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| Stewartstown School BoardMeeting Minutes | | | | | | | | |
| **Date** | | June 3, 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 | A | Debra Taylor |
| P | Philip Pariseau | |  | |  |  | P | Bridget Cross |
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| **Public in Attendance:** | | | | | | | | |
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Philip Pariseau, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:10 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** .

**Reading of the Minutes:** School Board Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the minutes of School Board Meeting May 6, 2024.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

**Special Reports:** None

**Hearing of the Public**: None

**Business Manager’s Report – Bridget Cross** (Bridget’s report was given early because items needed approval and Courtney had to leave by 5:50 to get to his daughter’s school concert)

1. Bridget is applying for CEP eligibility. If approved, we would get 100% reimbursement on school meals and all students would eat free.
2. Meal prices for adults will need to be increased to $4.50 for lunch.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To approve increasing the adult price for school lunch to $4.50

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

1. This will be our first renewal of the FSMC Contract with Underwood Catering/The Abby Group. We can renew for up to four years before going out to bid again. The proposed budget will be $73,707.52, which includes a maximum subsidy of $27,773.72. This is $1,334.52 higher than the budgeted amount for the 24-25 school year. We need board approval for this.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To approve the contract with Underwood Catering/The Abby Group for the

the amount of $73,707.52 for the 24-25 school year.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

1. Appointment of a School District Deputy Treasurer

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To appoint Patricia Grover as Deputy Treasurer for the School District

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

1. The US Department of Energy (DOE) is accepting submissions for the Renew America’s Schools Prize, which will invest an anticipated $180 million in school facilities that demonstrate the need for both energy improvements and financing. Each application must identify a minimum of 10 K-12 public schools or school facilities in its proposed portfolio. Berlin, Errol, Milan, Colebrook, and Pittsburg are planning to participate. This is informational for now. Bridget wanted to give Stewartstown the opportunity to read up on this to see if they wanted to participate. She will have more information at the next meeting.

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

1. As we wrap up the end of the school year, students and staff have been busy with testing.
2. At the beginning of May, we celebrated Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, School Lunch Hero, & Nurse Appreciation Day. Thank you, School Board, for the wonderful gift.
3. The Polly Bath team finished up their year-long work on May 7. The plan is to change the committee’s name to the Climate and Culture Team and continue the work with restorative practice and climate and culture within our school.
4. We had visitors from Land Vest come to SCS and give the whole school a brief presentation and Q & A session. Everyone was given seedlings to take home to plant.
5. On May 17 we visited Colebrook Academy and Elementary as a whole school. Students and staff could sit in a Black Hawk helicopter and go through a bounce house. We also watched the Black Hawk take off. Students’ behavior was wonderful, and we also enjoyed playing outdoor games as a whole school.
6. The six eighth graders spent a day at the high school of their choice for next year. Five students went to Canaan and one attended Pittsburg.
7. The whole school painted rocks for Kindness that will be displayed outside on a permanent display.
8. We will be having a new science curriculum which we hope will get kids motivated.
9. Pre-K’s last day of school will be June 7. Kindergarten will be going on a field trip on June 11th and they can spend a week alone with Mrs. Hemon before moving to first grade. They will also attend the whole school field trip to Conway Scenic Railroad on June 12th.
10. I want to thank Meg Miller, who came out of retirement this year to be a paraprofessional in our third-grade class. She has chosen to enjoy her retirement more next year.
11. I also want to thank Dorothy Lapoint for her 26 years of teaching. Her passion for teaching has ignited countless minds, including mine. We will be celebrating her retirement on June 7.
12. Stephanie listed the end of the year school events.
13. She also discussed a new policy which will be coming before the Board at the next meeting concerning waiving tuition for any staff member who chooses to bring their children to the school they teach in. Pittsburg and Colebrook have already approved this in their districts. If SPED costs are associated with any of these children, the district they reside in will have to pay those costs. If they are a Vermont resident, they would need permission from their Vermont School District. No public transportation will be provided.

**Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:** No report as she is on administrative leave.

Courtney left at 5:48 pm.

**Meetings:**

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

Next SAU School Board Meeting will be at SCS on August 8, 2024.

(Betsy will not be available for these meetings)

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover School District Clerk/Minutes Taker Board Adopted: August 5, 2024