

Stewartstown School Board					
Meeting Minutes					
Date	November 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	
P	Betsy Gray	P	Courtney Sierad	P	Stephanie Humphrey
P	Philip Pariseau			P	Dana Hilliard
				P	Bridget Cross
Public in Attendance:					

Philip Pariseau opened the school board meeting at 5:15 pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Stephanie has additional information to present to the Board.

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the School Board Meeting minutes of October 7, 2024 as written.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Special Reports: None

Hearing of the Public: None

School Administrator’s Report – Stephanie Humphrey

1. This month, students and staff had lots of learning and fun: FUN Friday, two visits with Jason from Siskin, and a new bridge built by Dennis so students can cross the gully.
2. Students and staff participated in the Wellness Walk on October 25th and raised \$1,424 for student activity funds.
3. Todd Nichols and the fire safety students visited SCS to teach students about fire safety.
4. October 11 was an admin day and part of the day was spent learning about ALICE. Stephanie was facilitator and was assisted by Officer Stepanian.
5. Jim Arnosky was our second author visitor. He also sang and played guitar. He sang some of his books and played a game with the students.
6. New Hampshire Statewide Family Engagement Center, Ann Marie Auger, came to SCS to host the first of seven Strengthening Families workshops. She was able to provide dinner and childcare. Two SCS families and three from other communities attended. Next meeting is scheduled for November 12.
7. We would like to get rid of a safe that is no longer being used at school. It is 30-40 years old and was moved here from West Side School. By consensus, the Board approved advertising it as available with a donation.
8. The HVAC system is close to being completed.
9. She received a \$500 donation in the mail on Friday to help provide school meals to those who need assistance.

C. Sierad/B. Gray: To accept the unanticipated donation.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Superintendent's Report – Dana S. Hilliard:

1. We have been awarded a \$15,000 grant to expand its MTTS-B (Multi-Tiered System of Supports – Behavior).
2. Rick Alper has completed the official guide to our goal setting session.
3. The Homeland Security safety audits took place this week in all schools. The feedback was positive with several suggestions of things we can do internally with daily procedures and some suggestions for increasing our security that will involve a financial investment.
4. It is common practice to have the guidance of a mentor for the first three years in any new position within education. I have contracted with Dr. Ester Asbell, Superintendent of SAU 16 to mentor me this year.
5. The joint policy committee met last week and will have a variety of policies moving toward the Joint SAU Board for its November meeting.
6. Dana enclosed a piece that he printed in 2019 with divine hope in humanity in reference to social media. Unfortunately, social media has not improved over the years. Regardless of how small the world has appeared to become, our level of understanding, civility, respect, and decency towards others has eroded and continues to erode at an alarming rate. Some people believe it is ok to be disrespectful to others on social media. He recommends to staff that they don't read disrespectful social media or emails. He will do all he can to have their backs.

Business Manager's Report – Bridget Cross

1. Bridget presented copies of the School Board Member Questionnaire that Plodzick & Sanderson had the chairman complete.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To accept the questionnaire that was completed by school board chairman.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

2. She also presented the actual revenue, budget summary, and tax rate for 2024-2025.

Unfinished Business – Policy JICJ (First Reading)

Dana presented the Policy JICJ – Mobile Devices / Cell Phones for a second reading and adoption.

C. Sierad/B. Gray: To adopt Policy JICJ as presented for a second reading.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

New Business:

Meetings:

Next School Board Meeting will be Monday, December 2, 2024 at 5:15 pm.

B. Gray/C. Sierad: To adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Grover
School District Clerk/Minutes Taker

Board Adopted: December 2, 2024