

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	April 24, 2017
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: Deborah Sargent

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Toby Owen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Sargent distributed notification for the Art Show to be held on 4/28/17 in Pittsburg. <p>Deb Sargent left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.</p>	
3.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebook storage cabinets 	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>L. Gray / R. Parker:</u> To accept the minutes of April 10, 2017</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Special Reports: None	
6.	<p>School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Provided update on the Senior Class Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone had a great time • Reviewed the ball game and events schedule • E. Sherry attended a Restorative Practice Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focused on harm caused to others by the perpetrator's actions rather than the harm caused to the perpetrator ○ Program uses minimal shaming tactics and requires a plan of action that addresses the infractions for the offenders to be reinstated ○ Correlates with the PBIS framework • Kim Dorman submitted her resignation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has opportunity to participate in a Master's Program in the field of Science • E. Sherry expressed concern with her FY 17-18 contract. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Per diem amount is low compared to a teacher's per diem amount 	
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley attended a presentation by Judge Broderick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared a story of how mental health impacted his family ○ Issue needs to be a priority in today's society 	

	<p>Superintendent's Report Continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg High School graduation is June 10th at 9:00 a.m. • B. Beasley will be meeting with the principals and school counselors on May 2nd to continue discussion on course offerings in the three area schools 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Report Attached • Seven Pittsburg students will be participating in the Great East Music Festival on May 5th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Being held in Greenville, MA ○ Trip to Six Flags Amusement Park planned for the afternoon ○ Colebrook students also participating • Requested placing cameras on two school buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ System consists of front camera head and will include on-site installation for a cost of \$1,265. ○ Additional camera heads are available for \$245 each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rear-facing cameras are recommended to monitor the last two rows of seating ○ System is equipped to accept additional modules for future use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passive GPS antenna (shows Google map with bus and BPS coordinates during playback) ▪ Panic button / event marker ○ Funding is available in this year's budget • Lisa Kenney will continue as a provider for the Title I Program next year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She will average one day per week with assistance from a full-time para-educator. • C. Covill and T. Owen met with Roger Covill (on behalf of Chip Casey) to discuss water flow from the school yard to the neighboring brook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walked the property and observed the boundary line, ditch ownership and water flow. ○ Roger Covill appears to have a clear understanding that the majority of water sediment comes from the land owned by Chip. ○ Of note, however, is the section bordering the school should be cleaned to eliminate/reduce the possibility of water damming. ○ Recommend a wetland specialist who is familiar with the property be hired to develop a plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This would enable us to move forward with the project. • Request Board permission to build a small shed close to the school bus parking area to store supplies and protect electrical outlets • Amanda Kellner, the Farm-to-School Coordinator, will be starting on April 24th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie Moran will take her on school visits with the principals ○ Would like her to attend staff meetings for introductions and solicit feedback from staff • Advertised for a part-time custodian/bus driver based on an anticipated need of 5-6 hours per day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A more accurate number of hours can be determined once the new school schedules are finalized. • Request has been made to the Fire Marshall's office to visit Pittsburg School and discuss the basement window concerns. 	

9.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Board member needed to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee • B. Beasley distributed a copy of the ad for the Technology position to be posted in the newspaper and on School Spring. • Commissioner Edelblut will be available to meet with the Superintendent and School Board members on May 31st. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He is scheduled to visit each school on June 1st • Discussed tentative plans to share services between schools next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would increase program offerings and opportunities for students ○ B. Beasley will have more information at the next meeting 	
10.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley presented the SAU Fringe Benefit Policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was discussed at the SAU #7 Spring meeting in April; however, no formal vote was taken <p><u>J. Dube / R. Parker:</u> To cast Pittsburg’s vote to approve the SAU #7 Fringe Benefit policy.</p> • B. Beasley received two applications for the Minute Taker position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interviews will be scheduled <p><u>R. Parker / J. Dube:</u> To purchase camera systems for two older buses including a second camera for each school bus.</p> <p><u>L. Gray / T. Owen:</u> To approve hiring Ray Lobdell, a wetland specialist, to draft a plan for the wetlands area on the side bordering the school.</p> <p><u>T. Owen / J. Dube:</u> To approve purchasing three cabinets not to exceed \$2,101.</p> 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
11.	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Regional Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHSBA Board Member Orientation workshop will be held in Whitefield on May 10th. ○ Building Effective Board/Superintendent Relationships and Superintendent Evaluations will be held in Concord on May 24th. ○ NH Charitable Foundation will hold an informational meeting on May 18th in Berlin regarding Tillotson Funds Grants. 	
12.	<p>Other Business: None</p>	
	<p>Next School Board Meeting: May 8, 2017</p> <p><u>J. Dube / T. Owen:</u> To adjourn at 7:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		