

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes							
<b>Date</b>		9/23/2024					
<b>Time</b>		6:00 pm School Board Meeting					
<b>Location</b>		Pittsburg School Conference Room					
<b>Chairperson</b>		Willard Ormsbee					
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Reggie Parker	P	Debbie Lynch	P	Dana Hilliard
P	Lindsey Gray				<b>Student Member</b>		
P	Willard Ormsbee				Joli Carlson		
<b>Public in Attendance:</b> None							

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

**Agenda Adjustments:** None

**Hearing of the Public:** None

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**J. Gray/R. Parker:** Motion to approve the September 9, 2024, Pittsburg School Board minutes.

**VOTE:** Motion Carries

**Special Reports:** None

**School Administrator’s Report:** Debbie Lynch

September Report – It is a busy week coming up with two varsity soccer games and cross country meets. Ms. Hall is taking some students to see the play Romeo and Juliet at the Weathervane Theatre. There are 20 students signed up to go on this trip. The Expo was amazing! All Students received a t-shirt that had all the vendor names on it. There were 1,000 students in total that attended this event. They would like to make this an event that takes place every 2 years.

Open House was on the 18<sup>th</sup> and there were 93 people who attended. Pre-k to 6<sup>th</sup> grade had 87% attendance with grades 2, 4 & 5 at 100% attendance.

Zack Wallace received the Robotics Grant again this year in the amount of \$7,500. This grant is to help expand student participation in robotics education programming.

The front lawn will become filled with scarecrows as each class will be creating one. Each scarecrow will be based off of a TV show that each class has picked.

Debbie discussed an idea she had for a Parking Lot-a-Palooza which is dance held outside in the parking lot. There would be a DJ and would take place on a Friday night and be open to the public. The board thought this was a good idea.

The senior class did a fundraiser of selling Mums. They sold 327 Mums.

**Student Member:** Joli Carlson

The cross country meets last weekend went well and the team has two meets this week, one in Moultonborough and one in Berlin.

Students are looking forward to the field trip on Friday. Joli stated that she would like to see more field trips like this so students have something to look forward, too.

Jamie asked how the students were reacting to the cell phone policy? Jolie said she felt that some students do not get it.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dana Hilliard

There is a conference for school board representatives that Dana will forward to anyone who is interested.

**Flood Update** – Serve-pro is coming back this weekend and will be working in the classrooms and this will hopefully get us back in the classrooms next Monday. They will then coordinate with Hussey and OneSource, so things seem to be aligning better. Waiting to hear back from FEMA on whether we are eligible to receive new bleachers. They are looking into this from an ADA compliant standpoint. There is an 80/20 split with FEMA. New bleachers cost roughly \$120,000. We are still hoping that our current bleachers do not break when they are removed. There is a long wait for bleachers so if our current ones need replaced it would not happen until next summer. The current bleachers are old enough that if something breaks when removing them there are no parts to replace them with. There was no damage to the bleachers that allows them to be claimed under the insurance claim.

**Superintendent Update** – Dana reviewed the fund balance at \$587,574.77 which \$144,353.90 will be retained for unanticipated expenses for the 24/25 school year leaving \$443,220.87 that will be returned to offset the tax rate. The original amount that was supposed to go back toward the tax rate was \$150,000.00 which gives an additional \$293,220.90 to be returned and go toward the tax rate.

Dana and Jen are working on a grant opportunity (Promising Futures New Hampshire Grant) that could be for up to \$25,000.00 for all three schools. The funds would be used to create educational videos for parents and students. The grant is due this Friday.

The goal setting session is set for October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will start at 4:30 pm in Columbia.

Pittsburg and Clarksville will be holding their special meeting in October for the Area Agreement.

Pittsburg will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Clarksville on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dana is recommending that there be a non-public session this evening RSA 91-A:3, II (c).

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Information:** None

**Other Business :** None

**Non-Public Session:**

**J. Gray/R. Parker:** Motion to go into non-public RSA 91-A :3, II (c) at 6:35 pm

**VOTE :** Motion Carries

Superintendent Hilliard and Principal Lynch were invited to stay for the non-public session

**R. Parker. J. Gray:** Motion to come out of non-public at 6:53 pm

**VOTE :** Motion Carries

**Meeting Dates:**

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, September 23, 2024 @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School Conference Room

**Adjournment:**

**R. Parker/J. Gray:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

**VOTE:** Motion Carries