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| Stewartstown School BoardMeeting Minutes | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Date** | | October 3, 2022 | | | | | | | |
| **Time** | | 5:00 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 |
| P | Philip Pariseau | |  | | |  |  | P | Bridget Cross |
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| **Public in Attendance:** Allen Coats, Selectman and Marc Rancourt, Water Precinct Chairman, both  representatives to the Budget Committee | | | | | | | | | |
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Philip Pariseau, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:04 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

**Reading of the Minutes:** School Board Meetings of September 7, 2022

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of September 7, 2022, as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

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

1. Student enrollment is 53 students
2. The beginning of the school year has been busy with reacclimating to the school routing, a field trip to Colebrook to watch the BMX Freestyle performance and bus evacuation drills.
3. Teacher received professional development on the new reading program.
4. In October, our four 8th graders will be spending a day at each local high school.
5. The After School Program will commence on October 4. Seventeen students have signed up to participate in the Burke Mountain Ski and Snow Program.
6. Information has gone home regarding the change in the school calendar to include November 10 as an early release day.
7. Dorothy Lapoint, Shelley Crossley, and Stephanie will take part in a training to help them meet the social and emotional needs of the students, families, and staff.
8. October is going to be a busy month.

**Special Reports:** Additional Adequacy Funds

At 5:20 pm Allen Coats and Marc Rancourt joined the meeting as members of the Budget Committee. Discussion followed on how best to handle the additional funds of $20,245.20. Should the funds be returned to reduce taxes, or should they be included in the Facilities Expendable Trust? Discussion ensued.

Allen asked how much the paving cost that was done on school property this past summer. It was $100,000. Discussions continued on who owns the road into the school and if it could also be paved. The school district does not own the road. The owner will be contacted to see if he is willing to sell it.

Betsy stated that she felt the top priority should be placing barriers in front of the school. She wants the safety of the school to be first.

We will also be having the windows tinted. They will provide shade as well as prevent the windows from shattering if shots are fired into them.

We will be having a part-time School Resource Officer, which will be paid for through a grant. Allen likes the relationship of troopers in the school. Town is engaging in a relationship with the Colebrook Police Department for coverage.

Update on additional costs for school safety: approximately $25,000 for surveillance cameras and $8,000 for radios for each classroom. A panic button for the principal is another possibility.

Marc asked how far the security cameras could see outside – only to the school property line. They do not cover the road into the property. Allen recommended that the board research a sensor for the road after the Young/Fuel turn.

After agreeing that they were comfortable with the Board making the decision on how to appropriate the additional adequacy funds, Allen and Marc left at 5:50 pm.

Philip asked if the teachers are feeling more comfortable with the new reading program. They were frustrated with it at the open house. Stephanie replied that the training has helped the teachers and will continue throughout the year.

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

1. The majority of ESSER funds have now been obligated.
2. This month we will initiate the budget process.
3. Adequacy Aid: Stewartstown’s additional funds are $20,245.00. We need to set a date for the public hearing before November 1. The Board agreed to set the public hearing on October 11 and the Special School District Meeting on October 25.
4. The Superintendent visits schools and classrooms at least weekly and the leadership team meets monthly.
5. We have recruited five new substitute teachers, but still need more.
6. COVID leave expired on June 30, 2022. We will discuss at the November SAU Board meeting whether additional COVID leave will be recommended.
7. Jenn Mathieu now works full-time as our Curriculum Director through a shared contract with member districts.
8. Teachers will participate in professional development on October 14.
9. We are pleased to bring back more parent collaboration opportunities in our schools.
10. Colebrook School Board has refined the design of the building project to centralize HS and CTE classrooms.
11. The SAU Policy committee will meet on October 17 at 5:00 pm at the Colebrook School Library. Next SAU 7 Board Meeting will be on November 10 at 6:00 pm in Columbia at the Town Hall.

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

1. Bridget presented the snowplow bid comparison for the last two years. She noted that no bid had been received for this year. The Board gave her the names of people she could contact who might be interested.
2. She also presented a quote from 48Barriers for planters for the front of the school plus described the different types of posts that are available from Grainger. Courtney questioned if we could have a local contractor pour cement planters cheaper. Betsy thought we should get quotes on square planters.
3. Local tuition comparison showing the NH State Average, Canaan, VT., Area Agreements for Clarksville/Pittsburg and Columbia/Colebrook, plus Colebrook for towns without an Area Agreement was also included in her report.
4. She also included the enrollment for the last six years at schools in SAU 7.
5. She will do a budget analysis for the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Betsy requested that the Board meetings time be changed to 5:15 pm as she will be starting a new job and will not get out of work until 5:00 pm. The change will take effect for the November 2022 meeting.

**Meetings:**

Next meeting for Stewartstown School Board will be Monday, November 7 at 5:15 pm at SCS.

Stephanie presented a short video on the WMSI program (White Mountains Science, Inc.) that the Stewartstown students worked on last school year. A longer video will be on the school website soon.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover

Minutes Taker

Adopted: 11/7/2022