

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	November 6, 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 - sick	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Ann Guilmette, Jeremy Guilmette, Caleb Guilmette

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 4:17 pm	
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination 	
3.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann, Jeremy, & Caleb Guilmette were present to request that Caleb be allowed to attend high school at White Mountains Regional High School rather than one of the local high schools. Ann presented the board with a handout on WMRHS courses compared to local courses. Caleb said that he was most interested in the welding course. <p>Philip Pariseau stated that the board would review the information given to them and would have an answer for the Guilmette family at a later meeting.</p>	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stewartstown Board Meeting of October 2, 2017 Stewartstown Board Meeting of October 16, 2017 Special Stewartstown Board Meeting of October 31, 2017 <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau:</u> To approve the minutes of October 2, October 16, and October 31, as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review (30 Minutes) – Student Handbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to time constraints, policy review was not done. (Cheryl & Bruce needed to be in Colebrook for a 6:00 pm meeting. 	
6.	School Administrator’s Report: Jennifer Mathieu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Ribbon Week was well-received. Border Patrol contributed in-large to this. They brought the helicopter, canine, pepper-ball gun (filled with baby powder), a fish-line taser and information about the EMT side of their work. Jen recently attended the Kindergarten Summit for Coos County. She and Amy Brooks will be co-chairing this program for SAU 7 where local preschool personnel will work with school personnel to facilitate a smooth transition to kindergarten. October was a busy month at SCS. At the family night on October 26, we received very positive feedback. 	

7	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Gage from the NHDOE presented to a large group on October 25th. Her presentation on the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was very informative and gave clear guidelines for schools as they look at College and Career Readiness as well as how the local state assessment will impact focus and priority schools. Unfortunately, SCS doesn't have enough students to be counted. This could affect the money from Focus and Priority Grant. • Board chairs met on October 25 in Canaan and developed a list of common goals. The group decided to share these goals with the community at a forum in Canaan on November 30th. • It's great to have Dorothy Stebbins back on staff. At the moment, we have an opening for a paraprofessional. • Budget season is upon us and I appreciate your willingness to take on this extra work. • A special shout out to Arlene Allard, who has been working hard on the GEAR UP NH work for the Stewartstown students. • The recent storm wreaked havoc with the area forcing me to cancel school on Monday due to the fact that many roads were unpassable. • Melissa Shaw has been hired to be the third person for GEAR UP NH along with Arlene Allard and Chuck Patterson. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl checked that both board members would be available to sign the payroll manifest the Monday of Thanksgiving week. The office and schools will only be open two days that week. • We had one appliance fail during the storm and lost \$178 worth of food. • Tax Rate has been set. Last year was \$16.74; Projected was \$17.56; This year's tax rate is \$16.60. • All three buses are now on the road. Pittsburg appreciates the use of the Stewartstown bus for the mid-day run and would like to continue this arrangement for a few more months. We are still a driver short there. • Cheryl presented the board members with written copies of the policy and budget for the SAU meeting on Wednesday. 	
9.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	
10.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip opened the only bid received for snow plowing/removal. Jim Belknap bid \$60/hour for plowing; \$80 per load for sanding; and \$85/trip for snow removal. <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau:</u> To accept the snow plow/removal bid from Jim Belknap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum: Bruce presented a matrix of what is expected from each grade level for K-8 Mathematics Model Competencies. All the schools in SAU 7 will expect the same results for each grade level. The way they arrive at these results will depend on the students. This is the reason our professional development early release days and admin days are centered on differentiated instruction. • Assessment shows what you know and what you don't know. We need to develop cornerstone assessments and all teachers at each grade level need to work together. We need to bring in trainers to reach this goal. 	Vote: Unanimous

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our math score need more attention as does the rest of the state. We are above the state average in Language Arts. 	
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Meetings SAU 7 Fall Meeting: November 8, 2017 – SCS Community Forum: November 30, 2017 – CMHS Stewartstown School Board: December 4, 2017 – SCS SAU Policy Committee: December 7, 2017 – SAU 7 Office 	
11.	Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm with a motion from Philip and a second from Kara.	
Respectfully Submitted, Patricia E. Grover, Minutes Taker		