

**Pittsburg School Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date	August 9, 2021
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	Pittsburg School Library
Chairperson	Toby Owen

Attendance
Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent **Z** – Via Zoom **C** – Cell Phone

School Board Members		Principals		SAU Members			
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						

Clarksville School Board Members

P	Erin Blanchard						
P	Michael Dionne						

Public in Attendance: Heather Mitchell, Dr. Peter Moran, Julie Moran

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Heather Mitchell was present as she had just resigned from the Clarksville School Board so she could accept the teaching position at Pittsburg. She asked for nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) and gave permission for everyone present to attend.

J Gray/T. Owen: To enter into nonpublic session per RSA 914-A:3, II(b) at 6:07 pm.

Roll Call Vote: J. Gray – Yes, L. Gray – Yes, T. Owen – Yes, B. Ormsbee – Yes, R. Parker - Yes

L Gray/T. Owen: Return at public session at 6:22 pm.

Roll Call Vote: J. Gray – Yes, L. Gray – Yes, T. Owen – Yes, B. Ormsbee – Yes, R. Parker - Yes

T Owen;/J. Gray: To seal the minutes

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meeting of June 24, 2021

Bob Ormsbee questioned the last page pertaining to Misty Blais’ stipend. Cheryl stated that the District will pay for the Assistant Principal position. Debra thought that Elaine could include this position in the CSI grant. Cheryl stated that Misty will be keeping time sheets for this position.

J. Gray/R. Parker: To approve the minutes of June 24, 2021

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

School Administrator’s Report – Elaine Sherry (written report included)

Events:

1. All staff will attend the Administrative Day in Colebrook on August 26th.
2. Responsive Classroom training and Restorative Practice training will be held the week of August 16th– 19th.

3. Soccer practice begins on August 27th.
4. First day of school is August 30th with September 3rd – 6th off for Labor Day observance.

Old Business

1. New Curriculum Coordinator has completed a schedule
2. New student information platform went live on August 9th. This replaces the MMS program.
3. Tom Ladue is working with Misty, Elaine and the leadership team on August 9th & 10th.
4. We continue to work on the reopening of school with COVID protocols.

Children's Stage Adventures

1. Sharon would like approval to move forward with the Children's Stage Adventure program. Cheryl reported that this was going to cost about \$4,500 - \$5,000 and was for K – 8.

Jamie asked if this was taking the place of music theater. What is going to be done for the high school students?

Cheryl responded that some high school students would help with the lights and music. They would not be part of the performance, but CSA would do workshops for the high school students for an extra fee.

Bob stated Sharon should come to the next meeting to answer questions from the Board.

Cheryl stated that Sharon wanted Stewartstown students to be part of the Pittsburg program, but this didn't work out. Stewartstown will be doing their own program. If busing can be arranged, the Stewartstown students will come to Pittsburg to watch the dress rehearsal. This program will take place January 23-20 with a performance on Friday.

Sharon also wants an endorsement from the school board to continue to pursue grant funding for extended arts activities.

Cheryl said we must lock in the dates quickly. This program could be written into the Esser funds grant.

J . Gray/T. Owen: To approve the Children's Stage Adventure including workshops for Middle and High school students.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Debra Taylor:

1. Dr. Taylor included a written report in the packet.
2. Year-round staff is busy preparing for school to resume on August 30, 2021
3. Guidelines for schools concerning COVID-19 will be discussed at the SAU meeting on August 12, 2021 at the Columbia Town Hall. My recommendations are:
 - a. Masks are optional except on buses. They will be mandated there.
 - b. Students will sit two to a seat on the buses.
 - c. Three-foot distance in classrooms
 - d. If staff is working one-on-one with a student, then both will need to wear a mask.
 - e. Everything is subject to change if there is an outbreak. This will be voted on at the SAU meeting.

Lindsey stated we should stand up to the Covid mandates and do it our way. Bob stated we now have five more cases in Coos County.

4. Second focus of the SAU meeting will be planning and progress on the SAU 7

Strategic Plan.

5. Our hiring process is still continuing. I am nominating the following 21-22 positions:
 - a. Heather Mitchell – High School English Instructor
 - b. Melissa Hall – K-12 Art Instructor
 - c. Lianne Sanschagrín – Family and Consumer Science and English Instructor
 - d. Neil Prehemo as Athletic Director for Canaan at an additional stipend of \$4,800
 - e. Patricia Grover as minutes taker through October.

T. Owen/R. Parker: To approve hiring employees (#5 a – e) as recommended by Superintendent Taylor.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Bob Ormsbee recommended that Mrs. Sargent mentor Melissa Hall. Dr. Taylor responded by both Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Johnsen (retired art teacher from Colebrook) have volunteered to mentor her.

Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill:

1. Bus Routes: We may have a part-time driver he can get license. Ron will fill in to start.
2. Cyber Liability: Second step to sign in – everyone will get a code on their phone. Can't access the Internet without it. We also have to make a commitment to training for phishing. None is this is cheap.
3. Food Service Program – Cheryl reviewed the Program Analysis that she presented to the Board. New fridge for the kitchen was an unexpected cost. Disposable dishes to serve meals on were an additional cost. All students had free meals this year, but only about 40% of student ate. We hope to be back in the cafeteria this year even though children will have

to eat at individual desks. My recommendation is to stay with the Summer Seamless Option (SSO) and not charge the students for meals.

JGray/B. Ormsbee: To go with the USDA option for meal charges.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

4. Title I funds have been cut in half. We will not have approval from Feds until October. Bob asked if it would be retroactive when it comes. Answer was "yes".
5. Debra will have a survey for parents and staff. This will be incorporated into the public hearing at the next meeting.
6. Cheryl presented accounting for the Senior Class Trip: Expenses totaled \$6,164.63; Senior funds contributed \$3,366.32 and the District contributed \$2,798.31 from Humanities Funds.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Covered previously in the meeting.

Other Business:

Bob Ormsbee recommended that the board hold one meeting in July.

Meetings:

SAU School Board Meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm – Columbia Town Hall

Next meeting for Pittsburg School Board will be August 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

J. Gray/T. Owen: To adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
Minutes Taker

Adopted 08/23/2021