

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	01/02/2017
Time	4:15 p.m.
Location	Stewartstown Community School Library
Chairperson	Philip Pariseau

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent

School Board Members				Principals		SAU Members	
P	Kathleen Covell	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Laurel Hemon

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call – All present 	
2.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurel Hemon presented preschool data. She only heard from three families. The preschool would be combined with the kindergarten, but would only be for three hours per day. The only supplies she would need are Handwriting Without Tears booklets. Laurel prefers to start the preschool on the first day of school Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents Kathleen Covell asked if having preschool in the same room as kindergarten would hold the kindergarten students back. Both Laurel and Jenn stated that every teacher should be prepared for students who are two years behind or ahead. Laurel left the meeting at 4:30 pm. 	
3.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To accept the minutes of December 5, 2016 as presented.	Vote: Unanimous
4.	School Administrator's Report: Jennifer Mathieu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Wade has donated a camera to the school. Eight students will be attending the LIPS (Leaders in Prevention) conference January 13-15. Jenn has been visiting classrooms on a regular basis. In January she will be sending out mid-year check-ins, which address staff Aims and Goals from the beginning of the year. She meets with staff in January and June to discuss progress. 	
5.	Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second quarter ends on January 13th. Mental Health First Aid Training on January 7 Joined the students and staff at Stewartstown Community School for their annual Christmas Dinner. Negotiations continue in Colebrook and Pittsburg. We can discuss salaries and benefits for SCS staff in nonpublic session January 10 will be an early release day for students. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip asked Bruce for his outlook now that he has been in SAU 7 for six months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been a learning experience • There's a good administrative team • Need to keep making changes • Trying to understand the history and politics of the area • Geographical distance between schools is a challenge • If we could combine more classes, it would be beneficial • The community cares about education • The solution is not easy • There is an opportunity gap for students • Change is difficult, but necessary 	
6.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DOE food service audit has been completed. The largest deficiency is we have to buy American food. We have been buying from the local coop, but unfortunately some of their food comes from Canada. • A La Carte items will go up in price. • We have to make sure we budget enough for diesel fuel, gasoline, and fuel oil. • Requested permission for Yvonne to bring a few students back from Pittsburg School in the morning so they can attend a class at CCNH. • We need to change the date to open the food service bids from January 11 to January 10 at 6:00 pm. • Filing dates for elected officials is January 25 – February 3. Kathleen is the board member whose term is up this year. • Tuesday, January 24 will be the date for the meeting with the budget committee at 6:00 pm here at the school 	
7.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl stated that Canaan has not set their tuition rate yet, so that figure in the budget is still an estimate. • Cheryl went through the rest of the budget, highlighting the increases and decreases. • Jenn mentioned that two new students would be moving in the following week: one to SCS and one to Pittsburg High. • The new technology position will be basically for Pittsburg and Stewartstown with 10% of his/her time allotted to the SAU Office for the 17-18 school year. Depending on the votes, that could change for the 18-19 school year. • One bid was received for renovating the back entrance: Jim Wells for \$5,272. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To accept the bid for the 17-18 budget</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To approve the preschool program pending checking on legal obligations for transportation. Preschool will be a morning session.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To allow Pittsburg students to ride the Stewartstown School bus from Pittsburg School to Coos County Nursing Hospital during second semester.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

8.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
9.	<p>Other Business:</p> <p><u>K. Covell / K. Sweatt:</u> To go into non-public session in accordance with RSA:91-A:3-at 5:35 p.m.</p> <p>Philip Pariseau – yes; Kathleen Covell – yes; Kara Sweatt - yes</p> <p>Cheryl Covill was invited into the non-public session. Patricia Grover left the meeting at 5:35.</p> <p><u>K. Covell / K. Sweatt:</u> To return to public session at 5:50 p.m.</p> <p>Philip Pariseau – yes; Kathleen Covell – yes; Kara Sweatt – yes</p> <p><u>K. Covell / K. Sweatt:</u> To go into non-public session in accordance with RSA:91-A:3 at 5:50 p.m.</p> <p>Philip Pariseau – yes; Kathleen Covell – yes; Kara Sweatt – yes</p> <p>Jennifer Mathieu was invited into non-public session. Cheryl Covill left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.</p> <p><u>K. Covell / K. Sweatt:</u> To return to public session at 6:02 p.m.</p> <p>Philip Pariseau – yes; Kathleen Covell – yes; Kara Sweatt – yes</p>	<p>Vote: Results noted under motion</p> <p>Vote: Results noted under motion</p> <p>Vote: Results noted under motion</p> <p>Vote: Results noted under motion</p>
10.	<p><u>K. Sweatt / K. Covell:</u> To adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minute Taker</p>		