

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	March 26, 2018
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	Lindsey Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Bob Ormsbee	P	Reginald Parker			P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance:

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm	
2.	<p>Organizational Meeting -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination of Pittsburg School Board Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>B. Ormsbee/L. Gray</u>: Motion to accept Toby Owen as Chairperson • Nomination of Pittsburg School Board Vice-Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>L. Gray/B. Ormsbee</u>: Motion to accept Reginald Parker as Vice-Chairperson • Appointment and/or Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHSBA Delegate: Bob Ormsbee ○ NHSBA Alternate: Toby Owen ○ Legislative Delegate: Lindsey Gray ○ Legislative Alternative: Reginald Parker ○ Negotiations: None ○ Athletic Council: Lindsey Gray and Bob Ormsbee ○ Leadership Team: Reginald Parker and Toby Owen 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
3.	<p>Pittsburg/Clarksville Joint Meeting Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In attendance from Clarksville: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Betsy Gray ○ Michel Dion ○ Judy Roche • Discussed the collaboration effort. It is going well Pittsburg has more students coming in then going out. The course list needs to be reviewed and refined. Need to do a better job presenting the courses and working with parents. Discussed additional classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Culinary ○ Hospitality ○ Plumbing ○ Electrical ○ Machine shop <p>Elaine will discuss these classes with Kim Sweatt. Mrs. Pettit is looking at</p>	

	<p>the schedule and trying to have more collaborative classes offered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarksville does not provide Pre-K classes. Next year all Clarksville students will be in Pittsburg School. • Pittsburg will participate in the regional committee discussions. • Cheryl will call NH Public Policy for clarity regarding the statement “<i>the time has passed on moving forward with regionalization at this time</i>”. • Discussed the cell phone policy • Pittsburg has applied for grants to help increase security at the school. Cheryl will be meeting with Homeland Security on Wednesday to discuss what can be done differently. 	
4.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curriculum rate of pay for teachers • Elected Board member not part of Board 	
5.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>R. Parker/T. Owen:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of March 8, 2018 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
6.	<p>Policy Review: Second reading and adoption of “B” Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA – School Board Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting • BA-R1 – Evaluation of School Board • BAAA – School Board Policies and Administrative Procedures • BB – School Board Legal Status • BBA – School Board Powers and Duties • BBA-R – School Board Powers and Duties • BBAA – School Board Member Authority • BBAB – Roles and Duties of the Board Chairperson • BBB – School Board Elections • BBB-R – Oath of Office • BBBA – Board Member Qualifications • BBBC – Board Member or District Officer Resignation • BBBD – Board Member Removal From Office • BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment • BBBF – Student-Members of the School Board • BBBH – Recognition of Organization and Operations of the School Administrative Unit (SAU) School Board • BBBH-R – Recognition or Organization and Operation of the School Administrative Unit (SAU) School Board • BCA – School Board Member Ethics • BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest • BDA – Board Organizational Meeting • BDC – Appointed Board Officials • BDB – Board Officers • BDD – Board-Superintendent Relationship • BDD-R – Board-Superintendent Relations • BDE – Committees and Delegates • BDF – Advisory Committees to the Board • BDG – School Attorney • BEA – Regular Board Meetings • BEAA – School Board Meeting Preparation • BEAB – School Board Member use of Electronic Communication Devices 	

	<p>During School Board Meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEB – Emergency Board Meetings • BEC – Non-Public Sessions • BEDA – Public Notification of School Board Meetings • BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination • BEDC – Quorum • BEDD – Rules of Order • BEDD-R – Sample Rules of Order • BEDG – Minutes • BEDG-R – Access to Minutes and Public Records • BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings • BFE – Administration in Policy Absence • BG – Board Policy Process • BGA – Policy Development System • BGB – Policy Adoption • BGC – Policy Review and Evaluation Manual Accuracy Check • BGD – Board Review of Administrative Regulations • BGE – Policy Dissemination • BGF – Suspension of Policies • BIA – New Board Member Orientation • BIE – Board Member Indemnification • BC – Organization of the Board –adding to the policy – All mid-term openings will be posted in the newspaper and filed as determined by the School Board. • BHE – School Board Use of Email • BID – Payment for Services Rendered by School District Officers. <p><u>R. Parker/T. Owen</u>: Motion to accept all “B” policies</p>	Vote: Unanimous
7.	Special Reports: None	
8.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg students will be traveling to Colebrook Elementary School on April 2nd to see Recycled Percussions. • There was early release on 3/22 for students but the teachers stayed and continued with UBD units, competencies, and were provided the option to research inquiry based classrooms or authentic, performance based assessments. • Staff traveled to Colebrook for a professional development day. Karin Hess spoke on the topic of assessment and other topics in education such as student engagement and connecting content to real life experiences. • Students in band and chorus will be traveling to SNHU for a performance on March 29th. • Surveys regarding the collaboration are being returned. They indicate that they would like the collaboration to continue. • Looking to plan a movie night in April. 	
9.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The collaboration survey window closes Friday. Bruce will bring to the next Board meeting the results of the survey. The collaboration team is continuing to plan for fall and continues to meet to review needs and assignments. • Karin Hess began working with staff at the March 23rd workshop day. 	

