

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes					
Date	10/14/2019				
Time	6:30 pm				
Location	Pittsburg School Conference Room				
Chairperson	Toby Owen				
School Board Members		Principal		SAU Members	
Jamie Gray P	Toby Owen P	Elaine Sherry P		Bruce Beasley P	
Lindsey Gray E	Billie Paquette E			Cheryl Covill P	
Bob Ormsbee P					
AREA Committee Meeting with Clarksville @ 5:30 pm 10/14/19 prior to School Board Meeting					

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public in Attendance: David Covill, Neil Prehemo (entered 6:36 pm)

Hearing of the Public:

1. Neil Prehemo - A parent requested their child to leave at the same time as the bus on game days so that she does not have to travel back to Pittsburg after a game.

J. Gray / T. Owen: Motion to give the Superintendent authorization to explore looking into a student driving to Canaan from Pittsburg
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Neil Prehemo - Cooperstown trip in the spring

T. Owen / J. Gray: To approve exploring the cost for a trip to Cooperstown and report back to the board
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Neil Prehemo discussed how to engage students in playing sports. In the past, the players were allowed to earn partial credit for playing sports. (look at past policy)
4. Special Reports: Neil Prehemo will report/update the board on the meeting with Jeff Collins from NHIAA.

Neil Prehemo left the meeting at 6:55 pm

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Reading of the Minutes:

J. Gray / B. Ormsbee: Motion to approve the September 23, 2019 minutes
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:

The Commissioners are in the final stages of agreeing to the Planning agreement.

The Governance sub-committee met regarding developing models for financial planning

The Curriculum sub-committee is working on staffing data.

David Covill reported that the committee is working mainly on the Interstate Compact model. The other models do not appear to be discussed.

David Covill left the meeting at 7:17 pm

Policy Review: None

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report:

Events:

For the admin day, we all went to the Polly Bath presentation in Berlin, *Teaching Social Skills*. The attendance was good; it was a fabulous day. The overall takeaway . . . In order to reduce unwanted behaviors, be realistic with your expectations, don't call a kid out in front of their peers, and be mindful of non-verbals and verbals that place a judgment on the student. A couple of examples of unrealistic expectations that were provided were don't always expect students to walk a straight and narrow line all the time; reserve this for when it is necessary, and don't pin-point a student behavior that is not desirable in front of peers or get into a power struggle with the students.

A representative from the state will be here on October 24th to observe teachers. At some point, she, per my request, will be working with instructors to familiarize them with the state assessment portal. Within the portal are benchmark testing, practice test, interim tests, and science modules. The test can be taken up to 999 times and adapts to student responses.

Games:

Today, VG/VB vs. Colebrook @ home

Tuesday, October 15, 5:00–6:30 pm - JHG/JHB @ Colebrook

Wednesday, October 16, VG/VB @ Groveton.

Thursday, October 17, 4:30–6:00pm, JHG vs. Charleston @ home

Friday, October 18, 4:00–6:00 - XCountry - Granite State @ Pittsburg

Saturday, October 19, JHG/JHB – Brighton Tournament

Saturday, October 19, 1:00–2:30 VG/VB vs. Pittsfield

New Business:

The Junior Class has PSAT testing on the 17th of October. The funds for the juniors to take the PSAT's came out of a grant but Dawn has been informed that the grant will no longer pick up the cost. The cost is \$17.00 each. Would the board be willing to pick up the cost so that all students have access to testing?

Richard March is willing to mentor the Technology Education Teacher.

Superintendent's Report:

Judge Broderick meet with the students in grades 7-12 and discussed his personal experience with social emotional behavior and

Mr. Beasley spoke to him about the loss of funds through Project Aware in the area of Mental Health concerns. Judge Broderick asked for Bruce to submit a letter explaining the concerns and loss of funding. A letter was drafted with Jen Noyes and Val Rella.

First Quarter is closing the first of November

Business Administrator's Report:

Support Staff Benefit Request – Extend unused vacation days to December 31st, due to shortage of staffing.

J. Gray / T. Owen: Motion to approve staff members carrying over vacation days until December 31st.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Estimated Revenue Update – Distributed handout with tax rate projections based on revised revenue from the budget passing in Concord. Kindergarten Aid has been removed from the funding formula, however each district will receive full credit for a full day kindergarten. Pittsburg is impacted by the loss of Kindergarten Aid since Pittsburg is not eligible for Adequacy Aid.

Facility items:

- Repair/pave driveway
- Fix culvert in front drive
- Floor tile replacement
- Siding repairs

Busing trust funds - with the contribution this year we will have approximately \$ 26,819

Discussed budgeting for Staff salaries for 2020-2021

SAU #7 received funding from the NH Charitable Foundation to continue support of the Project Aware Multi-Tiered System of Support for all schools throughout SAU #7. Total funding is \$18,500

Unfinished Business:

AREA Agreement Review

New Business:

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to approve Richard March as the Technology Education mentor

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. Ormsbee / J. Gray: Motion to approve paying the PSAT fee for students

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Nursing Services Update:

- Tanya Young has been hired for Pittsburg
- Devon Phillips has been hired for Colebrook
- Reposted the Stewartstown position
- Tanya has been filling in in Stewartstown and Colebrook as needed

Approval of Pittsburg portion of Nursing Director - Devon Phillips has been hired as a part-time Nursing Director and the costs will be shared by the districts within SAU #7. Pittsburg's share is approximately \$1,185.

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to approve the nursing director shared stipend

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Negotiations Update - Thursday October 17th is the first Negotiations Meeting

20-21 budget Discussion:

- Discussed the Catch Basin
- Siding - facility
- Bus Fund
- Discussed moving the light pole in the driveway

T. Owen/J Gray: Motion to leave the light pole as it stands in the driveway.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Information: None

Non-Public: None

Other Business: None

Meeting Dates:

Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

SAU #7 Fall Board meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in Pittsburg

Adjournment:

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Beasley
Superintendent

Approved by Pittsburg School Board 10/28/2019