

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	May 13, 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: Heather Mitchell, Rob Maxwell, Tammy Jeralds, Sharon Pearson							
Minutes							
Item	Subject						Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m. by Chairman, Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance						
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public: Rob Maxwell and Heather Mitchell entered the meeting at 6:03pm</p> <p>Tammy Jeralds entered the meeting at 6:04pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed a Wellness Day on June 4, 2019 with various activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School-wide hike ○ Bike Blender – UCVH ○ Kick Ball for high school students ○ Kayaking w/2 life guards – Lake Francis Boat Launch - Grades 7-12 ○ Faculty Choices – Experience Drunk Driving ○ Business Administrator will check with our Insurance Company regarding liability concerns <p>Tammy Jeralds left at 6:09pm</p> <p>Sharon Pearson entered the meeting at 6:10pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed implementing a Foreign Exchange Student Program in the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inquiring if the school board would approve this program ○ The board will review district policies at next Monday’s meeting ○ Proposing a limit of 5 students per school <p>Sharon Pearson left the meeting at 6:22pm</p>						
3.	Agenda Adjustments: None						
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>L Gray / J. Gray</u> : Motion to accept the minutes of April 29, 2019 as presented						Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review:						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section J Policies : (SAU #7) – Second Reading and Adoption <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 / GBEAA – 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><u>J. Gray / L. Gray</u>: Motion to approve Section J policies as presented</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
6.	<p>Special Reports: None</p>	
7.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Elaine Sherry</p> <p>Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB/SB vs. Gorham; Mon. May 13 starting at 4:00 p.m.; away. • STAR Testing: Tues. May 14 and Wed. May 15; 8:15-11:00 a.m. • Field Trip: Grade 4, will be to the Seacoast Science Center Rye, NH May 23rd. • Field Trip: Grades 5 & 6 Wed. May 15 to CJEJ Farm. • Field Trip: Grade 8; Discover U at White Mountains Community College; Thurs. May 16 • Progress Reports: Grades close for 4th quarter progress reports on Fri. May 10 and will be distributed on Fri. May 17. • North Country Scholars will be on May 21st, at 8:30 -10:30 AM. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be honored for their accomplishments. • The final CSI webinar will be on Wednesday, May 15th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The final report will be sent to the district within a few days of the meeting. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been reported that the annual Mother’s Day Dinner was a huge success. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Resignations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim Sweatt and Hannah Campbell • Mr. Dewitt is proposing another mural that will be completed by Dylan Brooks (see sketch). • Discussed the last two days of school for the staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One half day cleaning classrooms ○ April Wallace will train staff on the Promethean Board ○ Review student data ○ May have a trainer work with staff on the math program • The proposed cell phone policy for 2019-2020 has been shared with staff and students. There has been much dissatisfaction about the no headphone part of the policy by students and staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The school board suggested allowing student to use the headphones with Chromebooks with teacher permission. No cellphones in the classroom. If it becomes an issue the privilege will be lost school wide. ○ Heather Mitchell has a copy of St. Johnsbury Academy policy. The only time they are allowed is during lunch time in designated areas. ○ The Pittsburg School Board is suggesting cell phone use be limited to use during grab and go and lunch time. ○ Elaine will take this information back to the students and staff for review and draft a policy. ○ The Board asked E. Sherry to bring other districts’ policies to the next meeting 	
8.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee will meet again on June 6. During our meeting we will discuss the response to your request to reestablish your seat at the committee table. The focus of the committee continues to be on governance, financials, and curriculum. Karen Conroy and I have applied to the North Country Charitable Foundation for continued support for Carol Martin as well as additional support for legal services, design, and curriculum. We should hear back on our request in mid-June. • The state GEAR UP meeting is on May 29th at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield. I anticipate that Elaine and Dawn will be joining other SAU 7 representatives at this conference. The national conference is in San Francisco in July. Jayden Hodge and her mother will be attending this national conference as well. Jayden is a Stewartstown resident that attends Pittsburg School. • I was able to attend the Art Show held in Canaan last Friday. The work was terrific! Deb Sargent and the other art teachers in the area did a great job putting this show together. Local artist Dillon Brooks was in attendance proudly sharing his love for art and the back story of many of his selected pieces. • Caleb Tufts has indicated that he would like to attend Boys State. Boys State is a 	

	<p>program designed to teach the foundations of government during a weeklong conference. The program is sponsored by the American Legion. Being an alumnus of the Maine Boys State program I am pleased to see that he is taking advantage of this opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have some vacancies to fill at the school for next year. We will discuss these openings at our meeting on Monday. Also on the agenda will be a discussion to fill the Athletic Director vacancy. • Important Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 21 NH Scholars White Mtn. Regional High School • May 23 CTE Graduation Pittsburg Concert • May 29 CA Concert GEAR UP • June 8 Graduation 9:00AM • June 14 Last Student Day (Noon Dismissal) Staff 12:30pm • June 20 Alice Training • June 23-26 UbD Training Outside Baltimore, Maryland 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District Treasurer – status update • Request approval to dispose of the old phone system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The system is over 20 years old and was not working properly prior to being replaced <p><u>T. Owen / J. Gray:</u> Motion to dispose of the old phone system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed P/T professional staff receive benefits <p><u>J. Gray/ B. Paquette:</u> Motion to approve sick and professional time for p/t staff based on prorating the benefit according to work schedule within the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request an additional Access Control Unit <p><u>J. Gray /B. Paquette:</u> Motion to approve additional funding needed to add an access control unit to the office area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust Collection System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In process of finding a concrete contractor to install a cement pad. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Director position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed options for filling the Athletic Director's position for the Cooperative Sports Teams. ○ Will invite Canaan School Board members to the next meeting of the Pittsburg School Board 	

	<p><u>T. Owen / B. Paquette:</u> Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: L. Gray-yes; J. Gray- yes; B. Ormsbee –yes; B. Paquette- yes; T. Owen - yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board felt they need clarification on some issues and decided to postpone the vote on rejoining the CRCEC until next week’s meeting. <p>R. Maxwell left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The non-public session for the Superintendent’s evaluation will be postponed until the next meeting. 	Roll Call Vote
14.	Other Business: None	
15.	<p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pittsburg School Board Meeting: June 10, 2019 	
	<u>B. Ormsbee / T. Owen :</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
<p style="text-align: right;">Respectfully Submitted by:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		