

## Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	05/24/2021						
<b>Time</b>	6:00 pm						
<b>Location</b>	Pittsburg School library computer lab						
<b>Chairperson</b>	Toby Owen						
<b>School Board Members</b>							
<b>School Board Members</b>				<b>Principal</b>		<b>SAU Members</b>	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
<b>Public in Attendance:</b> Dawn Pettit and David Covill							

**Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Parent request for student early entry.
- Non-Public session at the end of the meeting.

### Hearing of the Public:

- Dawn Pettit and David Covill
- Dawn Pettit was presenting on behalf of Matt Jordan
  - Girls – North Country Sting Basketball 6-7:30 pm
  - Monday and Friday 7-9, Tuesday and Thursday 10-12, Wednesday Scrimmage
  - Last two weeks June, July, and 1st week of August
  - Requesting the use of the Gym

L. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to allow Matt Jordan to use the gym for girls' basketball, scheduling around the maintenance projects.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Dawn is asking for the Business teacher to return full time to Pittsburg next year. Colebrook has hired a full time Business Teacher. Pittsburg has students who could have use Business Courses.
  - Courses could be offered in Pittsburg via Virtual Learning and travel periodically to Colebrook to meet with the students.
- Senior Class Trip – Tentatively planning on June 28 – 30.
- Dawn and David left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

### Reading of the Minutes:

L. Gray / J. Gray: Motion to accept the April 26, 2021 minutes as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

J Gray/R Parker: Motion to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

### **Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:**

- Lindsey distributed the survey ranking, the majority of voting on several plans.
- The Connecticut River Collaborative Committee met on Monday May 17. It was agreed that the full committee will suspend meetings this summer and will reconvene in September.
  - Two subcommittees will convene over the summer. One will review the financial summary and attorney feedback on the articles of agreement and the second will develop a marketing/communication plan to inform the community
- Committee is split regarding what avenue to move forward with: 1 explore members selected a regional HS and CTE in Canaan and PK-8 schools in the local elementary schools. Half feel something should be put before the voters.

**Policy Review:** None

**Special Reports:** None

**School Administrator's Report:** Elaine Sherry

- List of game schedule
- Backpack were distributed by Indian Stream Health
- Class night
- Graduation
- Valedictorian
- Salutatorian

**Superintendent's Report:** Debra Taylor

- Announcements
- Congratulations to Tammy Jeralds on her selection as runner up for the 2021 Louise Tillotson Teaching Fellowship. This award was established to honor and celebrate North Country teachers in public education.
  - As a finalist, Tammy prepared a portfolio and participated in interviews last week. She was informed of her runner up status and encouraged to apply again in the coming year.
  - Tammy will be awarded \$2500. in recognition of her contributions for improvements in her classroom/educational program.
- Board Updates
- Seniors
  - This year two philanthropic foundations of the NH Charitable Foundation are offering every member of that class of 2021 an early graduation gift: a free class at any of New Hampshire's seven community colleges in the fall!
- Athletics
  - Based on the new recommendations from NHIAA the North Country Superintendents have agreed to the following changes to the current protocols:
    - Spectator choice of mask use
  - Following NHIAA's recommendation that players do not need to wear masks during competition but shall wear them on the bench, bus, or whenever not competing.
- Recruitment
  - Recruitment is underway for our Math and Art teaching positions for 2021-2022. An interview is scheduled for the Art position on Tuesday. We will keep the board posted as interviews arise.

- Due to the critical shortage of teachers in these areas I would like your permission, upon consent of the interview team (including board members) and completed reference checks, to offer the position to a qualified candidate.
- Special Thanks
  - Pittsburg staff has expressed their thanks for the school board gifts for staff appreciation week.
  - Staff has worked extremely hard this year.

**Business Administrator’s Report – Cheryl Covill**

- Transportation Next Year
  - Continue discussion on filling bus driver vacancies.
  - Received letter of resignation from Tammy Cross. She is willing to stay on until November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Facility Work
- Bathrooms by Library
  - Renovate bathrooms including tile flooring. I have received an updated estimate from Dan Hebert Construction on the bathroom which includes replacing the floor tiles, ADA compliant stalls/entrance way and replace partitions. I also asked for a price to replace the existing toilets. They do not meet the standard height. The cost is \$27,488.
- Kitchen hood and Suppression System is also on the schedule for the end of June.
  - Kitchen hood \$5,306 (increase of \$180), plus roofing work.

J Gray/L Gray: Motion to use district funds to move forward on the construction renovation projects for the bathrooms by the library, the kitchen hood and kitchen hood suppression system.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Quote for paving driveway
- Bottle Cooler

**Unfinished Business:**

- Any future school board position vacancy letters of interest should be sent to the Chairman of the School Board.

**New Business:**

J. Gray / L. Gray: Motion to approve Justin’s recommendation for laptops, docking stations and monitors.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Parents Chantal and Bill Rioux are requesting student access to Pittsburg’s kindergarten prior to the age of 5 (turns 5 shortly after the cut-off date). Understands testing must be completed to determine if the child is eligible for kindergarten.

J. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to approve the parent request to have their child tested to see if they would be eligible for kindergarten.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

**Other Business:** None

**Information:** None

**Meeting Dates:**

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021, @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School library computer lab

L. Gray/R Parker: Motion to go into non-public with E. Sherry at 7:44 pm per RSA 91-A:3(c)

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

Debra and Cheryl left the meeting.

L. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to return to public session at 7:55 pm per RSA 91-A:3(c).

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

Debra Taylor and Cheryl Covill returned to public session 7:55 pm.

R. Parker / J. Gray: Motion to go into non-public session at 7:59 pm per RSA 91-A:3(c).

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

Elaine and Debra left the meeting at 7:59 pm

T Owen/L Gray: Motion to return to public session at 8:09 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to go into non-public session at 8:10 pm per RSA 91-A:3(c) personnel.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

Cheryl Covill and Elaine Sherry left the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Covill  
Business Administrator

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to return to public session at 8:20 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – YEA; L. Gray – YEA; B. Ormsbee – YEA; T. Owen – YEA; R. Parker – YEA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra J. Taylor  
Superintendent

**Adopted 06/14/2021**