

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	August 26, 2019
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	Pittsburg School Conference Room
Chairperson	Toby Owen

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** - Present **E** - Excused Absence **A** - Absent

School Board Members				Principals		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						

Public in Attendance: Jennifer Krowl, David Covill

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson, T. Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <p>Jennifer Krowl asked the board if they would allow her daughter to attend Colebrook. They have made an offer on a house in Colebrook, but are temporarily living in Pittsburg.</p> <p><u>B. Paquette/ J Gray:</u> To allow her daughter to attend Colebrook as long as Colebrook does not charge tuition</p> <p>Jennifer Krowl left the meeting at 6:14pm</p> <p><u>B. Ormsbee/J Gray:</u> To expend \$ 5,491 from the Building Expendable Trust Fund to purchase and install the access control equipment.</p>	<p>Vote:4- yes, 1 - abstention</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
3.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing Update • Nursing Services • Approve Regional Interstate Compact 	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>T. Owen/ B. Paquette:</u> To accept the minutes with the following changes: Correction on the minutes: # 2 Template shared” with” the committee #7 add B. Paquette Arriving to the school 7:40am remove “d” #9 “increased”</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review: None	
6.	Special Reports: None	

7.	<p>School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <p>Events: New staff training was on August 22nd. Bruce provided a bus tour of the area; Cheryl and Bruce covered policies and procedures; Mandie Hibbard discussed special education procedures and laws; Jenn Mathieu discussed MMS and the school web site; Kim Wheelock discussed My Learning Plan; and Elaine covered important forms.</p> <p>Soccer practice began on the 19th of August and the first game will be in Gorham on August 30th at 4:00 pm.</p> <p>Today, August 26th, instructors came back. We spent the first half of the day in Colebrook. Bruce, Mandie and Cheryl discussed policies and procedures. New staff was introduced and The Pathfinders Award(s) were presented to recipients.</p> <p>First day of School will be tomorrow, August 27th, 2019.</p> <p>Old Business:</p> <p>Mobile Device Policy: The policy states no headphones in the classroom. The staff would like clarification. Also, there would be a need for headphones in VLAC's courses and alike. Are headphones permitted during running in physical education?</p> <p>Principal Recommended new staff mentors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Sweatt for Brian Krowl • Tammy Jeralds as a mentor for Zack Burrows, • April Wallace for Andrew Madinyin, • In-house mentor David Covill for the woodworking instructor. <p>Contracts will need to be issued to assigned mentors of \$500.00 per mentor.</p> <p>T. Owen/L Gray: To hire Tammy Jeralds, David Covill, April Wallace full year mentor@ \$ 500 each and Kim Sweatt for half a year with a stipend of \$250.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
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8.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <p>Bruce took the new staff on a bus tour on August 19, 2019 and completed the day with polices and procedure. Substitute teachers received training from Superintendent Beasley.</p> <p>Administrative team meeting on Monday discussing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation for the year • Leading the districts • Discuss the Creative students <p>August 26, 2019 was an Administrative Day with all staff throughout the SAU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered Policies • Discussed student • Recognition for years of Service • Pathfinder Award – Pittsburg was awarded to April Wallace <p>Pittsburg Alumini – Luke Merrill was inducted into the NHTI Hall of Fame</p>	
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <p>Update on the Dust Collection System</p> <p>Met with Bus Drivers - reviewed and discussed bus routes</p>	
10.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will meet on September 5, 2019 • The committee met with Commissioner Edelblut and Commissioner French from Vermont and gave them an overview of the committee work • Drafted a compact for the Planning Committee and asked the Commissioners to sign. The commissioners held off signing the compact until they are certain the school boards are representative of the committee • Asking the board to approve Billie, Lindsey and David to represent the Pittsburg board in the planning committee • Sub Group should be looking at Collaboration, Cooperative, etc. with the interstate. <p>New Business</p> <p>T. Owen/B Paquette: To approve the board appointed regular committee members to also serve as representative to explore the interstate compact as a possible option and other options.</p> <p>David Covill left the meeting at 7:15pm</p> <p>Staffing Update:</p> <p>Music Position - The staff member will work 3 days in Pittsburg and 1 day a week in Colebrook. Discussed prorating benefits and Colebrook reimbursement</p> <p>J Gray/T Owen: To approve prorating benefits with Colebrook reimbursements.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

	<p>Nursing Services: Superintendent Beasley has been working with Kevin Kelly CEO (ISHC), over the past couple of months to secure nursing services . Kevin Kelly was interviewing for nursing services and needed a response within 24 hours. Bruce discussed a couple of options sharing the Pittsburg nurse with Colebrook and Stewartstown, if needed to fill in. Kevin Kelly terminated services and Bruce Beasley is still waiting for a return call.</p> <p>Superintendent Beasley has reached out to UCVH to fill positions for the start of the school year. UCVH is exploring option of providing nursing services for the school year.</p> <p>Discussed advertising the position if services could not be worked out.</p> <p>T. Owen/ J Gray: Motion to advertise for a fulltime nurse</p> <p>Canaan SU office notified the school districts CTE rate will be \$ 3,600 this coming year, which is a reduction of \$ 5,900 over prior year.</p> <p>T Owen/B Ormsbee: To approve entering into a 3 year agreement with Primex for Worker’s Compensation</p> <p>T Owen/ B Ormsbee: To approve the SAU entering into a three year agreement with Primex, based on Pittsburg SAU vote.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
11.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed Technology classes in the future 	
13.	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCVH donated \$ 184.18 toward unpaid student lunch 	
14.	<p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting September 9, 2019 at 6:00pm 	
15.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>T Owen/J Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Cheryl Covill Business Administrator</p>		

Adopted by Pittsburg School Board 09/09/2019