Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	April 1, 2019
Time	4:15 p.m.
Location	Stewartstown Community School Library
Chairperson	Philip Pariseau

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent

	School Board	Men	nbers		Principals		SAU Members
P	Kathleen Covell (4:20)	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Emily & Eldon Haynes; Arlene Allard, Patricia Grover (minute taker)

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm by Superintendent Bruce Beasley He asked for a nomination of chairperson:	
	K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau: To elect Philip Pariseau as Chairman.	Vote: Unanimous
	Philip presided over the meeting and nominated Kara Sweatt as Vice-Chairman	
	P. Pariseau/K. Sweatt: To elect Kara Sweatt as Vice-Chairman	Vote: Unanimous
	Appointment and/or Volunteer for the following positions: NHSBA Delegate NHSBA Alternate Legislative Delegate Legislative Alternate Budget Committee Budget Committee Alternate SAU #7 Policy Committee Nathleen Covell Kathleen Covell Kathleen Covell Kara Sweatt Kathleen Covell Kara Sweatt	
	K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To keep all positions the same as last year.	Vote: Unanimous
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda: Hearing of the Public – Emily & Eldon Haynes	
3.	Hearing of the Public: Philip acknowledged Emily and Eldon. Emily stated that due to the closing of the Dennis Joos Memorial Library located at the town office building, she was suggesting that the Stewartstown Community School library be named after Dennis. Bruce asked if she was just asking to name the school library or did she want the town library integrated into the school. Emily was only asking to name the school library. Bruce recommended holding a public forum on May 6, 2019 at the start of the school board meeting (4:15 pm). The Board could then take action at the next	
	meeting. Emily stated that portions of Route 3 have been named after the State Troopers, but now there would be nothing in memory of Dennis due to the closing of the	

	town library. Emily and Eldon left at 4:30 pm	
	Arlene Allard entered the meeting at 4:30 pm to request more gardens. She would like to have eight more gardens that are 2' x 8'. The students and the classroom teachers are interested. The after-school program grant will pay for these. They will be positioned so it will not be a problem for Dennis to mow.	
	Arlene also stated that the annual GearUp conference will be in San Francisco in July. This year one parent and one student will attend: Ashley & Jayden Hodge. This will be paid for by the grant. Arlene left at 4:35 pm.	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: • Minutes of March 4, 2019	
	K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To approve the minutes of March 4, 2019 as presented.	Vote: Unanimous
5.	• Jenn has letters from two parents regarding Kindergarten next year. One child misses the cut-off date by a couple of months. The other child by 15 days. Jen and Laurel will meet with the children before the May school board meeting. Parents understand that if the children are not successful, they will have to repeat kindergarten the following year. Bruce said they needed to do very thorough testing before admitting entrance. Also, if the beginning of the school year doesn't go well, then the child should be refused at that point. Jen will have the parents sign a	
	document agreeing to this. By consensus, the Board approved	
	 The Science Fair was a great success. Testing Season is underway. Unfortunately, we had a bed bug sighting recently. Steps and measures have been taken to alleviate this problem. Children Stage Adventures will be here the week prior to vacation. It has been 12 years since they were here. The entire school will participate. 	
6.	Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley	
0.	 The collaborative committee met on March 14th. This meeting focused on filling vacant seats on the committee, revisiting our ethics to assure that the committee was following established expectations, and a beginning conversation about potential models. The Professional Development Team had a terrific daylong event planned on Friday the 22nd. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and I cancelled the afternoon sessions and sent the staff home after lunch. 	
	 I was able to attend the legislative update workshop offered by NHSAA on Monday, the 25th. The case of bed bugs is being handled similar to how we handle a lice situation. This includes working with the impacted student and family, monitoring the school with the use of traps, and steam cleaning the identified area on a regular basis. I was at SCS during Read Across America week. I want to thank Mrs. 	

Placey for providing me with two books that were great for the assembled ages. We were able to do a little singing and dancing to these stories, which is always fun. • A regional GearUp meeting was held recently in Gorham. Arlene Allard, Diane Fisher, Dawn Pettit, Colleen Clogston and I were able to attend. The statewide GearUp meeting is scheduled for May 29th at the Mountain View Grand. Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill	
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K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve \$258.00 for night bell paging system	Vote: Unanimous
 The window film and surveillance cameras will be installed during April vacation. Requested annual licenses for iPads at a cost of \$5.50 each. Approximately \$600 for one year. 	
K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve the licenses.	Vote: Unanimous
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Facilities and Grounds

JICG-R – Disciplinary Procedures for Tobacco Products Ban – Students

JICH - Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

JICH-R – Student Alcohol and Drug Use Policy

Policies were reviewed by the Board. Kathleen Covell was not comfortable approving them at this time because she has not had a chance to read them.

Bruce and Jen reviewed the JICG and JICG-R policies. Jen showed the board what a Jewel looks like. She had confiscated from a student. They felt it was important to vote on this updated policy now because the disciplinary procedures have changed.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To approve policies JICG and JICG-R as written

The balance of the policies will be discussed at the next meeting.

K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve the new garden beds.

Bruce nominated the following Staff members. Grade levels are tentative. Salaries are as budgeted.

Probationary:

Sierra Saari Grades 6-8 Vote: Unanimous

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K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To approve the employment of Sierra Saari

Laurel Hemon

Rebecca Hodge

John Kennedy

Sharon Ricker

Dorothy Stebbins

Samantha Stebbins

Alvssa Wonkka

Margaret Miller

<u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt</u>: To approve employing the teachers listed above.

Jennifer Mathieu Principal (220-day contract)

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To approve employing Jennifer Mathieu as principal with

a 220-day contract.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To employ John Kennedy as Title I Director depending

upon receipt of Title I funds.

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To employ Alan Farnsworth as Library Consultant Vote: Unanimous

K. Covell/K. Sweatt: To employ Dan Wade as Art Teacher, Grades K – 8

K. Sweatt/K. Covell: To employ the following people in positions noted:

Arlene Allard Paraprofessional Beth Howes Paraprofessional

Tammy Mathieu	•	
Candace Placey Sam Thatcher	Library Assistant Paraprofessional	
Kathleen Adams		
Dennis Rainville	•	
Yvonne Burrill	Bus Driver	
Donald Knapp	Bus Driver	
Christine Cote	Occupational Therapist	
K. Covell/K. Sweatt	: To employ Dorothy Stebbins as assistant principal.	Vote: Unanimous
K. Covell/K. Sweatt	: To employ Carl Harris as water well monitor.	Vote: Unanimous
K. Sweatt/K. Covell	: To go into nonpublic session at 5:35 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3(c) – Student and Personnel matters.	Vote: See Roll Ca
Roll Call Vote: K. Sv	weatt – Yes; K. Covell – Yes; P. Pariseau – Yes	Vote: See Roll Ca
Jenn Mathieu was i	nvited into the non-public session.	
	Respectfully Subm	 nitted,
	Patricia E. Grover,	Minutes Taker
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Respectfully Submitted, Bruce Beasley, Superintendent