

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	December 5, 2016
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: None

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call Bruce was still in a meeting in the multi- purpose room, so Cheryl began with a review of the budget timeline. January 25 – February 3 is the time to accept filings for office; February 6 is tentatively set for the budget hearing; March 13 is the annual meeting. 	
2.	Hearing of the Public:	
3.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: <u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To accept the minutes of November 7, 2016 as printed</p>	Vote: Unanimous
4.	<p>School Administrator’s Report: Jennifer Mathieu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenn asked Bruce for a copy of the Bissonnette bus request and his response. The Buddy Bench has been dedicated A preschool survey is being sent out to parents. Results will be shared at the January meeting. Many positive things happening at SCS. The “true Council Rock” is the rectangular granite slab that the plaque was originally on. Emily Haynes believes the other rock was from that general area, but does not have as much significance as the granite slab. The Advisory Group was to paint a rock. Possibilities of obtaining new boulders were discussed. 	
5.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of the SBAC testing have been received. Bruce shared some of the comparative data with the board. Now the staff knows the target areas that need improvement and will develop a plan that is designed to show growth. Students from SCS are eligible to play on the Canaan/Pittsburg teams. This is a great opportunity for the students to stay physically fit during the winter. SCS holiday concert is December 20th at 6:30 pm. Pittsburg High and Colebrook Academy will be joining their choral members and having concerts at Pittsburg on December 8 and Colebrook on December 15. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiations are underway in both Colebrook and Pittsburg. Health insurance is a major concern. 	
7.	Unfinished Business: None	
8.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing for 17 – 18 was discussed. Option #5 seems to be the best plan for student grouping: K; Gr. 1/2; Gr 3/4; Gr. 5; Gr. 6/7; and Gr. 8. If parents are interested, Preschool would be combined with Kindergarten. Looking at a 3 hour/day program. Possibly starting later than the regular program. Kathleen asked if this would interrupt the other students in the classroom. This will be discussed in unfinished business next meeting after the surveys have been returned. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To accept Option 5 for student grouping for 2017-2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared teaching in the future was discussed. At the moment, Stewartstown employs art and physical education teachers for one day/week. Music is contracted with Canaan for 45 minutes/day for five days per week. Shared teaching will be explored if any of these teachers leave employment. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To increase the price for sanding the school yard by \$5.00 from \$75 to \$80 per trip.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve the \$600 payment for the Zix license.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance of the meeting was spent with Cheryl reviewing the proposed budget. The stabilization funds that are decreasing will affect the taxpayers. Philip asked Cheryl to do some cost comparisons with the different insurance plans available. Tuition will increase \$89,000 due to number of students going to high schools. The bond will be paid off next year The Board will review the budget detail and more discussion will take place in January. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
9.	<p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm.</p> <p><u>The next meeting will be on January 2.</u></p>	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker</p>		