

Stewartstown School Board							
Meeting Minutes							
Date		October 5, 2020					
Time		4:15 p.m.					
Location		Stewartstown Community School 8 th Grade Classroom					
Chairperson		Philip Pariseau					
Attendance							
Attendance Legend: P – Present at SCS A – Absent Z – Via Zoom							
School Board Members			Principals		SAU Members		
Z	Jamie Boire	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Debra Taylor
P	Betsy Gray					P	Cheryl Covill
Public in Attendance:							

Philip opened the meeting at 4:20 pm. He asked for Adjustments to the Agenda.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

B. Gray/J. Boire: To accept the minutes of September 9, 2020 as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Special Reports: None

School Administrator’s Report – Jennifer Mathieu

1. Unfortunately, Mr. Hook has resigned as of October 5. Mr. Kennedy is now doing 7th grade math and science until we can find someone. So far, we have no applications. Tammy Mathieu is helping. The 8th grade science is being taught virtually on Google. Joanne O’Brien is subbing in Title I for two weeks. She has other commitments after that. Betsy thanked Jen for her diligence in searching for a new teacher. Teachers are eating lunch with their students every other week.
2. Students and staff continue to do an amazing job with adapting to the new routines and expectations. They also did well with our first socially distanced fire drill.
3. IT spent a day in the building on September 17th and were able to address several issues and concerns for teachers. We are hoping that when the new equipment arrives, things may get better. Jen has also spent a great deal of time working on the new website. It’s going to be fantastic. It’s much more user friendly.
4. A family has requested that their 3rd and 5th grade students be allowed to walk to and from school to Northern View. They walk on a path behind the houses rather than on Route 3. Usually a high school student walks with them.

P. Pariseau/B. Gray: If not walking with older students, they must ride a bus or be picked up by parents.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

5. Teachers are stressed already. We have five students learning remotely. Philip asked her to please thank the staff for all their efforts.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:

1. Dr. Taylor reported on the Budget Process
 - a. Teacher requests to principals by end of October
 - b. SAU and School Administrators will finalize their draft proposals in November
 - c. SAU Board will review and approve the SAU budget on November 12
 - d. SAU Public Hearing will be on December 10
 - e. District budgets will be approved by Boards in January
 - f. District Public Hearings will be held in February
2. School Funding
 - a. NH School Funding Fairness Project (NHSFFP)
3. Leadership team continues to meet weekly
4. No new cases of COVID 19 in the district or region
5. New SAU 7 Website will be live by mid October
6. Local and State Assessments for Math and ELA for all 4th through 8th grade students will be administered in October
7. Fall sports will start this week
8. Teachers will participate in professional development during early release on October 8 and full day in-service on October 9
9. SAU Policy committee will meet on October 15
10. CRCC met on October 1. Their new website is now live.
11. She has reached out to other superintendents to see if they know of a teacher who might be available for SCS.

Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill:

1. Budget analysis was distributed at the board meeting
2. Transportation
 - a. We are reaching student capacity on a couple of bus routes; therefore, changes will be made reflecting pickup and drop off times. Requests are coming in altering primary location points.
3. Preliminary Budget Discussion
 - a. Future Facility Work
 - b. Review Trust Fund Accounts
 - c. Proposed salaries for 21-22
4. Vacation Time
 - a. Policy is that vacation time can carry over to September 30. One individual has two days that he wants to carry over to April vacation

B. Gray/P. Pariseau: Due to COVID, full time hourly personnel can carry over vacation time to April 2021

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Jamie out of meeting at 5:20 pm.

5. We need a board member to serve on the Tech Committee. Philip volunteered

Unfinished Business: None.

Information:

Regional Committee met on October 1. Articles of Agreement were discussed. Attorneys from Vermont and New Hampshire will work on an Interstate School District. More information about

this will be on the website: connecticutrivercollaborative.org. Black River Design firm provided a model to upgrade Canaan. Now Dan Hebert will do one with input from the Committee at no cost to the districts. Voting on the final model for high school will be done at a special meeting. All school districts will vote on the same day.

Other Business:

Cheryl presented possible wording for plaques. Approximate cost will be \$484.50 each. She will speak to Aaron Joos about wording for the library plaque.

Jennifer Mathieu left at 6:07 pm.

POLICIES:

AC	Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
ACAA	Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
ACAA-R	Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
ACAB	Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
ACAB-R	Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
EBCF	Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

B. Gray/P. Pariseau: To adopt the above six policies as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

The board asked that they be notified immediately the next time a staff member decides to leave employment.

Meetings:

Next meeting for Stewartstown School Board will be November 2, 2020 at 4:15 pm.

SAU 7 Board Meeting: November 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Columbia Town Hall.

B. Gray/P. Pariseau: To adjourn at 6:17 pm.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
Minutes Taker

Adopted 11/02/2020