

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	October 23, 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	A	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 6:03pm	
2.	Hearing of the Public: None	
3.	Agenda Adjustments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Report - Follow up discussion on parent concern. • New Business – Discuss food service meeting. 	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>L. Gray/R. Parker:</u> To accept the minutes of October 09, 2017 as presented.	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review: First Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDB – Employment of Non-Certified Personnel-(Model). <u>L. Gray/B. Ormsbee:</u> Motion to move policy to second reading	Vote: Unanimous
6.	Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sherry discussed that she has observed in the classroom the math teacher that had a parent complaint. New math books have been issued to the 7th and 8th grade classes and Mr. Covill has agreed to teach the 7th grade class. It has been worked out that he will be able to continue teaching this grade even in second semester as his class has been covered by another teacher. There are also plans for next year to have these two grades taught separately. 	
7.	School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The junior high girls and boys and the elementary students won their tournament games over the weekend. • Cooking Matters – Tammy Jerals and Heidi Barker have teamed up to bring students cooking lessons. Each student will receive guided practice for healthy meal preparation and will be given the ingredients to take home and make the meal for their families. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Store – Would like a vote to be able to bring this online store to Pittsburg School. The school would receive a percentage of the sales through this store. <p><u>R. Parker/B. Ormsbee</u>: Motion to participate in online store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed allowing the Art Teacher to engage students who excel in art to be able to paint the ceiling tiles in the art classroom. Cheryl will look into the paint that would need to be used for this type of project. Custodians would need to be the ones to put up the tiles. Once a student had completed a tile it would be presented to the Board for approval. • SAT testing – it is in the budget for the school to pay the cost of this testing. 	Vote: Unanimous
8.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff members are providing positive feedback from the workshop that was on October 6th. As the curriculum comes together for the SAU there are clarifying questions that need to be answered. This will all come together as the process continues to move forward and teachers continue to have time to work together. • The soccer season ended on October 19th. This was the boy’s first win of the season. • There was a food service meeting on October 19th at Stewartstown School. A representative from each Board has been chosen to serve on this review committee. More will be shared at the upcoming SAU Board meeting. • On November 9th the North Country Superintendent’s meeting will be held at the Highland Center. Legislators and Senators will be invited to discuss the current challenges in education. Bing Judd, John Fothergill and Jeff Woodburn have been invited. • The collaborative team of principals and school counselors met on Tuesday. There was discussion on course offerings for the second semester and balancing the course offerings starting in the fall. • Heather Gage from N.H. Department of Education will be in district on October 24th to discuss the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) application that has been submitted to the Federal Government. Staff members, community members and school boards will be invited to attend this event that will be held at the Colebrook Elementary School at 6:30 pm. • Bridgett Cross’ last day at the SAU #7 office will be Friday, October 27th. She has accepted the position of Business Administrator in Canaan Vt. Please thank her for her years of services and wish her well. 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator’s Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school tax rate has been set at \$7.58 per 1,000. This was projected in the budget at \$8.04. • Cheryl will be very busy over the next couple of months as she will be doing two full time positions. • Still looking for bus drivers. As basketball season approaches may need to ask drivers in Stewartstown for help as the two that Pittsburg has cannot work too many hours driving to games. 	

10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Reading and adoption of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GBEC-R – Drug – Alcohol Use by Staff ○ GBED – Tobacco Products ○ IHBG – Home Education Instruction • <u>L. Gray/R. Parker</u>: Motion to accept policies GBEC-R, GBED, IHBG. 	Vote: Unanimous
11.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Overview – Superintendent Beasley passed out samples of the K-8 Model Competencies. Working to certify that each student in each grade has the ability to accomplish these competencies. Eventually, this will provide a report to teachers for the students next grade level showing them where each student is at on the competencies. • Brought nomination recommendations for coaches for winter sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Girls Basketball Coach– Tim Harris ○ Girls Basketball Assistant Coach – Wayne Howe ○ Boys Junior High Basketball Coach – Eric Hurlbert ○ Girls Junior High Basketball Coach – John Daley <p><u>B. Ormsbee/R. Parker</u>: Motion to accept recommendation for winter sports coaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service Meeting – Discussed SAU #7 handling their own food service which is quite expensive and a lot of work. Will send out formal bids as there are five food management companies within the state. Would stick with Abbey Group if they are willing discuss issues with their food service. • Policy JICJ – Unauthorized Communication Devices (Pittsburg & Model) – Discussed students that are participating in extracurricular activities and they should have their phones with them on trips. This particular policy is also defined within the Athletic Handbook. Will bring this policy back to the next meeting on November 13th. <p><u>R. Parker/B. Dube</u>: Motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91: A-311 (b) personnel 7:47 pm. Invited Cheryl Covill into non-public session</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
12.	<p>Next School Board Meeting: November 13, 2017</p> <p>B. Ormsbee / R. Parker: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:16pm</p>	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted: Billie Paquette		