

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

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| Date | 8/26/2024 | | | | | | |
| Time | 6:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Location | Pittsburg School Conference Room | | | | | | |
| Chairperson | Bob Ormsbee | | | | | | |
| School Board Members | | | | | | | |
| School Board Members | | | | Principal | | SAU Members | |
| P | Jamie Gray | P | Reggie Parker | P | Debbie Lynch | P | Dana Hilliard |
| P | Lindsey Gray | | | | | E | Bridget Cross |
| P | Bob Ormsbee | | | | | | |
| Public in Attendance: | | | | | | | |

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm by Chairman Bob Ormsbee opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adjustments: Will add to Unfinished Business – Discuss Senior Student who is requesting to leave early every day at 11:15 am.

Hearing of the Public: Discussion on Policy IKC Academic Honors, Class Ranking, Valedictorian and Salutatorian -

Reading of the Minutes:

JGray/R. Parker: Motion to approve the August 12, 2024, minutes with correction

VOTE: Motion Carries

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Debbie Lynch

Flood Work Update – There is a change with the approved contracts from OneSource doing the gym floor removal to Serve Pro will now be doing this work.

Debbie and Dana received notification from FEMA that this has been declared a disaster zone which opens up federal funding to the school. The application has been completed and now we are awaiting an answer from them. FEMA will be coming up on September 9th to do a walk through to see what we could possibly receive for funding. Dana and Bridget will be having a conversation with Primex this week to dispute some items that they say are not covered. ServePro has been to the school twice and was scheduled to start last Thursday. When they came back, they took more pictures and found that when you lift up the little gold plate that is on the gym floor there is water there. There is 83% moisture under the floor and 64% moisture in the air. They have now sent someone to test for mold and we should have those results back tomorrow. The insurance company is stating that the mold would not be covered

so ServePro wants this resolved prior to beginning work. They also tested the lower hallway and the upper hallway and there was some water. The vent is shut off so that the mold should be contained in the gym. All of the banners and mats will be removed from the gym. They can be cleaned while they are down. If the mold test is negative, they will be able to start right away.

We are waiting to hear back from the company who will be doing the sheetrock. In 48 hours, we should have a clearer direction on some of these outstanding questions.

August Report – The first day of school is tomorrow. There have been some changes to the soccer schedule – the first game is on the 4th down in Pittsfield, 9/10 is at Groveton and 9/11 is against Gorham at home.

On Thursday the 12th there will be a presentation to parents where grading will be discussed. Sam Thilkey is going to be the PE Teacher and Josiah will be leading the activities.

Tomorrow when the students come back Debbie will be meeting with the high school students to go over certain sections of the handbook and then they will need to review the rest of it on their own. In the mornings high school students wait outside, however, if it is raining, they will go to the cafeteria.

During the Old Home Day bed race the Slumberjacks won \$400 for first place and donated the money to each class that had a float in the parade. It was \$100 for each class.

Superintendent's Report: Dana Hilliard

Superintendent August Update – First day of school is tomorrow. The SAU staff and board members will be touring all the schools.

The goal setting session time frame has changed a little as Rick is not available on a weekend. We are looking at October 3rd with a 4:30 pm start time with a break for dinner and ending at 7:00 or 7:30 pm. Please reach out to Billie to RSVP for this. It will be held in Columbia.

There are a lot of policies on the agenda. These are the policies that went to the Joint Board and now are back to the local boards for a final vote.

Discussed the Cell Phone Policy and what other districts are doing. Will be working with the policy committee to keep policies flowing and try not get bogged down with them.

There is a public hearing coming up on September 9th for the unanticipated grant funds. There will be a Special Meeting on October 14th for the Area Agreement with Clarksville.

School Board Member Applicant –

J. Gray/R. Gray: Motion to accept the school board application of Daniel Kurtz to be on the Pittsburg School Board with a term ending in March 2025..

VOTE: Motion Carries

J. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to approve the quote from Plodzick & Sanderson for auditing services over the next 3 years.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Unfinished Business:

Agenda Adjustment - Dana discussed with the attorney Policy IKC Academic Honors, Class Ranking, Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

A senior must earn 4 credits their senior year per the RSA. Policy IKFA Early Graduation could also apply if they met the Humanitarian requirements of Pittsburg School. If they meet this requirement they could participate in the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.

Debbie reached out to White Mountain Community College to ask if a student has met all of their requirements in the beginning of the year if the student could start college in January prior to actually receiving their diploma. She stated that she could write a letter to the college letting them know that all requirements have been met but the student would not have their diploma until June once the graduation ceremony has taken place. Unfortunately, she has not heard back from the college as of yet.

Since this request there has been another request from a student parent regarding students playing sports. Debbie reviewed the NHIAA guidelines and found that it states, in order for a student to play high school sports they must be participating in school on a full-time basis. The rules also state that 4 units per grading period is required for participation.

Debbie has reached out to the parents regarding the student who would like to leave early and gave them the policy and what their options are. As of now, Debbie has not heard back from them.

Debbie will reach out to the parents whose student wants to play sports and let them know what the NHIAA policies say.

R. Parker/L. Gray: Motion to have Pittsburg create their own policy for IKC Academic Honors, Class Ranking, Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Motion Withdrawn – Dana will get more validation on this policy.

J. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to approve the NHSBA School Board Policies Recommended from the SAU School Board AC through KEE.

VOTE: Motion Carries

J. Gray/L. Gray: Motion to approve the Local Policies Recommended from the SAU School Board Policies ACAC through JLCF-R minus JICJ and JICJ-R.

VOTE: Motion Carries

L. Gray/B. Ormsbee: Motion to approve the Title IX Policies Recommended from the SAU School Board.

VOTE: 3 Yes 1 Abstention (Reggie) - Motion Carries

New Business: None

Information:

Renew America's Funding Opportunity - This was applied for for the lighting project, but the application was rejected. We can reapply again sometime in the future.

Dana discussed that there are other funding opportunities out there that he, Jen Mathieu and Bridget will be looking into.

Other Business :

Non-Public Session: None

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Public Hearing: Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 6:00 pm Bremer Pond Auditorium -Pittsburg School Board Meeting will directly follow

Adjournment:

J. Gray/R. Parker : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette,
Executive Assistant

Board Adopted: September 9, 2024