	<p>Karin is a consultant and works with staff in the area of developing assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 14th was the second missed school day. The new date for the last day of school will now be June 18th. If there are no other cancelled days Bruce will request from the Board a waiver for this day. There are ample instructional minutes to meet the state requirements. The teachers will need to come in to complete their contract hours of 184 days. • Voting day went off without a hitch. Local police and staff did a nice job monitoring the halls and assuring that voters made it into the voting area without any disruption to the school or student learning. • March 26th the Clarksville and Pittsburg School Boards will hold their joint meeting. • The number participating in spring sports is low. Still hoping for additional players to come forward. • Bruce spent time in Pittsburg on Tuesday. It was nice to observe so many students working hard in their classrooms. Many students were finishing up projects that will be displayed in the District Art Show that will be held in Colebrook this year. Also had the chance to speak to a senior this year that has taken advantage of the dual enrollment courses and will be attending NHTI next year to study Criminal Justice. • The hiring process has been completed for the para-professional. At this point the Pittsburg staff is settled at 100%. As of right now there are no staffing vacancies for the 2018-2019 school year. • SAT testing is complete but NH testing is still going on. 	
10.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are several staff members out due to various reasons. • A team from Homeland Security, local law enforcement and administrators will be here Wednesday to update the School Physical Security Assessment as well as discuss changes based on events taking place throughout the country. • The Farm to School Grant has been approved for \$6,800. • Health Insurance rates will remain at the 15.2% increase. • Changes to the bussing schedule – Ron will work the 11:00 am run to Canaan and back and then stay on through-out the day. This will start next Tuesday. • There are some safety committee concerns regarding the pitched roof snow sliding along with other items that need improvement. Will be running an ad in the newspaper for a carpenter. 	
11.	<p>Unfinished Business: None</p>	
12.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief School Budget meeting – nice job by the School Board members. The Town Budget meeting went very well. • Discuss possible next steps for the regional committee – The Board Chairs will meet at the beginning of April. Toby will need to know what the Pittsburg Board wants to come out of these meetings. Need to designate a spokesperson, target dates and the data needed. • Discuss Student/Staff Collaboration Surveys – The surveys were passed out for review. Will use this information at the next Superintendents meeting and will bring questions back to this Board. • April School Board Meeting/SAU quarterly meeting – There will be one School Board meeting in April. The SAU meeting in Columbia will be serving a dinner. Welcome to come at 5:15 or 5:30 for a sit down dinner. 	

	<p>This will be held at the Columbia old Town Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination of Teaching Staff – <p><u>T. Owen/L. Gray</u>: Motion to approve teacher nominations</p> <p>Cheryl will check with the Unemployment Office on part time positions that cannot collect unemployment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss changing the rate of pay from \$17.00 an hour to \$20.00 an hour for curriculum work. This change would be for all of SAU 7. The current grants would stay at \$17.00 but any new ones would be at \$20.00 per hour. <p><u>R. Parker/L. Gray</u>: Motion to approve rate increase for curriculum work from \$17.00 to \$20.00 an hour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Board mid-year vacancies will be advertised in the newspapers and the letters of interest will be sent to the Board Chair. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
13.	Information:	
14.	<p>Non-Public:</p> <p><u>L. Gray/R. Parker</u>: Motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91 – A: 3, II(c) personnel at 8:00 pm. Invited Elaine Sherry and Cheryl Covill into non-public session.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
15.	Other Business: None	
16.	<p>Meeting Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pittsburg School Board Meeting: April 9, 2018 – 6:00 pm SAU #7 Spring Meeting: April 18, 2018 – 6:00 pm in Columbia. 	
17.	Motion to adjourn	
Respectfully Submitted: Billie Paquette		