

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	March 18, 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	P	Billie Paquette			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Toby Owen						

Public in Attendance: None

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6 :03 p.m. by Superintendent Bruce Beasley and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Organizational Meeting</p> <p><u>Superintendent Presides:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chairperson Bob Ormsbee nominated T. Owen as Chairperson <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>B Ormsbee/B Paquette:</u> Motion to nominate Toby Owen as Chairperson</p> <p><u>Chairperson Presides:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Vice-Chairperson <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>L Gray/ T. Owen:</u> Motion to nominate Bob Ormsbee as Vice Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment and/or Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHSBA Delegate: Bob Ormsbee ○ NHSBA Alternate: Toby Owen ○ Legislative Delegate: Lindsey Gray ○ Legislative Alternative: Billie Paquette ○ Negotiations: Toby Owen, Bob Ormsbee ○ Athletic Council: Bob Ormsbee, Lindsey Gray ○ Leadership Team: Jamie Gray, Toby Owen ○ SAU #7 Policy Committee: Jamie Gray, Lindsey Gray 	<p style="text-align: center;">Vote: Unanimous</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote: Unanimous</p>
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None – Pittsburg Student Council has postponed attendance to the next meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will discuss revisions to the cell phone policy 	
3.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the April 22nd regular School Board meeting date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board consensus to change meeting date to 4/29/19 	

4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>L. Gray / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2019 with the following correction: Section 7 remove the bullet by High Team</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section J Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process ○ JICD-R – Memorandum of Understanding ○ JICDA A – Employee-Student Relations ○ JICDD – Student Discipline / Out-of- School Actions ○ JICE – Student Publications ○ JICE-R – Student Publications / Productions Website Publications ○ JICEA – Student Productions ○ JICF – Gang Activity ○ JICFA – Hazing ○ JICG – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds ○ JICG-R – Disciplinary Procedures for Tobacco Products Ban ○ JICH – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students ○ JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Disciplinary Process 	Second reading at the next meeting
6.	<p>Special Reports: None</p>	
7.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report distributed at the meeting • Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Across America week was celebrated and was a great success. ○ The Pittsburg School Store opened on March 11th. It was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of David Covill, Kim Sweatt and the enthusiasm and hard work of the students. ○ March 21st is early release. Staff will be working on current initiatives, such as UBD. ○ March 22nd is a staff Professional Development Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no school. ▪ Megan Fellows will be offering three different sessions to staff. ▪ Nicole Highmark will review the new Ethics policy for educational staff and answer any questions • Safe Schools Meeting will be in Pittsburg on March 26th 8:00-9:00 AM. • Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The student council has not completed revisions to the cell phone policy and will present at a future school board meeting and not tonight. • New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would like permission from the board to allow the students who are taking the SAT exam to leave at 1:00-1:30 PM and to provide them with pizza for lunch. <p><u>L. Gray/T. Owen:</u> Motion to allow the students taking the SAT exam to leave at 1:00 or 1:30pm and provide them with pizza for lunch</p>	Vote: Unanimous

8.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Collaborative Committee will meet on March 14th to regroup now that the towns have voted and determined their interest in moving forward with discussions on a collaborative initiative to present to the voters. I anticipate that this discussion will focus on the forum feedback, annual meeting feedback and next steps. Discussed the outcome of the annual district meeting vote regarding the Collaborative Committee warrant article. <p><u>L. Gray/B. Ormsbee:</u> Motion to hold a community forum to discuss the future of Pittsburg School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I met with the Pittsburg staff and two board members on March 4th. Discussed concerns on representation, unanswered questions, and student opportunities. It is clear that the Pittsburg staff is proud of their School and feel strongly that students are treated fairly and provided many opportunities while in attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development day is scheduled for March 22nd in Pittsburg. Nicole Highmark from NHSBA will review the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct with staff members from all four schools. Raymond Lacasse has been hired as the assistant baseball coach for Pittsburg/Canaan. Legislature is fairly active right now. Please watch for NHSBA emails. If the board would like to send testimony on any of the bills, please let me know. There has been a push to submit testimony on the Learn Everywhere initiative that is spearheaded by Commissioner Edelblut. I attended the North Country Superintendents meeting in Haverhill on Thursday, March 14th. Our agenda focused on legislation, annual school meetings, and other education topics of the area. I visited the school this week, specifically the Entrepreneurial class being taught by Kim Sweatt and David Covill. March 21 is an early release day and March 22 is a Professional Development Day. 	Vote: Unanimous
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ConVal School District has filed a Complaint and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction in Cheshire Superior Court seeking to require the State of New Hampshire to meet its constitutional obligation to fund an adequate education for every New Hampshire student. 	
10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
11.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debrief School Budget Meeting Joint meeting with Clarksville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask Clarksville if they would like to attend March 25th Staff Appreciation Day -Discussed SAU #7 Technology Equipment bids <p><u>L. Gray/B. Paquette:</u> Motion to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to award the bid to purchase the Laptops under the SAU IDEA grant.</p>	Vote: Unanimous

11.	<p>New Business continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the music position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colebrook voters elected to add two days per week of music services to their budget and raise appropriated funds. • Teacher nominations – Superintendent Beasley nominated the following teachers for the 2019 – 2020 school year <p>B. Beasley reviewed probationary staff with 2 - 5 years' experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hannah Campbell ○ Sharon Pearson ○ John Daley ○ Kim Sweatt <p><u>B. Paquette/T. Owen:</u> Motion to approve the probationary staff as presented.</p> <p>B. Beasley nominated the tenured staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridger DeWitt ○ Jessica Haynes ○ Wanda Merrill ○ Karen Pariseau ○ Norma Underhill ○ Emily Bernhardt ○ Ann Gray ○ Tammy Jeralds ○ Dawn Pettit ○ Amanda Phillips ○ Deborah Sargent ○ April Wallace ○ David Covill ○ Emilie Smith <p><u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to approve the tenured staff as presented by the Superintendent of Schools</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
12.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise for a minute takers • Bobby Ormsbee – Discussed purchasing a greenhouse through the Farm to School Program 	
13.	<p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburg School Board Meeting: March 25, 2019 • SAU #7 Spring Meeting: April 18, 2019 in Colebrook 	
14.	<p><u>B. Paquette / T. Owen:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted by:</p> <p>Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		