

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes							
Date		09/14/2020					
Time		6:00 pm					
Location		Pittsburg School Conference Room					
Chairperson		Toby Owen					
School Board Members			Principal			SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	E	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	E	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
Public in Attendance: Clarksville Board (Michael Dionne, Heather Mitchell), David Covill and Jessica Haynes							

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Vice Chairman Bob Ormsbee and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Non-Public Session

David Covill and Jessica Haynes entered at 6:10 pm.

Hearing of the Public:

- Motion to accept and expend ESSER Funds (CARES ACT) in the amount of \$28,961.80 for salaries, professional development, supplies, materials, technology and equipment to assist the schools through the impact of COVID-19 outbreak.

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to accept CARE Funds in the amount of \$28,961.80

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- David Covill and Jessica Haynes
 - David Covill as PEA Representative discussed issues and concerns regarding Remote Learning and the need for more direction.
 - Discussed the number of duties assigned to teachers
 - Jessica Haynes – explained her concerns with teaching a remotely
 - She is preparing separate lessons for remote learners as well as working with her students in class to catch up
 - Jessica discussed early student assessments and their results
 - The PEA has submitted an MOU to the school board and Superintendent to assist with planning for COVID 19 school year.
 - Should be negotiated with the school board negotiating team.
 - Teachers negotiating team would like to meet with the Pittsburg Board negotiation team and schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

David Covill and Jessica Haynes left the meeting at 6:22pm

Reading of the Minutes:

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to approve the August 24, 2020 minutes as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:

- The September Committee meeting was cancelled

Special Reports:

- Opening Day Enrollment
 - Discussed opening day enrollment throughout the SAU.
 - Overall the SAU is down 45 students (this excludes Preschool)

School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry

- See attached
- Seniors wrote a letter asking if they can leave at 1:46 pm (remove study hall) as a senior privilege.
 - School Board discussed seniors leaving at lunch time.

J. Gray / B. Ormsbee: Motion to allow the seniors to leave at lunch (1:46 pm) providing parents sign-off for seniors to leave early.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- See attached
- Dr Taylor has visited the school several times since the opening
- Great start to the school year
- Trying to secure technology for students and supplies for the building
- Two interviews have taken place for the Curriculum coordinator
- VLAC is closed to high school students at this point.
 - Monitoring for openings
 - State allocated more funds to VLAC to fill staffing positions
- The in-service day covered
 - Social Emotional
 - Remote Learning
- Received a request for negotiations with the Teachers Union
 - Teachers union submitted a Memorandum of Understanding

Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill

- See report
- Distributed a breakdown of enrollment for Pittsburg School
 - Total enrolled 77 students (remote learners and home school)
- Health Trust will be returning surplus funds. They will determine the amount per district after the board of directors meet in October.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced they will not cover items such as facemasks, extra desks, chairs, cleaning supplies, and barriers such as Plexiglass
- USDA has announced students may eat free through December 31st or until funds run out

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Fire Prevention Week October 4th – 10th
 - Lindsey Gray asked if the students could participate in Fire Prevention Week
 - Could be held at the school this year and distribute materials in bags
- Next meeting September 28, 2020
- Discussed Fall Sports Schedule
 - Schools in the southern part of the state have reported COVID cases tied back to the school.
 - Vermont will determine if games can be played on September 21st

Michel Dionne and Heather Mitchell left at 7:30pm

Other Business:

- Non-Public session
 - Invited in to the meeting: Debra Taylor and Cheryl Covill

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) - personnel matter at 7:31 pm.

Roll Call Vote: J. Gray – yes; L. Gray – yes; B. Ormsbee – yes

- Discussed staffing concerns during the COVID school year

L. Gray / B. Ormsbee: Motion to return to Public Session at 8:02 pm.

Roll Call Vote: J. Gray – yes; L. Gray – yes; B. Ormsbee – yes

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectively Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 09/28/2020