizing message to kick off the new school year. ● Several important dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August 27th – First day for staff ○ August 28th – First day for students ○ August 31st – No school ○ October 5th – District workshop 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator’s Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Written report attached ● Student Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D. Phillips will be taking on additional responsibilities at ISHC as the Director of Quality Assurance ○ She will continue to manage the school health program and remain the direct contact for health-related issues ○ Additional per diem staff are being hired to provide services when full-time staff is unavailable. ○ These per diem staff will cycle through the schools in the coming weeks to become familiar with each school’s environment ○ Interviews are still in progress for one full-time staff member as well as additional per diem staff ○ Staff to date include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pittsburg – Tanya Young, RN ▪ Stewartstown – Judy Grimes, RN ▪ Colebrook Academy – Tanya Young, RN ▪ Colebrook Elementary – TBD (D. Phillips will cover until position is filled) ○ Per diem staff include: Sage Purrington, RN, Sandra Ghelli, RN, Jennifer Radun, RN, Carole Ferns, RN. ○ Each nurse has been advised that they may refer to a “lead nurse” (Tanya Young) for day-to-day questions and issues. ● Bus Transportation ● The NH School Transportation Association has been meeting with the NH Department of Safety, the NH Department of Education and the NH School Administrators Association to discuss the process of obtaining criminal history record checks on school bus drivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a result of these meetings, a rule is being proposed by the Department of Safety to be adopted as part of Saf-C 5704. ○ The purpose of this rule is to facilitate the criminal history records check of private school transportation providers as required pursuant to RSA 189:13-a, to one or more contracting 	

	<p>public school districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new school buses arrived and are in the process of being inspected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training is complete on operation of the lift and bus drivers will practice with a wheelchair on Monday, August 27th. 	
10.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update by T. Owen and B. Ormsbee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB members will visit each school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8/22/18 – Canaan School – 5:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Ormsbee attended toured the school to review the building for safety and student opportunity ▪ Upcoming tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9/06/18 – Stewartstown – 5:00 p.m. ▪ 9/11/18 – Pittsburg – 5:30 p.m. ▪ 9/13/18 – Colebrook Academy – 5:30 p.m. ▪ 9/24/18 – Colebrook Elementary – 5:30 p.m. ○ The Curriculum Committee met twice to look at duplicate positions and alternative co-curricular opportunities 	
12.	<p>Unfinished Business: None</p>	
13.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. DeWitt and J. Daly signed contracts for the respective job assignments as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director ○ A new staff member is due to start next week ○ Discussed staffing and residence <p><u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> To approve a staff member’s students attending Pittsburg if the residence is outside the area based on an emergency situation; this being a one-time exception not to exceed the school year and based on the parent actively pursuing local residence and having exhausted all other possibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Goudreau submitted her letter of resignation effective September 6th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A. Goudreau spoke to E. Sherry and is willing to continue 30-32 hours per week until someone is hired. <p><u>T. Owen / R. Parker:</u> To accept Andrea’s letter of resignation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley discussed the Student Activity Account <p><u>L. Gray / R. Parker:</u> To approve David Covill as the keeper of the Student Activity books as recommended by Superintendent Beasley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley distributed the Electric Supply bids from Competitive Energy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rates have been provided for several years ○ The new bid is .0838 for a three-year period <p><u>R. Parker / B. Paquette:</u> To approve the bid with Constellation through Competitive Energy.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed bids for surveillance cameras, keyless entry and window film <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting reference checks 	
15.	<u>T. Owen / B. Ormsbee</u> : To adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
16.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: September 24, 2018 • Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee: October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. 	
		Respectfully Submitted: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator