

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	12/09/2019
Time	6:00 pm
Location	Pittsburg School Conference Room
Chairperson	Toby Owen

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
@ 7 pm	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: Warren Chase, Curtis Shaw and Mike Serakis

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: Added the Snowmobile Club request and a discussion regarding the 12/23 meeting.

Hearing of the Public: Representatives Warren Chase and Curtis Shaw from the Snowmobile Club were present along w/ Wetlands Scientist Mike Serakis. The club would like to apply for a permit that will allow them to elevate the trail that comes through the school grounds. Mike Serakis shared the proposed plan with board members.

L. Gray / B. Paquette: Motion to approve the request and signed a document expressing their approval which will be part of the submitted application.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Reading of the Minute:

B. Paquette / L. Gray: Motion to approve the November 25, 2019 minutes as written.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee: Superintendent Beasley shared that the committee did not meet as scheduled on 12/5 due to an unexpected event. There is discussion for rescheduling for 12/18 and Superintendent Beasley will notify members if the meeting is rescheduled.

It is also expected that the committee will hear the results of the Black River Design Architects assessment of the Canaan School.

Policy Review: The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 12/19 at 6:00 pm at the SAU #7 office. Superintendent Beasley also shared that the IT Department is working on the structure of a social media site to be used by the school.

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: In her report to the board, Principal Elaine Sherry shared that the play, Shrek, was awesome. She attended on Saturday and said the kids did a terrific job. She also shared dates of upcoming basketball games. The Holiday Concert is 12/11; Progress Reports are to go out on 12/13; and the White Elephant sale is 12/19. Mrs. Sherry also made the board aware of upcoming ski dates 2 in January, 1 in February, and 1 in March. She is concerned with the number of required chaperones.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Beasley shared that girls varsity had their first basketball game. He shared that there was good representation on The GEAR UP panel that recently met with freshmen and sophomores at the Tillotson Center.

Business Administrator's Report: Safe schools meeting was held recently. Cheryl reports that the committee discussed writing a grant to train ALICE trainers. There is an upcoming training for local police officers which will be held at the Colebrook School. The administration is planning curriculum work for the last two weeks of June.

Unfinished Business:

Update on Ski Club – Burke Mountain. As reported by Mrs. Sherry the trip is coming together. There will be 4 different dates that the skiers will attend. The school is still trying to put together chaperones.

New Business:

Staffing Update

- Girls/Boys – 3rd and 4th Grade Basketball Assistant, Superintendent Beasley shared with the board that he thinks they have an applicant, but will need to work with Neil Prehemo prior to offering the position.

20-21 Budget Discussion – Cheryl Covill updated the board on the budget. At this point there is an increase of nearly \$200K due to health insurance, full-time Title 1 teacher, Music teacher (selling time to other districts), full-time School Nurse, part-time Clinical Social Worker, Winter Sports hosted by Pittsburg (which is offset in revenue), SAU estimated costs and \$50K contribution to the Facility and Bus Funds. The board will continue to review the budget at their 12/23 meeting. The board is currently in negotiations with the union, which could impact the budget going forward.

NHSBA Resolutions – The board reviewed the proposed NHSBA resolutions and determined that they will vote on them at their next meeting. It is unclear at this point if the board representative will be able to attend the Delegate Assembly in January.

Superintendent Beasley and Bob Ormsbee are expected to have a conference call with Gordon Graham on Wednesday morning 12/11. They are awaiting confirmation.

Information: None

Non-Public: None

Other Business: None

Meeting Dates:

- SAU #7 Winter Board meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in Clarksville
- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, December 23, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

Adjournmet:

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Beasley
Superintendent

Approved by Pittsburg School Board 12/23/2019