

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

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| Date | October 9, 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 | |
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| 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 |
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| 1. | The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm | |
| 2. | <p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-School/Kindergarten teacher Jessica Haynes presented to the School Board a proposal to purchase a shed for the playground to store toys. The funds to be used would be from what has been earned from box top collections. The shed will cost \$700.00 and would be purchased through Andy Hicks. Discussed with Mrs. Haynes to be sure that the shed when installed is properly anchored so it cannot tip over. • Brent Fysh presented to the Board to discuss the seventh grade math that is being taught. He felt the math was not at a seventh grade level. Ms. Sherry stated that this issue has been reviewed with the teacher and Superintendent Beasley stated that this issue will continue to be addressed and he and Ms. Sherry would respond to him. | |
| 3. | Agenda Adjustments: None | |
| 4. | <p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>L. Gray/B. Dube:</u> To accept the minutes of September 25, 2017 as presented.</p> | Vote: Unanimous |
| 5. | <p>Policy Review: First Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JICJ – Use of Communication and Electronic Devices-Bring policy back to the next meeting on October 23rd. • JBEC-R -Staff Alcohol and Drug Use Policy – change wording to SAU 7 from Colebrook School District. • GBED – Tobacco Products Ban Use: Possession In and On School Facilities & Grounds –(Model) Verify if staff can smoke in vehicles. • GDB – Employment of Non-Certified Personnel-(Model) Bring policy back to next meeting on October 23rd. • GDO – Evaluation of Staff – (Model) Bring policy back to next meeting on | |

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| | <p>October 23rd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDQ – Termination of Non-Certified Personnel – (Model) Bring policy back to next meeting on October 23rd. • IHBG – Home Education Instruction – (replace with Model) Second Reading. | |
| 6. | <p>Special Reports: None</p> | |
| 7. | <p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was early release on October 5th. • The Grading/Competency Committee will pass out folders for competencies for each educator and share the material learned at the in-service held in July. • There will be one hour training on the new STARR assessment, which replaced the NWEA. This test is utilized to provide a snapshot of a student’s knowledge. • There will be an in-service where Grades K-4 will be in Pittsburg to work on math competencies. Superintendent Beasley has created a template and has provided the opportunity for the teachers throughout the SAU to collaborate on this endeavor. • Below is a list of the upcoming sports games: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Varsity girls & boys vs. Profile at home – Tuesday, October 10th 4:00 pm ○ Varsity girls & boys vs. Lisbon away – Thursday, October 12 4:00 pm ○ Cross Country – Pittsburg/Canaan Friday, October 13th 4:00 pm ○ Varsity girls & boys vs. Colebrook at home – Tuesday, October 17th at 4:00 pm. ○ Varsity girls & boys vs. Groveton at home – Thursday, October 19th 4:00 pm. • Ms. Sherry discussed that at a staff meeting the teachers expressed their concern regarding the electronic devices and they would prefer that devices not be allowed during school hours. • Ms. Sherry brought up that she would like to have Emily Smith work as a mentor to the new math teacher. <p><u>T. Owen/L. Gray:</u> Motion to give mentor position to Mrs. Smith for the new Pittsburg math teacher.</p> | <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> |
| 8. | <p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, October 6th was a workshop day for SAU 7. Teachers in the PK-4th worked in Pittsburg, 5th – 8th worked in Stewartstown and the High School and Specials Teachers worked at Colebrook Academy. The purpose of this day was to make sure that all standards are aligned to the identified competencies. • Bruce was asked to be the guest speaker at the retired teacher’s luncheon on September 27th. • Bruce and Cheryl attended the Brad Kidder Law Conference on Wednesday. This conference is a great way to keep up with legal issues involving fingerprinting, restraint/seclusion and homeschooling. • The Pittsburg National Honor Society Induction was a nice event. The kids did a nice job speaking to the people in attendance. • The Pittsburg Open House and community dinner was on September 27th. | |

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| | <p>Thank you to Mrs. Sherry and all the others that made this such a nice event. Mrs. Gray did a nice job organizing the book fair during the Open House as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Gage from the NH Department of Education will be in the district on October 24th to discuss the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) application that has been submitted to the Federal Government. She will also share information regarding the new state assessment. Bruce will be inviting staff members, community members and school board members to attend this event at the Colebrook Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm. | |
| 9. | <p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The newly hired bus driver/custodian has resigned. Will be putting an ad in the paper to fill that position. • The bookkeeper has resigned from the SAU. • School nursing will be required to have a BSN in order to hold that position. • Clint Brooks and Chris Paquette will be attending the next staff meeting to discuss network security. • Cheryl brought up that it was time to vote for the Ridge Runners to cross the field for the snowmobile trail. Toby stated they would vote to sign an indefinite passage until revoked by the School Board. <p><u>T. Owen/R. Parker:</u> Motion made to sign indefinite passage for the Ridge Runners trail on the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl will get in touch with Warren Chase to see who the bill for the culvert needs to be paid to. • The Food Servicing Committee meeting has been changed to October 19th. Jim Dube has agreed to attend and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in Stewartstown. | Vote: Unanimous |

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| 14. | Next School Board Meeting: October 23, 2017 T. Owen/ R. Parker: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm | Vote: Unanimous |
| Respectfully Submitted: Billie Paquette | | |