

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	February 5, 2018
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.	The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call: All present 	
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Resignation 	
3.	Hearing of the Public: None	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip noted that there was a typing error under New Business – first bullet: the last word “tuition” should be “transportation” <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To accept the minutes of January 2, 2018 with correction as noted above.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review (30 Minutes) – Student Handbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No policy review to leave time for budget discussion 	
6.	School Administrator’s Report: Jennifer Mathieu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Amanda Kellner, Farm to School Coordinator to discuss composting at SCS. More research will be done, and this will be discussed at the next meeting. Staff participated in two hours of professional development with Dawn Hall, focusing on Coding. Mrs. Weir, SAP, resigned from Northern Human Services on January 26. She had been at SCS for 14 years. Students recently completed their mid-year STAR360 tests. In grades 6-8, 88% of students increased their math scores! Jen felt one of the main reasons for this is linked to the many real-world-connection project-based-learning tasks that Ms. Saari assigns her students. Students are very excited about doing these tasks. Jen gave the board copies of a letter she recently received from North East Kingdom School Choice. Cheryl will research this to see if they are asking to send students to SCS or if they are looking for SCS students to attend other schools. 	

7	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative team met on January 29th in Canaan. A survey will be established for students that took advantage of the collaborative work, with a separate survey for teachers who participated. • GEAR UP team is planning the vacation week STEM Camp in Stewartstown. Chuck Patterson is taking the lead on this. Bruce recently attended a Superintendents' meeting and received a NASCAR kit that can be used with the program. • Second semester is underway. Students are taking advantage of the course offerings at neighboring school and six students are taking the CAN course at the Coos County Nursing Home. It's hard to believe we are over 50% complete of the school year. Plans are to make up the one storm day on June 15th. • January 19 Pittsburg School hosted most of the teachers from SAU 7 for the third Professional Development Day this school year. Staff Members participated in growth mindset activity, worked within their grade level clusters on competencies and standards, and met with wellness representatives from HealthTrust in the afternoon. Other teachers assembled in Stewartstown to begin training in restraint strategies. • Strategic Planning sub-committee will meet Thursday, February 9th. • Public hearing on the school budget will be held after the board meeting • Bruce has been to some of the basketball games. The teams are doing well especially the girls' varsity. • HB1749 if passes will allow anyone to carry a weapon on school property. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. Has been working on the budget and the school reports. 	
9.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
10.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce discussed the Support Staff Evaluation form that was included in the Board Packet. This will be used at all the schools in SAU 7. Staff can be evaluated at least once a year but could be more if administration deems it necessary. • Bruce received a legal opinion from Gordon Graham on high school tuition at a school other than Canaan, Colebrook, or Pittsburg. Gordon is concerned with the transportation. You are responsible to education all children so may be responsible for all transportation. Bruce will set up a conference call with Gordon for the next board meeting. • Staff Resignation: Barron Laycock. Bruce recommended that the Board go into nonpublic session to discuss this. (Kara had made a motion to accept the resignation and Kathleen had seconded. They each withdrew their motion). • The following policies were presented for a second reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AA School District Legal Status ABA Volunteer Involvement AC Non-Discrimination AC-R Non-Discrimination: Title IX Grievances AC-R2 Non-Discrimination Statement ACD Commitment to Religious Neutrality 	

	<p>ACE Procedural Safeguards: Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability</p> <p>ADB Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools</p> <p>ADC Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds</p> <p>ADD/EBB Safe Schools</p> <p>AE Accountability</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE – ASBESTOS</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To approve the 12 policies noted above.</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To go into nonpublic session at 5:20 pm</p> <p>Cheryl Covill and Patricia Grover left the meeting at 5:20 pm.</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To return to public session at 5:30 pm</p> <p>Cheryl Covill and Patricia Grover returned to public session</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To accept the resignation of Barron Laycock</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To seal minutes of nonpublic session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget discussion ensued in preparation for the public hearing that was scheduled for 6:00 pm that evening. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – Yes K. Sweatt – Yes P. Pariseau – Yes</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: K. Covell – Yes K. Sweatt – Yes P. Pariseau – Yes</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
11.	Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm with a motion from K. Covell and a second from K. Sweatt.	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker</p>		