

Stewartstown School Board Meeting Minutes							
Date	September 4, 2024						
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		
A	Betsy Gray	P	Courtney Sierad	P	Stephanie Humphrey	P	Dana Hilliard
P	Philip Pariseau					P	Bridget Cross
Public in Attendance: Amy Falconer (5:20 pm) Observation for a college course she is taking							

Public Hearing

To Accept and Expend unanticipated grant funds for the 24/25 school year.

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

Bridget Cross, Business Administrator, presented the amounts of the grants:

Title I	\$80,956.51	payment for Title I teachers
Title II	\$9,831.67	College Courses, Design Studio, CIA Team Members, PD Books
Title IV	\$10,624.17	School Resource Officer
Laura Bush Foundation	\$5,000.00	Library Books
IDEA	\$29,323.70	BCBA Contract & School Psychologist Contract, AAC Specialist & Tuition to a Special Education Setting (all for students on IEP's).

Close public hearing at 5:19 pm.

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: Accept grant funds as noted above.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Philip Pariseau opened the school board meeting at 5:20 pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda: .

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2024.

Board corrected two typing errors: Page 2 vote under Business Manager's Report – Laura Bush (not Bus) Foundation and Page 3 under New Business, #2, Option 2 – hole not home.

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To accept the minutes of School Board Meeting August 5, 2024 as corrected.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Special Reports: None

Hearing of the Public: None

School Administrator's Report – Stephanie Humphrey

1. The whole staff participated on August 23rd in preparing for the opening of schools.
2. Mr. Towle finished phase 1 of the painting inside the school.
3. The first week of school went very well with only a few hiccups.
4. We have started the paperwork for the Burke Mountain Ski Program.
5. Enrollment as of August 27th is 58 students: PreK-5; K-8; First - 7; Second - 3; Third - 8; Fourth - 9; Fifth - 7; Sixth - 7; Seventh - 3; Eighth - 1.
6. Stephanie listed the fall fundraisers for 2024-2025. She asked the Board for permission to sell Wildlife Calendars as a fundraiser for the Student Activity Fund. Calendars will sell for \$12.00 with the school receiving \$6.00 per calendar. On Thursday, August 29th, we had our first book giveaway with the Clif Grant.
7. Stephanie enclosed a copy of the handout about the Family Village program that went home.
8. She welcomed Kylie Tennett as a paraprofessional in the PreK/K room.

Superintendent's Report – Dana S. Hilliard:

1. The school year is off to an amazing start. What makes a school successful is when a full community unites to give it a soul. We should be proud of the strong soul we have created in all three of our schools. Five communities, three schools, one heart, one SAU.
2. Fall sports are up and running. Colebrook: Soccer; Pittsburg/Canaan: VG & VB Soccer, Cross Country, JH Soccer, & Elementary Soccer. All P/C games are played in Canaan. Students from SCS can play for any of the teams.
3. Update on BGAA and Policies: BGAA is going to be Dana's project. While the policy can be interpreted to allow us to continue to progress with creating, adopting and amending policies, moving forward with the reframing of its language will make it clearer for us on how we do our work. As a full SAU Board, we will continue to follow the process as outline in BGAA. The amended version will clearly reflect both the district and local way of creating, amending, rescinding, and adopting policies.
4. Goal Setting Update: We are going to proceed forward with booking our goal setting session with Rick for October 3rd. We will meet from 4:30 – 7/7:30 with a break for dinner at the Columbia Town Hall (Columbia School Board will be providing dinner)
5. District-Wide Sub update: We have a sub list of 37 strong. We have had three former employees from the News & Sentinel apply. Two of them have English degrees. They were instantly sent for fingerprinting. There is a possibility we can get them on track to become certified teachers.
6. Small classes can be a negative, but Dana believes it can be positive. We can't pay six figure salaries, but we can offer smaller classes. We need to promote our strengths not our weaknesses.
7. Enrollment Data: Colebrook – 292; Pittsburg – 82; Stewartstown - 58

Business Manager's Report – Bridget Cross

1. Plodzik & Sangerson, P.A. submitted a three-year proposal for auditing financial statements for FY's 24-25 (\$12,055), 25-26 (\$12,415), and 26-27 (\$12,785)

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To accept the audit agreement as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE (Philip signed the agreement)

2. Retention of Funds: Estimated funds left for FY23-24 are \$103,082.35. Bridget recommended that the Board retain the maximum approved amount.

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To retain the maximum approved amount.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

3. Bridget presented two fuel bids for 2024-2025:

C Bean Transportation	\$3.429 for 3,800 gallons	\$13,030.20
C N Brown	\$2.939 for 3,800 gallons	\$11,168.20
C N Brown LP Gas	\$2.169 for 275 gallons	\$596.48

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To award the Fuel and LP Gas bids to CN Brown.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

4. Three bids were received for plowing snow (specs were for annual price):

Rancourt Sand & Gravel	\$12,000.00 for the season
Sabot Land Management	\$ 3,000.00 per month (6 months = \$18,000.00)
Weir Bros & Son LLC	\$16,500.00 for the season

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To award the snowplow bid to Rancourt Sand & Gravel.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. NHSBA Policies Recommended by the SAU Board for Final Approval (Policies AC – KEE)
2. Local Policies Recommended by the SAU Board for Final Approval (Policies ACAC – JLCF)
3. Title IX Policies Recommended by the SAU Board for Final Approval
Dana presented copies of Policy JICJ – Mobile Devices / Cell Phones that have been adopted by Pittsburg and Colebrook

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To adopt Policies AC – KEE as presented.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Discussion ensued on Policy JICJ. Stephanie is not in favor of cell phone use in school. Currently students must leave their phones in their backpacks. 1st offense to this, teacher's take the phone for the day. 2nd offense, parents must come get the phone. Dana encouraged the Board to have their own policy based on the handbook. He will bring a proposed policy to the next meeting.

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To adopt Policies ACAC – JLCF minus JICJ.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To adopt Title IX policies as recommended by the SAU Board.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To accept the fundraiser selling wildlife calendars.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Bridget received an email stating that the new school bus would be ready by November 13.

Meetings:

Next School Board Meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:15 pm.

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To go into nonpublic session at 6:05 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (a)
ROLL CALL VOTE: C. SIERAD – YES; P. PARISEAU – YES

P. Pariseau/C. Sierad: Motion to leave non-public session at 6:15 pm
ROLL CALL Vote: C. SIERA – YES, P. PARISEA - YES

Patricia Grover and Amy Falconer left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
School District Clerk/Minutes Taker

Board Adopted: October 7, 2024