

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	December 4, 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 - sick	P	Philip Pariseau	P	Jennifer Mathieu	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Kara Sweatt					P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance:

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 4:25 pm	
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewartstown Board Meeting of November 6, 2017 <p><u>K. Sweatt/P. Pariseau</u>: To approve the minutes of November 6, 2017 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
5.	Policy Review (30 Minutes) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
6.	School Administrator's Report: Jennifer Mathieu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November was busy month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interviewed for two open para-educator positions ○ Trained on new assessment system ○ Continued Project Aware work (Tiers 1 and 2) ○ Family Night ○ Budget ○ Leadership team meetings ○ Gear-Up NH activities (College Day) ○ Coos Coalition for Early Childhood Education ○ Planning community events with Builders Club (Christmas in the Park and Food Drive) • Would like to work with IT (C. Paquette) to determine the best way to move forward with digital portfolios for students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A logical next step as we transition to competency-based learning • Early release day – 12/6/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will begin with staff meeting followed by staff work on PBIS Tier 1 tasks, Priority School follow-up work, Responsive Classroom refreshers, “I Can” statement work (part of competency-based learning), choosing a book for an upcoming staff-wide book talk, team work on school accountability and UbD. ○ Will be a busy but productive day 	

7.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Country Superintendent's meeting that was held on November 9th had legislators and senators from the area discussing the current challenges in education. Dr. Fothergill and Jeff Woodburn were in attendance at this meeting and much of the time was spent discussing adequacy aid to schools and the legislation that is before the legislators regarding vouchers. There has been notice that the voucher bill (SB 193) narrowly passed in the education committee. • Welcome to Lori Britton and Lori Kolatschek - they have been hired at the SAU office to fill the vacated positions of B. Cross and ML Placey. • Met with staff from Pittsburg, Colebrook and Canaan on 11/28/17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be firming up numbers for next Spring regarding collaborative effort and will also begin discussions on how courses are developed for the Fall offerings. ○ Team also discussed the testing schedule for the first semester, the possibility of an alternative classroom and the upcoming Community Forum. • The Gear-Up NH team met this week and started planning the upcoming events for the 7th and 8th grade Stewartstown students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On 12/17/17 there will be a pizza party and kick-off event for students and parents ○ The team will share the Gear-Up work to date, distribute Gear-Up T-shirts to the students and offer door prizes to those in attendance. ○ Also planning a lunch with current college students and the February break STEM camp. ○ Overall was a productive meeting • Reminder: SAU #7 Board meeting is 12/13/17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caitlyn Davis, School Funding Specialist, for the NH Department of Education will be presenting on Adequacy Aid and possible issues being discussed. • The LNA Program will begin second semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approximately 7 students from Colebrook Academy are interested 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A schedule has been established for the Technology Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time will be shared between Stewartstown, Pittsburg, Colebrook and SAU #7 as outlined in the budget. ○ Discussed the Technology Coordinator assisting staff in educational presentation to students • Discussed busing concerns and road conditions during icy weather 	
9.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed student tuition costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents have the right to request payment for tuition to another school ○ Any district not maintaining a high school or school of corresponding grade shall pay for tuition of any pupil as outlined in RSA 194:27 ○ Based on discussions with legal counsel, the school board can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a memorandum of understanding with each school ▪ Develop a policy establishing a maximum cap for tuition as well as parent responsibility for transportation ▪ School Board approved drafting a policy stating the choice of high schools and tuition capped at the highest rate of the 	

	three districts to include Colebrook, Pittsburg and Canaan, VT.	
10.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy JKAA – Use of Restraint and Seclusion was presented for a first reading • B. Beasley provided information on this policy <p><u>K. Sweatt / K. Covell:</u> Motion to approve waiving policy on policy and move forward to adopt policy JKAA.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
11.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed an alternate date for the January meeting as the scheduled date falls on a holiday. <p><u>K. Sweatt / K. Covell:</u> To approve rescheduling the January meeting to Tuesday, 1/2/18 at 4:15 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley discussed the Community Forum held in Canaan on 11/30/17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very good attendance with students, staff, administrators and community members ○ Overall outcomes closely aligned with discussions held by the school boards. • K. Covell left the meeting at 5:40 p.m. • C. Covill presented the first draft of the 18-19 school budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be discussed in detail at the January meeting. 	Vote: Unanimous
12.	<p>Upcoming Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAU Policy Committee: December 7, 2017 – SAU 7 Office • SAU #7 Winter meeting – December 13, 2017 – CES • Next Stewartstown School Board Meeting – January 2, 2018 	
13.	<u>P. Pariseau / K. Sweatt:</u> To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		