

## Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	September 11, 2017
<b>Time</b>	6:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Pittsburg School Conference Room
<b>Chairperson</b>	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:** Brenton and Lucinda Fysh

### Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 5:57 pm	
2.	<p><b>Hearing of the Public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brenton and Lucinda Fysh presented to the School Board and reported an incident involving their granddaughter and a returning school bus from practice. On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> there was a practice at the Canaan School and a student that was transported by the bus to practice did not get transported by the bus back to the Pittsburg School. The Fyshs' were thanked for coming in and told the School Board will be in touch. Bruce discussed with the School Board that there will be an investigation and this will be discussed in a nonpublic session at the next School Board meeting.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Agenda Adjustments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add nominations under new business</li> <li>Add NH Department of Education site visit</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Reading of the Minutes:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>L. Gray/R. Parker:</u> To accept the minutes of August 28, 2017 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	<p><b>Policy Review: First Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GBEAA &amp; JRB – Confidential Student Information – Change wording in the first paragraph, second sentence add “of the” before District. -Federal Policy</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>L. Gray/R. Parker:</u> Motion to waive policy on policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>B. Dube/R. Parker:</u> Motion to accept policy on first reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCID – Professional Activities of Teachers – Optional</li> <li>GCK – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers – Optional</li> <li>GCM – Professional Staff Work Load – Optional</li> </ul>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCNA – Supervision of Instructional Staff – Recommended</li> <li>• GCO – Teacher Performance and Evaluation – Required</li> <li>• GCP – Professional Staff Promotion/Reclassification – Disregard</li> <li>• GCQ – Non-Renewal Termination and Dismissal of Certified Staff – Remove “Due Process” – Optional</li> <li>• GCQA – Reduction in Instructional Staff Work Force – Disregard</li> <li>• GCQC – Resignation of Instructional Staff Member – Recommended</li> <li>• GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff Members – Disregard</li> <li>• GCR – Non-School Employment by Professional Staff Members – Recommended</li> <li>• GCRC – Professional Personnel Consulting – Recommended</li> </ul> <p>Begin with GCRD at next meeting September, 25<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
6.	<b>Special Reports:</b> None	
7.	<p><b>School Administrator’s Report:</b> Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first day of school went well. Students seem excited about the collaboration efforts between the schools.</li> <li>• Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an off-site evacuation. This event is scheduled for 9:00 am so students from Canaan and Colebrook will have the opportunity to participate.</li> <li>• The state will be on site September 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be looking at various curriculum, schedules, school calendar and policies. Once schools get approved they are approved for five years.</li> <li>• Open House is scheduled for September 27, 2017. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and the classrooms will open at 6:30 pm. There will also be a book fair for students and parents.</li> <li>• There are many students from Pittsburg playing sports this year. The boys and girls varsity teams lost to Profile on Thursday and on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> the girls won but the boys lost. The next games will be in Linwood on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Superintendent’s Report:</b> Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first day of school for staff was August 28<sup>th</sup> and the students began on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Beasley wanted to thank Caleb Tufts for his participation in the morning activities. He did a nice job of addressing the staff and sharing his thanks for their hard work and commitment.</li> <li>• The collaborative effort of the three schools is going well.</li> <li>• At this time all of the staff positions have been filled for Pittsburg.</li> <li>• There is a school nursing concern which is being worked through. Will be meeting with Indian Stream Health Center to review this issue.</li> <li>• Weather has been an issue with school sports. However, the teams seem competitive and are keeping a good attitude.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Tammy Jeralds (Pittsburg), Alyssa Wonka (Stewartstown) and Jeanine Brady (Colebrook) as the recipients of the Pathfinder Award. This award is given to a person who helps students to find their pathway to success.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Business Administrator’s Report:</b> Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl has been busy closing the books and getting the financial statements signed.</li> <li>• Dana Mason has agreed to come and survey the property line.</li> <li>• The school’s piano was purchased about 25 years ago. Some repair work</li> </ul>	

	<p>has been done to it and it seems to be working fine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The newest bus driver is still in training. He is working on getting his CDL. The bus borrowed from Stewartstown is working out well.</li> <li>• Cheryl was able to find fire retardant paint for the two steps that needed to be installed. They should be installed next week.</li> <li>• There are two windows in the library that will need to be looked at. Cheryl will set this up.</li> <li>• A new bus drop off has been requested by a parent. Cheryl will be looking into this to see if it can be done.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill has been received regarding the culvert that was put in on the emergency exit property. It appears that they are requesting that half of the bill get paid as opposed to half of the culvert. Toby will price the culvert at Hicks Lumber and this will be discussed again at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gear up NH – The Stewartstown School Board approved stipends to work with a Gear up NH Coordinator. Looking for a Pittsburg Staff person to do the same.</li> <li>• Nomination – Bruce would like to nominate Diane Payne for the Para-Professional position.</li> </ul> <p><u>R. Parker/L. Gray</u> – Motion to hire Diane Payne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to seek approval for Sharon Pearson, Music Teacher; to put on the play <i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i> with Bridger DeWitt as Advisor and Deb Sargeant as Set Designer.</li> </ul> <p><u>R. Parker/L. Gray:</u> Motion to accept <i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i> as the Pittsburg Play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting of the Board Chairs is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> in Canaan to discuss extending the schools collaboration into the second semester.</li> </ul> <p><u>B. Dube/L. Gray:</u> Motion to extend collaboration into second semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new math teacher is doing very well.</li> <li>• Bruce will respond to Julie Roy with a letter stating the School Board appreciates her coming in and at this time there is no interest in purchasing her property.</li> <li>• The New Hampshire Department of Education will be in the Pittsburg School for a site visit on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Bruce passed out a sample agenda and also information on the visit including items to be gathered and sent to them before the visit. They would also like to meet with three Board members; Jim, Bob and possibly Reggie will be available on that day.</li> </ul>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
13.	<p><b>Other Business: None</b></p>	

14.	<p>Next School Board Meeting: September 25, 2017</p> <p><u>R. Parker/B. Ormsbee</u>: Motion to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>_____ / _____ Regular business meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted: Billie Paquette		