

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	May 7, 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	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"> Remove the bullet: Gear Up National Conference 	
3.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve the minutes of April 2, 2018 as presented.	Vote: Unanimous
5.	School Administrator's Report: Jennifer Mathieu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMHS has requested permission to test our 8th grade students here at SCS rather than when they visit Canaan. This will be done by Ed Sullivan for English and Sheli Aldridge for math. This was done at Canaan during the school visitation, but last year the teachers came here. Bruce stated that parents should be notified before this happens Still checking and cleaning (steaming) to keep the school bed bug free. Mr. Rainville has been very thorough with his efforts. Our Public Health Officer has been working closely with the family. End of the school year is fast approaching. Jen is looking ahead at scheduling options. Looks like they will remain the same as this year. Jen has also been working with Dawn Pettit and Cheryl to figure out how to get the 8th graders to Pittsburg for Woodworking and possibly Health classes next year. 14 eighth grade students will be graduating this year. 	
6.	Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce reported on the regional art show that was held last Friday. Students from all three high schools displayed a number of pieces. Some of these will be on display at Fiddleheads for a while. Students who went on the Washington DC (Heritage) trip returned around midnight last night. It was another great opportunity for students to learn about the history of our country. Many thanks to the chaperones who accompanied them. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 9th is graduation for Pittsburg (and Canaan) and June 12 is for Colebrook. • Stewartstown assembly is scheduled for June 14th. • Board Chairs will meet on May 10th. The team will be setting an agenda for our first community meeting. I have received only one request at this point. • SB193 was sent to interim study. This is the voucher bill that the legislature has been wrestling with for the past couple of months. It has now been attached to another bill (1671) so it is alive. There will be a vote on it on Thursday. • The policy committee has been productive. 37 of the “E” policies are done. Next meeting of the committee is the end of May. 	
7.	<p>Business Administrator’s Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have received notification that our application to the Public School Infrastructure Fund, for Updating and Improving School Safety, has been finalized and approved in the amount of \$22,403. This means the total project, with the district match of 20%, for safety and security will be \$28,004. There is a meeting next Monday. • Facility Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haven’t received any interested carpenters from the ads that have been in the papers. I would like to contact carpenters we have used in the past and see if there is any interest. • Ballfield – we have never done any improvements to the field since the beginning. It is very wet without proper drainage. I would like permission to hire Mike Josselin, who has worked on many ballfields to improve Stewartstown’s. It will take approximately three years to repair it. It will cost approximately \$1,600. • The driveway into the school property has been graded by Aaron Joos. I would like to seal the paved part. • The school sign on Route 3 needs to be replaced. • Summer School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hourly rate for a teacher/paraeducator position needs board approval. She will be working for three weeks/four days per week. We have a teacher who is willing to take this position. We should pay her a higher wage than a para would make. Recommending \$17-20 per hour, which is lower than we would pay a teacher in charge. • Cheryl presented a budget analysis. • Policy Committee has been meeting and 37 of the “E” policies are done. Next meeting is the end of May 	
8.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Reading of Section C & D policies <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve the Section C & D policies as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
9.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josee Brunault has resigned effective May 18. Maegan Pariseau will replace her commencing May 14. Lori Kolatschek at SAU 7 has also resigned. • Regional Committee – Community Member. Skip Covell is the only person who has responded. Kathleen suggested that a school employee be the other person on the committee. Jenn will see if one is interested. • Determination of last day of school for teachers. The Board has waived 	

	<p>June 18-19 as school days (total number of needed hours reached), but that leaves the teachers two days short of fulfilling their contracts. Bruce recommended that they spend Monday cleaning their classrooms and Tuesday attending a workshop with Sue Bergman on Mindset. Does the Board want this? Jen mentioned that she has spoken to the teachers since Bruce mentioned this at the Admin meeting that morning. All teachers are willing to work these two days.</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To require all staff members to work those two days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing seat at North Country Charter Academy. We have a student interested in attending. Colebrook has an empty seat they are willing to sell for the balance of the school year. If the student is successful, the board may want to purchase a seat for next year in advance. This would mean that Stewartstown would then own that seat for next school year at a cost of approximately \$6,500. If this student does not choose to use it, then someone else may or it can be sold to another school district. <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> Approve purchasing the seat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three students have made residence changes: Two to Clarksville and One to Columbia. Parents have requested that their children be allowed to remain at SCS for the remainder of the school year. The parents will be responsible for transportation. • High School Tuition. Bruce presented a letter that he plans to send to the parents who want to have their son attend White Mountains Regional High School. With no objections from the Board, Bruce will sign and mail the letter. • SAU #7 Chair's meeting: The Regional Committee will meet on Thursday. We are now looking for funds to pay a facilitator. Kirsten Coley from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is helping. They may have some funds left. It will be better to have a professional facilitator. We need an impartial person to lead this 21-member board. • Gear Up Conference. Bruce stated that there are five people attending the conference in Washington, DC this year: Arlene Allard, Chuck Patterson, Melissa Shaw, Elaine Sherry, and Bruce Beasley. He is again requesting that the participants be allowed to use the Stewartstown Pcard, which will be reimbursed by the Grant. <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To approve the group using the Stewartstown Pcard.</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To approve up to \$1,000 for a new school sign</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To approve up to \$1,800 to seal the driveway.</p> <p><u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell:</u> To allow Cheryl to call carpenters for work to be done at school.</p> <p><u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt:</u> To approve \$1,700 for Mike Josselin to commence work on the ballfield.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>By consensus, the Board approved.</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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	<u>K. Sweatt/K. Covell</u> : To approve the hourly rate of \$17-20 for a teacher to be employed as a paraprofessional for Summer School <u>K. Covell/K. Sweatt</u> : To adjourn at 5:30 pm.	Vote: Unanimous Vote: Unanimous
10.	Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.	
Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker		