

<b>Stewartstown School Board</b>					
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>					
<b>Date</b>	December 4, 2023				
<b>Time</b>	5:20 pm				
<b>Location</b>	Stewartstown Community School				
<b>Chairperson</b>	Philip Pariseau				
<b>Attendance</b>					
Attendance Legend: <b>P</b> – Present at SCS <b>A</b> – Absent <b>Z</b> – Via Zoom <b>C</b> – Cell Phone					
<b>School Board Members</b>		<b>Principals</b>		<b>SAU Members</b>	
P	Betsy Gray	P	Courtney Sierad	P	Stephanie Humphrey
P	Philip Pariseau			P	Debra Taylor
				P	Bridget Cross
<b>Public in Attendance:</b>					

Philip Pariseau, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:20 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** We have a roof bid.

**Reading of the Minutes:** School Board Meeting Minutes and Corrected Public Hearing minutes of November 6, 2023

C. Sierad/P. Pariseau: To accept the minutes of School Board Meeting and Corrected Public Hearing Minutes of November 6, 2023

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

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

1. Parent Teacher Conferences were held on November 8, 2023
2. Eighth grader Alexis McKay and fifth grader Xander Gendreau had their artwork chosen as the cover page for the annual report.
3. Play Club is up and running on Tuesday afternoons.
4. The students raised \$559.85 plus donations of \$55, so a total of \$614.85 was raised in the Penny Drive. Eight baskets of food for a Thanksgiving meal. With the extra funds, each basket also included a \$30 gift certificate to Solomon’s so families could purchase perishable items. Grade 3 students earned the pizza party and grades 4 & 5 earned ice cream.
5. First quarter reports were distributed on November 7, 2023.

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

1. Welcome to winter.
2. SAU 7 School Board will hold its next meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Colebrook School Library.
3. This month we are preparing school budgets.
4. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, a NH Superior Court in Rockingham County ruled that the current school funding amount of base adequacy aid (\$4,100 per student) is unconstitutional because it does not reflect the true cost of obligation imposed on local school districts by the state. The court opined that the true cost of an adequate education is a minimum of \$7,356.01 per pupil per year. The Superior Court also found that the Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT), challenged in the “Rand” case, is unconstitutional.
5. Winter Holiday Concerts: Colebrook – December 14; Pittsburg – December 13; and Stewartstown – December 18.

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

1. Bridget discussed proposed changes to paraprofessionals’ pay grouping and salaries for teachers.

C. Sierad/B. Gray: To accept proposed salary schedules for paraprofessionals and teachers.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

2. Bridget then reviewed the proposed 24–25 budget.
3. Included in the budget is a new position for a Facility Director. This would be a shared position with Colebrook and Pittsburg. Position would be budgeted for 416 hours per year at a cost of \$18,270. The individual would be a go-to person for the SCS custodian to help him when he is faced with equipment repairs, etc. Legislation has now decided each school district needs a facility plan. This individual would write that. Discussion ensued. The board will review this in further detail and may possibly cut the hours some.
4. Bridget presented a garage roof bid from Brian W. Collins. His bid for a steel roof was \$8,850.00 and for Asphalt Shingles \$9,568.23.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the bid from Brian W. Collins for a steel roof at \$8,850.00.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

**New Business: None**

**Meetings:**

Stewartstown School Board on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:15 pm. (Change in day due to New Year’s Day being on a Monday)

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover  
Minutes Taker

Board Adopted: January 3, 2024