

**Pittsburg School Board
Public Hearing / Meeting Minutes**

Date	March 28, 2022						
Time	6:00 PM						
Location	Pittsburg School Library Computer Lab						
Chairperson	Jamie Gray						
Attendance							
Attendance Legend: P – Present A – Absent E – Excused C – Cell Phone							
School Board Members			Principals		SAU Members		
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Debbie Lynch	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
Public in Attendance:							

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jamie Gray and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adjustments: None

Hearing of the Public:

- The 2022 Senior Class President came to request from the Board of Directors to change their graduation date. They would like to change the date from June 11th to June 10th. This is due to a conflict with their guest speaker.

R. Parker/L. Gray: Motion to approve the requested date change for the 2022 graduation from June 11th to June 10th.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meeting minutes of March 14, 2022

L. Gray /J Gray: Motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022, as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports:

- Teacher Presentations:
 - Wanda Merrill came in and discussed what is going on in her classroom and how the students have been very interactive and positive. A project they are working on is showing the different seasons and each student had to compare two seasons to show how the seasons change.
 - The next ones they will be working on will be informational writing and animal research projects.
 - By doing this project we found that we had to go back and teach the students about topic sentences and closing sentences.
 - Discussed that this semester she moved the morning specials to the afternoon so that they could focus on reading and math the whole morning without any interruptions.
 - The mentoring program has been a very positive experience.
 - Karen Pariseau discussed working on the second unit which is on community workers.

- Trying to get some community members to come in and discuss their jobs.
- Working collaboratively with Pre-K, K, and grades 1 and 2.
- Together we have completed the 50 days of school, the 100 days of school and have been teaching them the National Anthem and the school song. They are doing really well with the school song.
- Leslie Sierad discussed the mentoring program and how well it is going.
 - Siskin has been coming once a week, which the students have really enjoyed.
 - Would like to see more high schoolers come into the classrooms and work with the younger kids.

Policy Review: None

School Administrator's Report: Debbie Lynch

- Upcoming events include a Bullying presentation by Val Rella (school counselor) for grades 6 to 12 and Siskin's last visit on March 30th. Tuesday, April 5th will be a full staff meeting. There will be a PD presentation by Tom Ledue.
- The Men's tournament raised \$735 which \$500 of this was donated from the Time Out Tavern. This donation was to be used for whatever was needed for the tournament. We chose to put it towards our sign. The wall of fame sign will cost \$700 and the boards for each player will be made locally by Gena Rainville. The signs will be wooden, and we need to have 12 of them made.
- The students enjoyed Jason from Siskin who came on Wednesdays for the month of March. I am planning to schedule him twice next year, once in the fall and again in the winter. The variety of outdoor activities he participated in with our students are lifelong activities they can learn from.
- Discussed the input received from staff. Still waiting for people to respond to the needs part.
- The date for the Celebration of Learning will be April 19th. There will be more details to follow.
- Athletic Council - Neil and I met with Chuck Patterson from Canaan, and they will be choosing 2 board members from Canaan and 2 from Pittsburg (Lindsay and Bob from Pittsburg). We will meet 3 times per year, once for each sport.
- The Athletic Awards banquet will be held in Canaan on Tuesday, April 5th at 5:30 pm.

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- Reviewed the slides from the CTE Planning Survey. Still waiting on final approval. There is no startup money from the Dept. of Education for this. There was an anonymous donation to upgrade some of the equipment in the Consumer Science room. The requirements from the state for this program were extensive but have been completed.
- The interview team has been very busy. There were internal applicants for the open positions.
 - Melissa Hall who has a strong background in English is being recommended for the English position for the 2022/2023 school year.
 - Jessica Haynes, our current 5th and 6th-grade teacher who has a degree in Psychology and a Master's in curriculum and instruction, is being recommended to take on the secondary math position.
 - Would begin with 7th and 8th grade then Algebra and Geometry for the first year. As she would take more math courses, we would hope to increase this.

R. Parker/T. Owen: Motion to approve the recommendation from the interview team to accept Melissa Hall for the English position and Jessica Haynes for the Math position for the 2022/2023 school year.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill

- Bob and I interviewed Mike Falconer for a bus driving position. Would like to move forward with him for this position.
- Received zero bids for the kitchen equipment. Has emailed the state to let them know there have been no bids so they can give instructions on what to do as this grant is due at the end of the week.
- Would like to have support from the Board to replace the kitchen slicer. Has not been replaced for many years. Should be about \$500.

J. Gray/L. Gray: Motion for approval to replace the current slicer with a new kitchen slicer.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

- Looking at another budget analysis and may be able to save another .50 on the \$1.00 for taxpayers compared to what was presented in March.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Toby asked if the Selectman meeting could be recorded with the equipment that was donated to the school. Cheryl will mention it to IT and get back to Toby.
- Discussed the position of a Resource Officer and how this position is funded.
- The last meeting in April is during vacation week. Looking to see if we can cancel it and reschedule. The Board decided to cancel and can reschedule if needed.

Other Business: None

Information: None

Non-Public Session:

R. Parker/ B. Ormsbee: Motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – Yes, L. Gray – Yes, B. Ormsbee – Yes, T. Owen – Yes, R. Parker – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette
Minute Taker

- Heather Mitchell was present for the non-public session.

B. Ormsbee/R. Parker: Motion leave the non-public session at 7:45 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – Yes, L. Gray – Yes, B. Ormsbee – Yes, T. Owen – Yes, R. Parker – Yes

Meetings:

- SAU 7 Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 6:00 pm - Pittsburg School
- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2022 @6:00 pm – Pittsburg School library computer lab

Adjournment:

T. Owen/ B. Ormsbee: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra J. Taylor
Superintendent

Adopted 04/11/2022