

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes					
Date	January 4, 2023				
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	Philip Pariseau			P	Debra Taylor
				P	Bridget Cross
Public in Attendance:					

Philip Pariseau, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:16 pm.

Hearing of the Public: None

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meetings of December 5, 2022

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of December 5, 2022, as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Policy Review: BBB, BBBF, BEDH, EBB, EBBD, EBCA, EBCA-R, EBCD, EBCE Withdrawn due to overlap with EBCD, ECD, EG, EHAB, EHB, GCG with changes recommended by Superintendent, IC, ICA Withdrawn, IHBA, IHBA, IHBA-R Withdrawn, IHABB, IHBG, IHBG-R Withdrawn, IKFC, IMBA, JFAM, JICA, JJA, JJF with changes recommended by Superintendent, JJJ, JJJ-R, JLCB, JLCDA, JLCF, JLDBB, and KDA withdrawn.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To approve the policies listed above excluding ICA, IHBA, and IHBG-R which were withdrawn.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

School Administrator’s Report – Stephanie Humphrey

1. December holiday meal was a success thanks to Toni for the meal, students and staff who decorated the lunchroom, and the staff who made the gnome centerpieces.
2. Holiday cheer week was a huge success.
3. In December, she applied for the Berlin City Drive for Education grant and was approved for a grant of \$1,500 to buy materials for Makerspace. We will receive the funds in January.
4. During the early release, Dorothy Lapoint presented the beginning of the RULER approach to staff.
5. In December, the CIA (Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment) team met with Brian Stack from V & S regarding grading and reporting.
6. Student enrollment as of December 31, 2022, is 48. We have heard of potential students coming in January.

7. On December 22, grades K-3 performed the songs they had practiced for the Holiday Jubilee that was canceled due to a storm day. We are looking forward to the spring concert.
8. During Holiday Cheer week, students made cards for the nursing home residents and Meg Miller.
9. Two of our paras may work toward becoming certified teachers.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:

1. Dr. Taylor highlighted the strides that have been made at both the elementary and high school levels.
2. The SAU 7 Strategic Plan has been extended through 2025.
3. Part-time School Safety Officers have been implemented in each of the schools.
4. She presented budget public hearing and school district meeting dates plus the openings for board members for each school district in SAU 7. Filing dates begin on January 25th and end at 5:00 pm on February 3rd.
5. The Colebrook Guidance Counselor, Tia Cloutier, will go to Canaan Memorial High School to speak to the Stewartstown students who attend school in Canaan about what the Colebrook CTE program has to offer. Betsy questioned why not just send the Stewartstown 8th graders to Colebrook to see the program firsthand?
6. Betsy also inquired who the employer of the School Resource Officer is? The answer was “Colebrook School District”.

Business Manager’s Report – Bridget Cross:

1. Bridget presented a quote Dennis received for roofing the garage: \$6,500 for Timberline GAF shingles and \$25,000 for metal roofing. Quotes were from Werner Roofing. Philip asked when this would go out to bid. Answer was “right after school district meeting.”
2. She did an estimated revenue comparison from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024. There is an expected decrease of \$349,489.00 without the warrant article for the roof. There is a 3.67% decrease in the budget. Projected tax rate for 2023-2024 is \$18.85.
3. Bridget also included draft warrants: #1 with no roof article; #2 expend \$6,500 for garage roof repairs; #3 expend \$25,000 for new metal roofing.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the budget as presented with no roof repairs.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Discussion ensued on whether to use shingles versus steel for the garage roof.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the warrant article to repair the roof with shingles.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Board members asked how much longer the Stewartstown bus driver will be driving for Pittsburg. It shouldn’t be much longer. This should lighten the load for Dennis.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Debra received a phone call inquiring how to submit a petition for an article on the annual school district warrant and what the elementary tuition rates are for the area schools.

Meetings:

Stewartstown Budget Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 5:00 pm

School Board Meeting - Monday, February 6, 2023, at 5:15 pm at SCS.

Stewartstown School District Public Hearing - Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
Minutes Taker

Nonpublic Session:

Patricia Grover left the meeting.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To go into nonpublic session at 6:00 per RSA 91-A:3,II
ROLL CALL VOTE: B. GRAY – YES, C. SIERAD – YES, P. PARISEAU – YES

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To come out of nonpublic session at 6:10 pm
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

B. Gray/C. Sierad: Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:15 pm
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE