

Stewartstown School Board					
Meeting Minutes					
Date	November 7, 2022				
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	Debra Taylor 5:20 pm
P	Philip Pariseau			P	Bridget Cross
Public in Attendance:					

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

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meetings of October 3 and October 25, 2022

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of October 3 and October 25, 2022 as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

School Administrator’s Report – Stephanie Humphrey

1. Penny Drive has totaled \$190.03 so far. 2nd grade is ahead. Collecting until the 18th.
2. New fire alarm today.
3. Captain Todd Nichols from Beecher Falls Fire Department visited SCS and presented information on Fire Safety. Three students from the Canaan CTE program were with him to demonstrate the equipment and let students climb in the truck.
4. Dorothy Lapoint, Shelley Crossley, and Stephanie have begun the six-week RULER approach training.
5. John Kennedy and Amy Falconer have begun working with Jeremy from WMSI.
6. On the October 14th admin day, teachers continued working on competency-based grading.
7. Staff are preparing for the November 9th Parent Teacher Conferences.
8. Laurel Hemon returned to SCS on October 25 after six weeks of medical leave. Stephanie expressed her appreciation to Arlene Allard and Candi Placey for taking over the classroom while Laurel was absent.
9. Reports will be going home on November 10, 2022.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:

1. The SAU Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 pm at the Columbia Town Hall.
2. Two of our school districts are engaging in Board-Teacher negotiations this fall.
3. She presented a table showing School Districts Public Hearing and Annual School District Meetings for the districts in SAU 7. Stewartstown was listed as March 6 for the annual meeting. The board changed this to March 13, as practice is to have the school meeting the night before town meeting, which is the second Tuesday in March.
4. Her report included pictures of Phase II: Colebrook Academy and North Point Career Center Building Project update.

5. SAU 7 Schools are continuing to focus on collaboration and innovation to scale and deepen their implementation of personalized learning, using integrated technology tools and a competency-based learning approach.
6. On October 14th teachers met to continue work on our competency-based education system.
7. COVID Update – We continue to follow our safe and healthy protocols.
8. School Principal Update – November is Principal Appreciation Month. Debra thanked all the SAU 7 principals and assistant principals for a job well done.
9. She also had a fall message of gratitude to school staff and families for their commitment to serve students during the COVID-19 health crisis.

Business Manager’s Report – Bridget Cross:

1. She asked the board what their priorities were for the next budget:
 - a) Entrance Security
 - b) Roof on garage
 - c) Betsy Gray suggested holding off on paving the rest of the driveway until prices go down.
 - d) Stall partition in bathroom
 - e) Flooring in hallway
 - f) Put money into the bus fund. Only has \$2,452 now.
2. Health insurance projection is a 13% increase.

Unfinished Business: Allen had suggested that a camera be installed on the road into the school. The road is not school property, so this has not been done. Stephanie isn’t sure it’s necessary.

New Business:

Bridget presented a copy of the Plodzick and Sanderson questionnaire that had been completed and signed by Philip Pariseau, Chairman. She wanted the full board to review it in case they had any questions. One was also sent to the Treasurer. The auditors have been here for two days and will be returning.

The meeting in January is scheduled for January 2, which is a holiday. The Board approved holding the meeting on Wednesday, the 4th instead.

Meetings:

Next meeting for Stewartstown School Board will be Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:15 pm at SCS.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To adjourn at 5:48 pm

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
Minutes Taker

Adopted: December 5, 2022