

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	November 14, 2016
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	Bernard Dube	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reginald Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						

Public in Attendance:

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.	
2.	Hearing of the Public: None	
3.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>L. Gray / R. Parker:</u> To accept the minutes of October 24, 2016 as presented.	Vote: Unanimous
4.	Special Reports: None	
5.	School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report distributed • School photographer has taken a group picture which will be displayed in the gallery • Plymouth State University gave a presentation on the Tiger Program. • Discussed <i>Operation Christmas Child</i> which is sponsored by the staff for parents and their children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled for November 18th at the Community Hall ○ An opportunity to fill and decorate shoe boxes for <i>Operation Christmas Child</i> 	
6.	Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Gymnastic show was successful with strong attendance • Business Leaders' Summit was held on 10/27/16 at The Spa Restaurant was well received by those in attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kirsten Silfvenius from the North Country Chamber of Commerce agreed the meeting went well ○ Active participation by attendees with excellent feedback ○ Focus on work ethic and leadership skills • Discussed sharing staff at the high school level between Pittsburg and Colebrook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complex project requiring extensive planning ○ Would improve quality of educational programs ○ Must be mindful of tax impact 	

	<p>Superintendent's Report continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed projected Adequacy Aid for FY 18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4% reduction in the Stabilization Grant over the next 25 years will impact town funding as passed by the legislative body last year. ○ Pittsburg will not receive funding this year. • Cheryl and Bruce split days at the Best Practices Conference in Concord on 10/31/16 and 11/1/16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topics included liability, updates on federal laws, harassment, school meals and building aid. ○ The sessions were very good; particularly the ones on Title IX and Transgender Students. • Negotiations are underway in Pittsburg. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pittsburg Negotiations Team has met with representatives from the Teachers' Association to begin the process of negotiating a successor agreement to the contract that expires on June 30, 2017. • Peter Chapel from Health Trust shared information regarding health insurance increases with SAU #7 board members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheryl is currently working with other providers to determine if a lower rate can be secured as we enter negotiation discussions. • Barrett Christina from the NHSBA held an informational workshop on negotiations for SAU #7 board members 	
7.	<p>Michel Dionne and Betsy Gray from Clarksville School Board entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Judy Roche entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed AREA Agreement with Clarksville and discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuition rates – recommended keeping the current formula for establishing tuition rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Term of Agreement – recommended renewing for three additional years. • Michel Dionne, Betsy Gray and Judy Roche left the meeting at 7:20 p.m. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacted two other health insurance providers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requested loss run statements from our carrier and collecting census data for rates to be established • Updating and drafting bid specifications for roof • Scheduling Technology meeting to discuss RFP for broadband coverage • In discussion with Competitive Edge to bid our electricity for the next couple of years • Food Management Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need six weeks lead time so will meet in January • Adequacy aid will decrease to zero (\$0) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reduction of \$35,370 	
9.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg/Canaan Athletic Cooperative Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be discussed at next meeting ○ Athletic Directors will meet prior to the next meeting 	

	<p>Unfinished Business continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress code change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed modifying the dress code for Grades 6 and under. ○ Discussed establishing guidelines for what is acceptable clothing for elementary students ○ Elaine Sherry distributed a draft copy of suggested policy change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Bottoms: Spandex or yoga pants are permitted only if worn with tops that meet the same height standard as short shorts or skirts.</i> ○ Requesting a change to the high school dress code regarding torn clothing in areas that reveal undergarments, or any other area covered in the high school dress code 2016-2017 student handbook, be prohibited. <p><u>T. Owen / J. Dube:</u> To approve the revised Pittsburg Elementary dress code as outlined in the draft policy as well as the change regarding high school torn clothing.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative date for second Pittsburg December meeting will be December 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. • Bids for printing school reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ T-Pine: \$1,164.00 ○ Liebl: \$1,218.98 ○ Smith and Town: \$1,316.00 <p><u>B. Ormsbee / T. Owen:</u> To approve T-Pine bid Vote: Yes - 1 No - 4</p> <p><u>R. Parker / J. Dube:</u> To approve the bid from Liebl Printing Vote: Yes - 4 Abstention - 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-2018 Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed replacing Bus #14 - 2007 Freightliner ○ Trust Funds additional contributions ○ Reviewed projected pupil count for next year based on current student enrollment <p>Consensus: Add the following to the Preliminary Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$25,000 to the Bus Expendable Trust Fund 	<p>Vote Results listed under motions:</p>

11.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: November 28, 2016 • SAU Public Hearing Meeting: December 15, 2016 at the Stewartstown Community School <p>Non-Public Session:</p> <p><u>L. Gray / J. Dube:</u> To go into non-public session at 8:23 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II(a) –(negotiation and personnel) and invite Elaine Sherry and Cheryl Covill to attend.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: R. Parker – yes; J. Dube – yes; B. Ormsbee – yes; L. Gray – yes; T. Owen – yes</p> <p>Elaine Sherry and Cheryl Covill left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.</p> <p><u>Minutes from Superintendent Bruce Beasley:</u></p> <p><u>J. Dube / L. Gray:</u> To return to public session at 9:10 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: R. Parker – yes; J. Dube – yes; B. Ormsbee – yes; L. Gray – yes; T. Owen – yes</p> <p><u>T. Owen / R. Parker:</u> Motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote: Results listed under motion</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted:</p> <p>Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		