

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	1/13/2025						
Time	6:00 pm School Board Meeting						
Location	Pittsburg School Library Conference Room						
Chairperson	Willard Ormsbee						
School Board Members							
School Board Members			Principal		SAU Members		
E	Jamie Gray	P	Reggie Parker	P	Debbie Lynch	P	Dana Hilliard
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Daniel Kurtz		Student Member	E	Bridget Cross
P	Willard Ormsbee			P	Joli Carlson		
Public in Attendance:							

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

Agenda Adjustments: None

Hearing of the Public:

R. Parker/L. Gray: Motion to go into non-public session RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 6:03 pm

VOTE: Motion Carries

Superintendent Hilliard and Principal Lynch were invited into the non-public session

L. Gray/D. Kurtz: Motion to come out of non-public session at 6 :15 pm

VOTE : Motion Carries

R. Parker/D. Kurts: Motion to accept Mrs. Hall’s resignation

VOTE: Motion Carries

R. Parker/D. Kurtz : Motion to go into non-public session RSA 91-A :3, II (c) at 6 :19 pm

VOTE : Motion Carries

Superintendent Hilliard and Principal Lynch were invited into the non-public session

R. Parker/D. Kurtz: Motion to come out of non-public session at 6:40 pm

VOTE : Motion Carries

R. Parker/W. Ormsbee: Motion to approve the request from Mrs. Hall to waive the \$2,000 contract fee.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Reading of the Minutes:

R. Parker/D. Kurtz: Motion to approve the December 9, 2024, minutes with a correction to the date.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Principals Report: Debbie Lynch

January Report – This month has been very busy with basketball games, skiing and snowboarding and the wellness activities that are on Wednesdays for the students that do not attend skiing and snowboarding.

There are 24 students participating in the ski/snowboard program. Jamie, Sarah, Zack are chaperones, and Brian Dorman transports the ski equipment. Fifteen students are left at school, and we are doing physically active activities with them. We are off the School Need Improvement List from the state again this year. Second semester starts next week, and several upper classmen are taking college classes. Five students are involved in school to work, and Running Start Biology will be offered.

The basketball teams are doing well this year. We will be doing the Kids Heart Challenge in the spring. Games will begin on the new gym floor this week. Hussey will be coming to raise the basketball hoops. Debbie has ordered a new flag for the wall and Dawn received an Indian Stream Republic Flag to go on the wall as well.

Reggie was asked if a large panther stencil could be put up by an art class at the bottom of the stairs. Also stated was asked about items in the gym for the Yellow Jackets. Debbie stated there are items representing the Yellow Jackets in the gym.

Bob stated that there is enough going on right now and the Panther could be done at a later date.

Student Report - Everyone seems to like the new gym floor. There have been no complaints and everyone is happy to be able to do physical education in the gym.

The senior class will be doing concessions at the basketball games. The first one will be this coming Friday.

The Student Council is bringing Mock Rock back for Winter Carnival. This will be held the week prior to February break.

Joli asked about Donkey Basketball and if it could be done on the new gym floor. It was decided to wait until next year to have Donkey Basketball. Dana stated that there is a lot of planning involved with setting this event up and it might be difficult trying to pull it all together for this year. The planning for next year could start now so that there is plenty of time to make it a successful event. Discussed maybe having the Harlem Rockets come as a fund raiser. Debbie asked if the seniors were also selling concessions at the JV games and Joli stated it was just at the Varsity games. Debbie will mention that to Matt.

Superintendent Report: Dana Hilliard

January Report – Last Thursday was in Canaan for the second series of the North Country Gathering. The workshop focuses on how the towns can partake in a more collaborative model and share resources. Canaan Superintendent and Business Manager sat down with Bridget and Dana last Friday to discuss the positions that they can share with SAU #7 and if we have need for them. These discussions will be ongoing. Dana also had discussions with the state regarding teachers that come to NH from Canaan must have a NH certification. If the teacher is not certified in NH, then SAU #7 would pay to have that teacher become NH certified. The teachers would need to have the certification or be in the process of obtaining it before coming to work in NH. Vermont students still cannot come to NH schools. Dana has asked Jen (Canaan Superintendent) to continue putting pressure on the state to get this changed. Also, per Canaan's Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) the teachers cannot be forced to come and teach at SAU #7 schools. Dana will continue to work with Debbie to see what positions we may have open that we could utilize Canaan teachers however, Dana will continue to look at all the needs and make the best choices for Pittsburg School and SAU #7.

Attended the North Country Superintendent meeting last week. All Superintendents are busy with budgets. There is a Joint Policy Committee meeting this Thursday at Stewartstown Community School. Dana has the Safety Audits that he will be reviewing later during this meeting in non-public.

On the 27th of this month will be attending the New Hampshire School Administrators meeting.

Open Board Member Seats 2025 – Lindsey's 3-year term is up and Dan's 1 year term will be up this year as well. Dana thanked the board members for their service.

Would like to have the board approve the 2025/2026 Budget with approved severance included. It is proposed that the 2025-2026 proposed budget move forward to the public hearing for a total of \$4,139,157.00. With an increase of \$0.42 per thousand or a total of \$5.62 per thousand. The budget is decreased by \$105,171.00 from the previous fiscal year. Total amount to be raised by taxes is \$3,358,157.

L. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to accept the budget as presented.

VOTE: Motion Carries

DS Security will take the place of Johnson Controls and if passed will happen over April vacation or over the summer.

R. Parker/D. Kurtz: Motion to approve the quote from DS Security for \$12,095.00

VOTE: Motion Carries

Discussed the bussing of the culinary students from Colebrook to Pittsburg and the expense of the bus. Dana will look into this a little more to see how this is exactly set up. Also, discussed the drivers that clock out of another position to do a bus run and if they are actually losing money by doing the bus driving.

W. Ormsbee/_____: Motion to approve Policy SS-P1 Pittsburg School District Bus Driver Minimum Hours as written

VOTE: No Vote will be put on the next agenda

R. Parker/W. Ormsbee: Motion to approve the tuition rates

VOTE: Motion Carries

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Information:

Other Business :

L. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to go into non-public session RSA 91-A :3, II (i) at 7:44 pm

VOTE : Motion Carries

Superintendent Hilliard and Principal Lynch were invited into the non-public session

R. Parker/L. Gray: Motion to come out of non-public session at 8:00 pm

VOTE : Motion Carries

Meeting Dates:

- SAU School Board Meeting January 30, 2025 @ 6:00pm Clarksville Town Hall
- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School Conference Room

Adjournment:

L. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted, Billie Paquette, Executive Assistant

Board Approved: January 27, 2025