

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	April 3, 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: Dorothy Stebbins

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>The organizational meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm by Bruce Beasley, Superintendent of Schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call Asked for nominations for Chairperson <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To nominate Philip Pariseau as Chairperson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip assumed the position of Chairperson and asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson <p><u>K. Covell/P. Pariseau:</u> To nominate Kara Sweatt as Vice-Chairperson</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To leave all other positions as they are now NHSBA Delegate – Kathleen Covell NHSBA Alternate – Kara Sweatt Legislative Delegate – Philip Pariseau Legislative Alternate – Kara Sweatt Budget Committee – Kara Sweatt Budget Committee Alternate – Kathleen Covell</p>	<p>Vote: 2 Ayes</p> <p>Vote: 2 Ayes</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
2.	<p>Hearing of the Public: Dorothy Stebbins was present to assist Bruce Beasley with presenting the Gear-Up NH Grant (www.gearupnh.org). Gear-up: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a federal program funded by the US Department of Education whose mission is to significantly increase the number of underrepresented students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. \$1.67 million per year (\$1 million for scholarships) with a possibility to be renewed for an additional six years. The cohort model will provide interventions and direct support to 505 7th grade students that will follow them until their first year of college. This will mean approximately \$5,700 per year for these students to go to college in New Hampshire. Upon successful completion of the GEAR UP NH program, these students will be eligible for scholarships through the project. Identified schools are: Berlin Middle School, Claremont Middle School, Franklin Middle School, Laconia Middle School, Lisbon Regional School, Stewartstown Community School and Whitefield Elementary School. Scott Power of New Hampshire College & University Council will be providing more information about this for parents and students of the seventh grade.</p>	

	Dorothy Stebbins left the meeting at 4:35 pm.	
3.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: Kara noted that under the Business Administrator's report, there were two errors under #2 and #6.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To accept the minutes of March 6, 2017 with corrections</p>	Vote: Unanimous
4.	<p>School Administrator's Report: Jennifer Mathieu</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Working with area high school principals and counselors to prepare information for parents of 8th grade students. We are planning to have representatives from each school come to SCS on April 27th for an informational meet-and-greet event. Smarter Balanced testing is under way Planning another Career Day for students in grades 5-8 Staff has reviewed the work we did on the Administrative Day in October with Homeland Security. As plans are made, I will bring them to Mr. Beasley and the Board for further discussion and/or approval. Gardening Program Proposal from Arlene Allard, who would like to incorporate square-box gardening into the After-School Program. Jenn has advertised the 5-8 Math/Science position on School Spring and Cindy will run ads in the local papers. 	
5.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> He is meeting next week with administrators and guidance counselors about transporting the students to the area schools for a couple of classes. There are still questions that need resolving. April 16 is a flexible holiday so the SAU and school offices will be closed. Mentioned that he had read Bill Schomburg's obituary. He had a big impact on his former students. Just goes to show the impact that teachers have on students. 	
6.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There will be double run on Fridays for the buses. We will have to see what impact the repairs of the Route 145 bridge will have on transportation. July 10 – 21 will be the dates for summer school. Does the school have a right to know where students go online when they are at home with computers assigned to them from the school? SB193 could mean a loss of funding Adequacy Aid allocation for a child going to a private school would be taken away from the public school and given to the private school. It could also affect home schooled students. Jenn asked how accountable parents who are home schooling their children will have to be. Schools have to keep up with the times to remain attractive to the students. 	
7.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy AC and AC-R <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
8.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger Belanger has submitted his letter of resignation effective June 30, 2017. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To accept Roger's resignation as of June 30, 2017.</p>	Vote: Unanimous

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Proposal. Cheryl asked who would be getting the produce from the garden. Maybe they should start with five beds. Hopefully, some of the vegetables will be ready for use during summer school. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve the Garden Proposal with five beds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce spoke about the snow day requirements. We don't need to request a waiver for the time lost for snow/ice because the rules are that students need to attend school 180 days or 1035 hours for elementary students' instruction time. We will make up the day that school was closed. • The Superintendent nominated Samantha Stebbins for Title I and Rebecca Hodge as a classroom teacher. Sam's position is based on the receipt of Title I funds. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve Sam Stebbins for Title I (based on receipt of funds) and Rebecca Hodge as a classroom teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated John Kennedy (based on receipt of funds), Laurel Hemon, Sharon Ricker, Alyssa Wonkka, Margaret Miller, Dorothy Stebbins. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve employing the nominated teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated Jennifer Mathieu as principal with a 200 day contract <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve Jennifer Mathieu's employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated John Kennedy as Title I Director (based on receipt of funds) <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To employ John Kennedy as Title I Director (based on receipt of Title I funds).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated Alan Farnsworth as Librarian Consultant. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve employing Alan Farnsworth as Librarian Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated Dan Wade as Art Teacher for one day per week. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve Dan Wade as Art Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated Melissa Shaw as physical education teacher for one day per week. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve Melissa Shaw as physical education teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent nominated Kathleen Adams as secretary for eight hours/day for 180 school days plus 40 extra days during vacations & summer. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve Kathleen Adams as nominated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent stated that he would nominate the paraprofessionals at the next meeting. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
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	<p><u>K. Sweatt / K. Covell:</u> To go into non-public session at 5:40 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Sweatt – yes; K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes</p> <p>Cheryl Covill and Patricia Grover left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.</p> <p><u>K. Covell / K. Sweatt:</u> To return to public session at 5:50 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Sweatt – yes; K. Covell – yes; P. Pariseau – yes</p>	<p>Vote: Noted under motion</p> <p>Vote: Noted under motion</p>
9.	<u>P. Pariseau / K. Covell:</u> To adjourn at 5:51 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker</p>		