

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	11/13/2023						
Time	6:00 pm						
Location	School Library						
Chairperson	Jamie Gray						
School Board Members							
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Bob Ormsbee	P	Debbie Lynch	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Bridget Cross
P	Hannah Kingsbury				Student Member		
				P	Joli Carlson		
Public in Attendance: Emily Wood, David Covill, Amanda Phillips							

Public Hearing – To allocate and expend the retention funds for unanticipated expenses, to accept and expend funds from the Robotic Education Fund Grant

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Jamie Gray and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adjustments: None

Hearing of the Public: None

Special Reports:

Emily Wood, Athletic Director –

Emily reported on the proposed addition of elementary teams, separating boys and girls vs combined. She also discussed coaching salaries. Discussion ensued concerning the Canaan CBA 24-27, which incorporates coaches' stipends. Bridget and Debra stated that these salaries are usually set in the fall jointly by the Boards after preliminary work of the Superintendents. Debra has requested that Canaan reconsider/revise the schedule and will follow-up.

Teacher Updates –

- David Covill –
David presented information on the Business courses he teaches including those required for graduation. He had just returned from the Boston trip which is included in the Humanities class and required of all seniors. He shared highlights of the trip and spoke of its worth.
- Amanda Phillips
Amanda discussed the number of students on her special education and 504 caseload. She described how services are delivered PK-12. There are five paras currently assisting students at the school at this time.

The Board expressed appreciation to both teachers for their work.

Reading of the Minutes

R.Parker/B.Ormsbee: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023, meeting as amended.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Principals Report – Debbie Lynch –

Principal Report–

Debbie reviewed her report highlighting upcoming events and Thanksgiving Break. She reported that we have 18 students participating in the Burke Skilling and Snowboarding program with parents and staff chaperones as well. Parent conferences were not well attended this year.

She noted that the new schools sign, funded by grants and donations, was delivered this week and would be installed in the next few weeks.

Student Report

Joli reported that the National Honor Society Induction was scheduled for November 16 at 6:00 pm She shared that the cross country team did well in the state finals in Manchester and are looking forward to a good season next year. –

Superintendent’s Report – Debra Taylor

- Superintendent November Report –

Debra reviewed her report confirming the upcoming Budget hearing and annual school meeting dates for 2024.

- PSD Moderator -

The Board brainstormed ideas for the school moderator position as David Covill has declined the position.

Business Manager Report – Bridget Cross

L.Gray/R.Parker: Motion to approve to allocate and expend the \$35,570.00 of the retention funds for unanticipated expenses

VOTE: Motion Carries

R.Parker and L.Gray: Motion to expend \$7500.00 in funds from the Robotic Education Funds Grant

VOTE: Motion Carries

Board Member Audit Questionnaire –

R.Parker/H.Kingsbury: Motion to approve the 24/25 sports stipends as presented

VOTE: Motion Carries

Discussion on lighting upgrade –

The board will receive a presentation concerning the lighting upgrade at the next meeting on 11-27.

Discussion on Estimated Revenue and Tax Rate –

The board reviewed the final school tax rate for 2023-24.

Unfinished Business:

- Area Agreement – The joint area agreement meeting will be held in April/May with Clarksville.

New Business:

R.Parker/H.Kingsbury: Motion to accept the donation from Don Noyes of \$1,083.00 for the new school sign.

VOTE: Motion Carries

R.Parker/H.Kingsbury: Motion to accept the anonymous donation of \$100.00 for the new school sign.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Colebrook School District Preschool Selection Procedure - Tabled

Other Business:

- Pittsburg School Board second meeting scheduled for December 25th – cancel or choose another date.

The Board Canceled the December 25 meeting due to the holiday. They will hold the December 11 meeting and will schedule a second meeting in December if needed.

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting November 27, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Pittsburg School Library Computer Lab

Adjournment:

- R.Parker/H.Kingsbury: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra J. Taylor
Superintendent

Board Approved: November 27, 2023