

Stewartstown School Board					
Meeting Minutes					
Date	March 11, 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	
P	Betsy Gray	P	Courtney Sierad	P	Stephanie Humphrey
P	Philip Pariseau			P	Debra Taylor
				P	Bridget Cross
Public in Attendance: Lynn Dorman					

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

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024; and Public Hearing Minutes of February 5, 2024

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of School Board Meetings of February 5, 2024, and Public Hearing Minutes of February 5, 2024.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Special Reports: None

Hearing of the Public: None

Policy Review: None

School Administrator’s Report – Stephanie Humphrey

1. The Book Blast was a success. We had 51.85% of participation and \$3,855 in donations. Every student in the school will receive at least four books. \$252 was raised for Stewartstown Community School.
2. Winter Carnival was a fun event.
3. During February, students had their mid-quarter check-in.
4. On February 19, Kiwanis hosted a cornhole tournament for students in grades 4-8. Brayden Woodburn and Josh Flagg were the champions and Jade Leighton and Corbyn Champagne-Clark were the runners-up.
5. Friday, February 16 was early release. Teachers went to Pittsburg to participate in Restorative Practice Professional Development.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:

1. Dr. Taylor reported on the dates for the school district annual meetings in each district in SAU 7.
2. North Point CTE Center Update: The five programs provide college credits that are available: Health Services – 24 credits; Education – 17 Credits; Hospitality and Culinary – 19 Credits; Automotive – 16 credits; and Computer Technology – 22 credits.
3. The Challenge of Budgeting and Funding our Schools: Across the state, school budgets and tax rates are on the rise. This is the result of a perfect storm of inflation and the

continued lack of funding from the State of New Hampshire. She pointed out that Vermont is #1 in funding education with 91% funding for local public education from state sources and New Hampshire ranks #50 with only 31% of funding from state sources.

4. Colebrook School District Building Project failed again this year.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II (a)

ROLL CALL VOTE: B. GRAY – YES; C. SIERAD – YES; P. PARISEAU – YES

B. Gray/C. Sierad; To return to public session at 5:50 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: B. GRAY – YES; C. SIERAD – YES; P. PARISEAU – YES

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To employ Terry Hammond as Social Studies/Language Arts Teacher

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Business Manager's Report – Bridget Cross:

1. Bridget reviewed the budget and warrant as they will be presented at the school district meeting at 6:00 pm.
2. She also presented a bid from David White for sweeping the school yard for \$560.00.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To approve David White sweeping the school yard for \$560.00.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

3. If we purchase a 60-passenger bus, we can have it in the fall of 2024. This is at a cost of \$115,000, which is \$470 more than the 45-passenger bus we bid. We will not be able to get the 45-passenger bus until late in the 24-25 school year.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To approve purchasing the 50-passenger bus at a cost of \$115,000.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

New Business:

Betsy asked how many students we have in school as of today. Stephanie responded 54.

Meetings:

Next School Board Meeting will be on March 11, 2024 at 5:15 pm.

Stewartstown Annual School District Meeting will be on March 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To adjourn the meeting at 5:55 to attend the school district meeting.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover

Minutes Taker

Minutes Approved by Board: April 1, 2024