

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	3/1/2021						
Time	6:00 pm						
Location	Pittsburg School Library Computer						
Chairperson	Toby Owen						
School Board Members							
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			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 Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Action item on paid leave for teachers and support staff.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

J. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:

- Meeting has been scheduled for March 11, 2021, at 6:00 pm

Policy Review: None

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry

- The boys' varsity team will be playing in Colebrook tonight March 1st. The girls' varsity team will play the first round of playoffs on Tuesday, March 2nd.
- Tom Ledue observed instructors and offered feedback on classroom culture, student engagement in the class, and the use of technology. Worked on PLC's which is a goal under the school improvement plan.
- The leadership team has been working to find out how many staff have been trained in responsive classroom management.

J. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to approve Tammy Jeralds as the assistant principal for the remainder of the school year.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- March Report
- David Parker has accepted the part-time custodian position.

- A Town Hall meeting was held explaining the vaccine. This was open to staff in SAU #7.
- Shortly, school staff will be able to get the vaccine.
- COVID LEAVE PLAN
 - The Superintendent is proposing offering a continuance of the federal emergency leave policy for staffing. This would be available for only the following conditions:
 - Up to 10 days of total additional leave applicable
 - COVID 10 required quarantine
 - COVID 19 absence while seeking a medical diagnosis.
 - COVID 19 absence when diagnosed.
 - This would be applicable only until June 30, 2021. This would not set a precedence for future years.

L. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to approve the COVID LEAVE PLAN.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES - 4 YES and 1 ABSTENTION

Business Administrator’s Report:

- The audit report from Fothergill, Segale & Valley has completed the annual report. A copy is available at the SAU Office.
- Legislative Updates:
 - The Governor released his proposed state budget. The proposal includes a provision that would protect school districts from drops in school funding due to the USDA’s paperwork waiver for Free and Reduced Lunch.
 - HB20 - Statewide Voucher Bill. Several thousand people signed on in opposition to the bill.
 - Concerns with costing; What data has the state used to calculate this reimbursement to families?
 - Several bills (SB145, SB 158, HB623, HB608) discuss increasing Adequacy Aid for FY 2022 to FY 2021 or similar calculation.
 - HB110 – Will require all Adequacy Aid payments sent to Municipalities not directly to schools.
 - HB243 – Budget line-item determination for funding based on GL line items.
 - SB135 Hold harmless on Adequacy Aid.
 - ESSER II Funding is expected to roll out within a couple of weeks. The preliminary allocation for Pittsburg is estimated at \$ 128,404.

Unfinished Business:

- Budget preparation for March meeting

New Business: None

Information: None

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Annual Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2021, @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School gymnasium

Adjournment:

R. Parker / T. Owen: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 03/22/2021