

Stewartstown School Board					
Meeting Minutes					
Date	January 3, 2024				
Time	5:15 pm				
Location	Stewartstown Community School				
Chairperson	Philip Pariseau				
Attendance					
Attendance Legend: P – Present at SCS A – Absent Z – Via Zoom C – Cell Phone					
School Board Members		Principals		SAU Members	
P	Betsy Gray	P	Courtney Sierad	P	Stephanie Humphrey
P	Philip Pariseau			P	Debra Taylor
				P	Bridget Cross
<b>Public in Attendance:</b>					

Philip Pariseau, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:15 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

**Reading of the Minutes:** School Board Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023, and Public Hearing Minutes of December 4, 2023.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of School Board Meeting of December 4, 2023.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of the Public Hearing on December 4, 2023.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

**School Administrator’s Report – Stephanie Humphrey**

1. She thanked PetSmart for donating 48 stuffed animals, one to each student in grades PreK to grade 5.
2. Holiday Cheer week was a lot of fun. The week began with dressing like a candy cane. That evening was the holiday concert. 46 out of 53 students participated. Thank you to Mrs. Thilkey for her dedication to our music program. Next concert is in May.
3. During the early release on December 8, staff continued to work on the RULER program.
4. Stewartstown has three members on the district curriculum committee: Alexis Scott, Sharon Ricker, and Stephanie.
5. She will post open positions for the 24/25 school year in the upcoming month. We will have an ELA/Social Studies position, a Physical Education position, and a full-time Title I.
6. Lastly, I would like to thank Danielle Angier for being part of our SCS learning community for the first half of the year. She left at the end of December. Holly Jurcik started on January 2.

**Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:**

1. Happy New Year.
2. School budget development is well underway in our communities. The SAU 7 budget was approved by the school board at the Public Hearing on December 14.
3. Seven of our twenty-one collective school board positions are up for election this spring. Filings begin on January 24 and end on February 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm.
4. The SAU 7 Strategic Plan was updated and endorsed by the Board.

**Business Manager’s Report – Bridget Cross:**

1. Bridget reviewed the budget changes since the last meeting. The contracted service hours for the facility director were cut in half; three additional paraprofessionals were added; and speech was increased by \$10,000.

Betsy discussed the school tax rate, which will increase by \$2.22 if no other changes are made.

Budget Committee will meet with the School Board on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

HVAC Repairs: Chris Hebert submitted a bid of \$198,423 for this work. The budget is \$200,000 from ESSER funds that need to be expended by September 30. They are planning to do the work over the summer, if approved.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To approve the bid from Daniel Hebert, Inc. for \$198,423 to do the HVAC repairs.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

**Meetings:**

Stewartstown Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 10, at 5:00 pm.

Next School Board Meeting will be on February 5, 2024, at 5:15 pm.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To adjourn the meeting at 5:42 pm.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover  
Minutes Taker

Board Adopted: February 5, 2024