

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	April 29, 2019
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	Jamie Gray	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Bob Ormsbee	E	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Toby Owen						

Public in Attendance: Tanya Young, Emily Bernhardt, Heather Mitchell

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting of the Pittsburg School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Mitchell attended as a member of the Clarksville School Board. • Tanya Young and Emily Bernhardt entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated the board on the permit application for the Saw Whet owl ○ Requested the tax ID number and letter of support to complete the process ○ B. Beasley will work with Tanya on completing the application 	
3.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss June 17 and 18 attendance • Reminder – Second meeting in May is May 20th. 	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>B. Ormsbee / J. Gray:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of April 8, 2019 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section J Policies : (SAU #7) – Second Reading & Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JICK – Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying ○ JICK-R – Documentation of Bullying ○ JICL – School District Internet Access for Students ○ JICL-R – Student Acceptable Technology Use & Code of Conduct ○ JICM – Bring Your Own Device/Technology ○ JIH – Student Searches and Their Property ○ JIH-R – Search of Students ○ JIHB – Searches of Student Automobiles on School Property ○ JIHB – R – Student Operated Vehicle Search Report ○ JIHD – Student Interviews and Interrogations ○ JIJ – Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes ○ JJE – Student Fund-Raising Activities ○ JJJ – Student Activities Fund Management ○ JJJ-R – Administering Student Activity Funds ○ JJG – Non-School Sponsored Contests for Students 	

	<p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray</u>: Motion to approve policies JICK-JJG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section J Policies (SAU #7) – First Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics ○ JJIF – Guidelines for Proper Sportsmanship ○ JJJ – Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter School and Home -Educated Pupils ○ JKA – Corporal Punishment ○ JKB – Detention of Students ○ JKB-1 – Detention Procedure ○ JLA – Student Insurance Program ○ JLCF – Wellness ○ JLCK – Special Physical Health Needs of Students ○ JLDBA – Behavior Management and Intervention ○ JLDBA-1 – Suicide Prevention ○ JLDBA-2 – Suicide Prevention Procedure ○ JLF – Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect ○ JLF-R – Child Abuse or Neglect School Posting ○ JLI / EB – Joint Loss Management Committee ○ JLIA – Supervision of Students ○ JLIE – Student Motorized Vehicle Use ○ JLIE-R – Student Motorized Vehicle Use – Permit Application ○ JQ – Student Fees, Fines and Charges ○ JRA – Student Records and Access – FERPA ○ JRB / GBEEA – Confidential Student Information ○ JTA – Weather Guidelines for Outdoor Play • Section J Policies: (District) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JJA – Student Activities & Organizations ○ JJA-R – Student Athlete Eligibility 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
6.	<p>Special Reports: None</p>	
7.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report distributed at the meeting • Events: The school is on spring break from April 22-26th. A total of eight students participated in the annual spring cleanup. • Blooming Readers: Ann Gray will be tallying up the minutes read during the annual Blooming Reader’s event, which requires students log a minimum of 100 minutes of reading weekly. Prizes and Pride cards will be awarded upon completion. • Games: Pittsburg-Canaan played Lisbon on April 19th. The boys beat Lisbon 17-12; the girls lost. Littleton beat Pittsburg-Canaan 16-11 on Monday, April 22nd. The girls lost. I do not have the girls score. • Prom: May 4th, 5:30-10:00 PM. It will be at the Spa. • Heritage Trip: The annual Heritage Trip will be from April 30th-May 5th. The Broadway show the students is King Kong. I went in December with my family. The show was amazing! In addition to New York City, the students will be 	

visiting Washington DC and partaking in the usual DC tours. The Pittsburg Chaperone is Tammy Jeralds.

- **Field Trip:** The first grade students in Mrs. Merrill's class partook in their annual field trip to The Gray Sugar Shack. Mr. Gray provided the students with information about the perfect temperature for syrup, what the various colors of syrup mean, how to tap a tree, information about the holes in the tree, the various species of maple, a tour of the facility and grounds, when the syrup runs best and more. In addition to all the educational items presented. Mr. and Mrs. Gray served everyone donuts with maple syrup dipping sauce, offered coffee to the adults and juice to the students, made sugar on snow, and provided students with a coloring book that provided information on maple syrup as well as a spectacular bottle of syrup. They ended the morning by having everyone sign their name on a syrup bucket lid, which also included the year the class visited.
- **Old Business:** The student council has requested that the new cell phone policy permit students to use their cellphones during homeroom (instructor discretion), during Grab & Go, which was clearly stated by the adults on the team that it was only to be during the approximately 7 minutes of Grab & Go and is not to be an extension of Grab & Go nor extend the time permitted for Grab & Go.

The students would like to have cell phones during lunch, the team feels the last 15 minutes would be appropriate so that students would spend time socializing and eating rather than the entire 30 minutes on their phone. The students would like to have the cell-phones during study hall. The team and I do not agree with this and do not want cell phones to be permitted during study hall time. The students would also like to use their head-phones during class, which would require their phones to be on, but not used in any form, not even for switching or searching for music. **(All the aforementioned is with teacher discretion).**

The policy that is in place currently should remain for the remainder of the year. The new policy would go into effect for the 2019-20 school year, and would include the following cell phone usage:

Cell phone use during

- Homeroom
- Grab & Go
- The last 15 minutes of lunch
- Before and after the start of school
- Music when classroom discussion is not going on and the phone is not to be used to switch music or find music. Music will need to be on a continual play function.

NOTE: The above cell-phone policy changes will be at the teacher's discretion. The students, unless for educational purposes provided by the classroom instructor and or music that is set on continuous play and not heard by others, cell phones are not permitted during class time. Any suspected or proven behaviors that are not permitted within our policy will be cause for the revocation of student cell phone usage for an agreed upon amount of time and if abused the use of cell phone privileges may be revoked indefinitely.

- A policy will be drafted and presented to the School Board

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the upcoming Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee (CRCEC) meeting on May 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ T. Owen and J. Gray will attend for Pittsburg to request approval to rejoin the Committee ○ Will discuss convening a committee to explore alternatives and/or improvements for Pittsburg education in the future at the next Board meeting ○ Suggestion was made to have teachers visit other schools in the area for curriculum development ideas ○ Composition of the CRCEC was questioned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B. Beasley explained that Board Chairs determined that the Committee would consist of three representatives per school district – one board member, one community member and one either board or community member. • Debriefed the SAU #7 Spring meeting • Discussed staffing for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher vacancy <p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> Motion to accept John Daly's resignation as presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Director position – next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canaan School suggested one Athletic Director for the Canaan/Pittsburg sports teams ○ Pittsburg School Board would like to post the Athletic Director position ○ B. Beasley will meet with the Superintendent of Canaan Schools to schedule a meeting with a couple of Canaan School Board members to discuss the AD position on May 13th. • Add to the next meeting agenda – Non-public session for Evaluation of the Superintendent 	Vote: Unanimous
12.	Other Business: None	
13.	Heather Mitchell left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee Meeting: May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Stewartstown • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: May 13, 2019 	
14.	<u>J. Gray / T. Owen</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		