

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	February 25, 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	Reginald Parker	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Bob Ormsbee	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Toby Owen						

Public in Attendance: None

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson, T. Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.	Agenda Adjustments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrant Articles • Power Point presentation 	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>B. Ormsbee / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of February 11, 2019 with the following corrections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include question by R. Parker to B. Beasley regarding legality of Collaborative meetings. • Include B. Beasley's response that he did not know but the Committee has no decision-making authority • Add (Dan Wade's son) next to John Wade's name under Hearing of the Public • Two grammatical corrections in the Superintendent's report (add the words "to" and "asked") 	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review: None	
6.	Special Reports: None	
7.	School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poker Run, organized by Tammy Jerals, was last weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have not yet received feedback • Basketball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Varsity Girls made the playoffs but were eliminated after losing to Groveton ○ Boys did not make the playoffs ○ Grade 3 & 4 boys and girls basketball teams won the Gorham tournament 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 5 & 6 team have a tournament in Lancaster this weekend ○ Junior high is playing a tournament in Newport this weekend; Pittsburg does not have any students on the Junior High team ● D. Covill and K. Sweatt are preparing for the upcoming grand opening of the Pittsburg School Store. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will sell wooden crafts and various custom ordered school apparel. ○ This is a joint effort which consists of business and wood-working concepts organized into a hands-on, minds-on platform ● Working on classroom arrangements for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expecting feedback from the State of NH as part of the work we will be doing as a CSI school. 	
8.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Collaborative Committee has finished with the community forums on Model 11. The feedback from those in attendance has been fairly similar across each of the four forums. Many of the questions that are being asked are the same questions identified by the committee prior to these meetings beginning. These are terrific questions that feed right into the warrant article for further research. Keep in mind that the article being proposed does not bind a community to anything other than a deeper dive into Model 11. This deeper dive will address many of the questions that are unable to be answered at this point. ● I plan to meet with the Pittsburg staff to answer any remaining questions regarding Model 11. Elaine and I have set this meeting for Monday, March 4th at 2:45 p.m. T. Owen and L. Gray will also attend. ● The Professional Development Team has been busy planning upcoming work. The March day will be held in Pittsburg and will include Nicole Highmark from NHSBA. Nicole will review the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct with staff members from all four schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Broderick has been moved to the October 2019 early release day. Justice Broderick will share with high school students in the morning and with staff in the afternoon. I also want to mention that the entire staff will be attending a training in Berlin in October that is being supported by North Country Educational Services. ● The basketball teams have wrapped up their regular season. The girls made it into the preliminary round but met a tough opponent in Groveton. The boys are on the bubble at this point and await final standings. I did have a chance to watch the boys play for a half in Colebrook the other night and want to report that they really showed hustle and determination in their game. ● There is a lot going on in the legislature right now. Please keep an eye on the emails that are coming from NHSBA and if the board ever wants to send testimony on any of the bills, please let me know and we can put something together and send it along. Recently there has been a push to submit testimony on the Learn Everywhere initiative that is being spearheaded by Commissioner Edelblut. I will share more at the board meeting. ● The North Country Superintendents hosted local legislators on Monday, February 11th at White Mountain Regional High School. The majority of 	

	<p>our discussion focused on stabilization funds and adequacy aid. Many of the legislators really seemed to listen and appeared to be keenly interested in what the superintendents had to say.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be reminded that the school vacation is next week. 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consolidated Communications: Phone company <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waiting for an installation date ○ Johnson Control: Access control and surveillance equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trying to schedule for this week but may have to delay ○ Goulet Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signed contracts today; deposit due is included on the voucher ○ Window film was installed today 	
10.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Ormsbee expressed concern about comments made by a couple of presenters at the recent forum • Clarification is needed regarding NHIAA rulings if the high school is located in Vermont • Discussed the division of students in grades 5-8 • R. Parker asked if the plan was approved next year by the voters, would the Pittsburg High School be closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Beasley responded affirmatively 	
11.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Phone Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E. Sherry has not yet received feedback from Student Council • Athletic Handbook language revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distributed a draft for Board review 	
12.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update - Continuous Improvement Schools (CIS) webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DOE has contracted with WestEd to implement the improvement plan ○ Phase I: March 4th – 15th – data collection ○ Phase II: March 25th – April 5th – data measurement ○ April 8th – DOE will provide \$15,000 for staff Professional Development • Substitute Teacher recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed Heather Mitchell's proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B. Ormsbee feels a substitute teacher should visit the school for a half-day to become familiar with the school, students and procedures. ▪ Board consensus: Let Heather know the board will wait until after the March meetings to discuss her proposal • B. Beasley asked the board to authorize him to approve hiring an assistant varsity baseball coach <p><u>T. Owen / R. Parker:</u> To authorize B. Beasley to hire the assistant varsity baseball coach upon Principal, Athletic Director and School Board</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

	representative approval.	
13.	Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Ormsbee suggested starting a gardening program and invite senior citizens to participate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would need to purchase a greenhouse. 	
14.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg Annual District Meeting: March 6, 2019 at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: March 18, 2019 	
15.	<u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		