Colebrook School Board
Special Meeting Minutes

Date	June 19, 2023
Time	5:00 pm –Colebrook School Board Meeting
Location	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School library
Chairperson	Nathan Lebel

Attendance
Attendance Legend: **P** - Present   **E** - Excused   **A**- Absent   **R** - Remotely

	School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members
P	Nathan Lebel	P	Joey Sweatt	E	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Deb Greene	P	Tim Stevens		**Asst. Principal**	P	Bridget Cross
P	Rhonda Lyons	P	Tanya Young				
P	Robert Murphy						

Public in Attendance: Canaan School Board and various members of the public.

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	**Call to Order:** The joint meeting was held in Canaan School The Colebrook Board joined the Canaan School Board Meeting at 5:00 pm.	
2.	**Regional Collaboration Discussion** ***HS Courses VT and NH Students*** Superintendent Lawcewicz noted that the question of regional collaboration with Canaan HS has yet to be resolved. The state of Vermont will not approve student participation without a formal interstate agreement. Therefore, Canaan students will not be able to participate in NH HS classes this fall. Similarly, no NH students can attend Canaan HS classes in the coming year. However, both board's expressed interest in working with SAU 7 districts to develop an interstate memorandum of understanding agreement that would permit this in the future ***CTE Participation by Canaan students in NH programs*** Concerning the CTE courses in Colebrook and Pittsburg, Vermont state law does not permit VT students to attend CTE courses in NH that are funded through VT district public funds. This does not preclude NH students from attending VT CTE programs. To remedy this, the district would need to seek private funds for CTE tuition or work with the VT legislature to change the state law.	

	Co-curriculars Collaboration - to implement 1. Due to low participation in Canaan and Pittsburg all Student Kiwanis Clubs should combine (all SAU 7 Schools and Canaan). This could occur as early as this fall and be accomplished via zoom or other means. Collaboration - to explore 2. Music, Art and Drama Co-curriculars should be considered for regional collaboration. We should begin the discussion with teachers and determine possibilities. This could occur this fall with possible spring collaborative activities. 3. Sports - Gather input and explore future regional sports including Canaan, Pittsburg and Colebrook Schools. Data indicates declining student population and sports participation, already results in middle school students playing high school sports, eliminating JV school teams, requiring the research for regional athletic teams. Student input from each school's student council along with AD's and Principals will be sought. NHIAA approval and a new regional sports agreement would be required. This would allow our sports with consistently low enrollment to thrive and for new sports to be initiated in our region. Research, planning and NHIAA approval is a lengthy process so this may take up to 2 years. Collaboration - to research Regionalization - The Colebrook Board expressed interest in exploring regionalization in some form including on a tuition basis, where Canaan students would attend Colebrook Academy and North Point CTE Center. The Canaan Board requested a follow up meeting. This will occur at the SAU Board Meeting on August 10 in Pittsburg. This meeting will include the Canaan School Board and all SAU 7 districts.
3.	The Joint Meeting concluded at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra J. Taylor
Superintendent