

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	November 13, 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:

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm	
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. and Mrs. Fysh presented to discuss an incident that occurred at school on Monday, November 13th between their grandson and another student. They were assured that the local police were contacted. Discussed having a consistent person available for discipline issues when Principal Sherry is away from the building. 	
3.	Agenda Adjustments: None	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>L. Gray/T: Owen:</u> To accept the minutes of October 23, 2017 with corrections and the minutes of October 31, 2017 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Special Reports: None	
6.	<p>School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The basketball season practices have begun. Report cards went home on November 8th. A Latin American dancer performed for the school on November 13th. November 13th was also the fiftieth day of school and was celebrated by students and teachers dressing like the 1950's style. Discussed staffing for the 2018/2019 school year. Mrs. Sherry will review and bring schedule needs back to this Board at the next meeting. Study Halls – it is felt that most of the students do not utilize the study hall and would like to discuss replacing the study hall with activity blocks. Mrs. Sherry was asked to bring this back to the next meeting with a schedule of classes/activity blocks that will be offered in place of the study hall. Teachers are requesting that the Board vote on if they can be allowed to wear jeans every other Friday and donate a dollar to selected school events. 	

	<p><u>R. Parker/B. Dube</u>: Motion to accept Teachers request to wear jeans every other Friday with a dollar donation.</p>	<p>Vote: 4 yes 1 no</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Gage from the NH Department of Education presented on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on October 25. She also shared information regarding the new assessment that will be used to test students in grades 3 to 8. • The soccer season has finished. The team was very excited with this year's season and is looking forward to next year. There was a nice awards banquet to honor the students. • Thank you to Jim Dube who recently represented the Pittsburg School Board at the food service meeting. The recommendations from the committee will be on the agenda for the SAU 7 board meeting. • On November 9th the North Country Superintendent's meeting was held with John Fothergill and Jeff Woodburn in attendance. There was a good discussion regarding the challenges within education. • Bruce attended the GEAR UP regional meeting on November 8th at the North Country Educational Services facility in Gorham. Arlene Allard, Chuck Patterson and Melissa Shaw were also in attendance. • The first quarter of grades has closed and staff is busy calibrating students averages for the first ranking period. • Budget season is approaching and there are several meetings being planned for budget review, collaborative efforts and the review of policies. • The recent storm closed the school for one day on Monday, October 30th. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently no sound system in the music room. The equipment that has been found is quite old and does not work well. The piano is also very old and moving it around is taking a toll on the instrument. Sharon would like permission to purchase a sound system for \$200.00 and also a digital piano with a dolly to move it around on for \$1,600.00 to \$1,700.00. <p><u>R. Parker/L. Gray</u>: Motion to move forward with music room sound system and digital piano with dolly and not to exceed \$2,000.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Pearson has requested that the stipend budget for the Accompanist and Co-director/Music Director be split between her and Bridger Dewitt as they are the Advisors. <p><u>T. Owen/R. Parker</u>: Motion to split stipend between the advisors but not to exceed what is in the budge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl will be speaking to Dana Mason regarding the surveying of the property. This will include the trees, which stakes were put around today, and also the neighboring property. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

9.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Reading and adoption of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GDB – Employment of Non-Certified Personnel ○ JICJ – Unauthorized Communication of Devices <p>Changes need to be made to both policies and brought back to the next meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debriefing on Board Chairs Meeting. Bruce passed out a handout for review of all school responses. • Staffing for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep stipend for Assistant Principal ○ Art and Library • Nomination for coaches for winter sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boys grade 3 & 4 Basketball Coach– Holly Maroney ○ Girls grade 5 & 6 Basketball Coach – Sierra Saari and Alijah Stone ○ Girls Junior High Basketball Coach – Eugene Cote <p><u>L. Gray/B. Dube:</u> Motion to accept recommendation for winter sports coaches.</p> <p><u>L. Gray/R. Parker:</u> Motion to allow Superintendent Beasley to hire a coach for Girls grade 3 & 4 so season can start.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
11.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernard Dube has given is resignation and his last meeting will be November 27th. Will post position in the newspaper. • Reggie has asked that the Pledge of Allegiance be said before each meeting is added to the agenda for next month for discussion. 	
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resiliency in our Backyard: Substance misuse, prevention, treatment and recovery – November 15, 2107 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm Colebrook Elementary School Cafeteria • Next School Board Meeting: November 17, 2017 • Community Forum: November 30, 2017 – 6:00 pm Canaan Memorial High School <p>T. Owen/R. Parker: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:21pm</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Billie Paquette</p>		