

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	May 1, 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	
	Kathleen Covell	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Dorothy Stebbins

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Roll Call: Kathleen Covell had notified Bruce Beasley that she was unable to attend.	
2.	Hearing of the Public: None	
3.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau:</u> To accept the minutes of April 3, 2017 as presented	Vote: Unanimous
4.	<p>School Administrator's Report: Jennifer Mathieu</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Things continue to go well at SCS. We have several opportunities for students in the coming month, including, but not limited to, our 7th and 8th graders visiting local high schools, class field trips, a career day, and the seat belt challenge. Students are finishing up with Smarter Balanced testing, and grades 4 & 8 will be completing the Science NECAP prior to May 25th. We have several students who play sports for Colebrook and Pittsburg-Canaan. I would like to consider creating a policy addressing students who are playing sports, but have failing grades in any of their core subjects. I joined the Stewartstown Day Committee this year, hoping to increase relations between the school and the community. I would like to reach out to parents of students in grades 5-8 to see if anybody is interested in doing a class float. The theme this year is "Saturday Morning Cartoons". It's going to be great fun – would you consider a float? Mr. Kennedy and I are working out the details for summer school. We're hoping to run a 2-week stretch in July (10th – 21st), but due to some changes with food and bussing, we have to brainstorm some ideas. Cheryl's help and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated! A parent has requested that her child be placed in Kindergarten rather than Preschool. He misses the cut-off date by 17 days. Jenn has evaluated him. If he doesn't progress well, he will be held back in Kindergarten. This will be on the next agenda. 	
5.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the school vacation I attended a session in which Judge Broderick was the presenter. He is a passionate speaker that is really trying to put the spotlight on recognizing mental health as a serious crisis facing schools and families today. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A reminder that the Pittsburg graduation is set for June 10th at 9:00 am and Colebrook graduation is set for June 13th at 7:00 pm. 3. The Colebrook senior class trip is set to go. Cheryl and I had to do some work with the insurance provider to make sure that we were covered in case of an accident. The group is planning to whitewater raft, indoor skydive, and rock wall climb, all events that carry some risk with them. The Pittsburg seniors are back from their cruise. 4. The spring sports seasons are underway. I look forward to seeing the kids at some point this season. It is hard to believe that we are playing baseball and softball when it seems that just yesterday we were playing soccer. 5. I will be meeting again with the principals and school counselors on May 1st to continue the discussion allowing students from each of the schools to access courses in any of the three schools. 6. Please remember that the GEARUP NH meeting is set for June 7 in Whitefield. Kara will attend this, also. 7. The Strategic Planning meetings are set for May 9th (in Pittsburg) and May 25th (in Colebrook) from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, please call Cindy Kaiser and let her know. Becky Hodge, Joanne O'Brien, and Dorothy Stebbins will attend from SCS. 8. The final day of school is set for June 14th. Dismissal for students will begin at 1:00 pm. 9. June 13th at 5:00 pm will be the 8th grade graduation from SCS. 10. Courses at the three area high schools is still being discussed. There will be a parent night on May 15th; a team building day on May 19th; school visitations for the students on May 9th (Colebrook), May 10th (Pittsburg) and May 11th (Canaan). This will be similar for next year's schedule. <p>Philip asked if students have expressed an interest in these courses. A needs assessment has been done – responses are positive.</p> <p>If there are costs associated with these courses, we are hoping to get a grant to help of the sending school will contribute.</p> <p>Kids will have to ride buses to the courses. If they are late, will require further discussion.</p> <p>The schedules are built so that students do not have to participate. Core courses will be offered at their own school.</p>	
6.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bridge on Route 145 is scheduled to close on May 8th. I have met with the bus drivers to revise the bus route for the remainder of the school year. Double runs will extend the bus route 15-20 minutes. I have scheduled Ron Johnson to drive in the morning when needed to minimize the time students are on the bus. 2. We have begun advertising the custodial position for July 1st. I am incorporating the substitute bus driver with the position. 3. We need to hire the support staff and assistant principal, plus review the Fringe Benefit Policies for Stewartstown and SAU 7 employees. 4. Fairpoint contract has been signed. ERate is due next week. 5. Federal grants are up in the air. Title II funds may be lost. 	

7.	<p>Unfinished Business: Cheryl presented a list of support staff to be employed for 2017-2018 school year:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Assistant Principal</td> <td>Dorothy Stebbins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paraprofessionals</td> <td>Arlene Allard, Oxana Joos, Tammy Mathieu, Candace Placey Catherine Sawicki – once grant is approved</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus Drivers</td> <td>Carol Bouchard, Yvonne Burrill, Donald Knapp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Well System Monitor</td> <td>Carl Harris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Occupational Therapist</td> <td>Christine Cote</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau:</u> To approve hiring the above employees</p>	Assistant Principal	Dorothy Stebbins	Paraprofessionals	Arlene Allard, Oxana Joos, Tammy Mathieu, Candace Placey Catherine Sawicki – once grant is approved	Bus Drivers	Carol Bouchard, Yvonne Burrill, Donald Knapp	Well System Monitor	Carl Harris	Occupational Therapist	Christine Cote	Vote: Unanimous
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8.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fringe Benefit Policy – It is recommended that the custodian holidays be changed to 11, the same as other full time employees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of a Severance Benefit for support staff <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau:</u> To accept the Fringe Benefit Policy as recommended.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau:</u> To cast Stewartstown’s votes for the SAU 7 Fringe Benefit Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Edelblut will be attending the June 1 Superintendent’s Meeting in Colebrook, then visiting schools. That evening he will be holding a dinner meeting at Parson’s Street Dining for any board member interested in attending. Bruce will enlighten him on the area concerns. SB193 is off the table right now. School districts will not be raising funds for homeschoolers. It was recommended that a Policy Review Time be added to the agenda after Hearing of the Public for approximately ½ hour each meeting. Jenn updated the board on the classroom opening. There were five applicants: 2 were too far away, 2 will be interviewed, 1 has accepted another position. We may get more applicants before the deadline. There are five people on the interview committee. We plan to have a name for the board by the next school board meeting. Krista Rodrigue and Debbie Lynch, from Canaan, are hosting a Spring Fling for 8th grade students on team building. Three girls are interested in going. No chaperone is needed and parental permission slips are done. 	Vote: Unanimous										
9.	Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.											
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker</p>												