

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes							
Date		November 22, 2021					
Time		6:00 p.m.					
Location		Pittsburg School Library Computer Lab					
Chairperson		Toby Owen					
Attendance							
Attendance Legend: P – Present A – Absent E – Excused C – Cell Phone							
School Board Members			Principals			SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Toby Owen	P	Debbie Lynch	P	Debra Taylor
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Reggie Parker			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Bob Ormsbee						
Clarksville School Board Members							
A	Erin Blanchard	A	Michael Dionne	A	Heather Mitchell		
Public in Attendance:							

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Toby Owen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Deb Taylor added a non-public session for personnel at end of the session. Cheryl Covill added an agenda item under new business.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes: School Board Meeting of November 8, 2021

L. Gray / R. Parker: Motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021 as presented.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports: None

Policy Review: None

Connecticut River Collaborative Committee:

- None of the Pittsburg members was able to attend the last meeting. Would like to find out what grades would constitute middle school? Could be 6th to 8th grade or 7th to 8th grade.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Stewartstown.

School Administrator's Report: Debbie Lynch

- November Report – Upcoming events include Thanksgiving break this week Wednesday to Friday, next Tuesday the 9 through 12 graders will be taking the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The first JV game will be played in Littleton and there are enough players for both boys and girls teams. All games will be played in Pittsburg. Paperwork was submitted today for students who will be skiing at Burke Mountain. Twelve students will be participating in skiing/snowboarding. Lessons will be on

Mondays and we will be going with Stewartstown. The bus will leave between 10:30 am and 11:00 am and returning by 5:30 pm.

- During Principal Lynch's first few days she attended a staff meeting, discussed her open-door policy, and was available to answer any questions that they had. She came to Pittsburg to do a tour of the facility with Superintendent Taylor. She has been greeting all students as they come in every morning and going to each classroom to observe what they are working on. She has met with 12 of the teachers for individual meetings. She has spent time reviewing the handbook and master agreement. Principal Lynch has attended lunch duty, has made a change in there, and will be making another change for next week. Met with Mrs. Bernhardt today and she will be taking some of the 9th through 12th graders down to play basketball mid-lunch time. This will not start until next week. She has also attended scheduled meetings with SAU #7 Administration and Jen Mathieu. She has set some goals she would like to work on over the next few weeks which include consistent disciplinary consequences for students and has set up a meeting with middle school to discuss this next week. She will also be discussing this at the First Stop Meeting. Will also be working on student respect for authority and completing all meetings with the staff. During the staff meetings, Principal Lynch has learned that the staff is very happy at Pittsburg School and asked what they would like to see her work towards. Some of what the staff would like to see from her are to come into the classroom to observe the students and help with a master's program. Her days are very busy and go by very quickly.

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- November Report – left a copy for this board to review a Thanksgiving messages that she sent out to staff and parents. November 10th SAU #7 Board meeting has taken place and the next one is on December 8th in Stewartstown at 6:00 pm. Continues to work with teachers on collaborative efforts and with PLP work. Reviewed the strategic plan at the last SAU meeting and has given the updates in the packet. Used all the feedback from the board from over the summer and updated that information into the strategic plan. Working through this process has provided a clear consensus as to where we are going and one of the high priorities is vocational education and increasing these opportunities for our students. Reminded everyone of the health and safety protocols and that they are local decisions based on the number of COVID-19 cases.
- Stated that working with Debbie so far has been a very positive experience.
- Reminded everyone that budget season is coming up.

Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill

- Reviewed the budget analysis and why there was funding left. Discussed turning funding in due to COVID-19 and some programs that did not happen. Will get into this more at the next meeting.
- Did not receive any bids for the removal of the light pole and fixing the catch basin. Would like to get the ok to work with a local contractor to get this done.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business:

- Colebrook bus still does not have a driver.
- Reviewed bids for paving. The bids are good until next summer and were asked to bid on 2 options, where option #1 is paving the whole lot, and option #2 to regrind the use of existing asphalt. Bid from Central Paving option #1 \$94,090 and option #2 \$122,630. Bid from Dorman Paving option #1 \$83,000 option #2 \$164,000. Dorman's cannot regrind, as they do not have the proper equipment.

B. Ormsbee / T. Owen: Motion to approve \$122,630 for budget purposes.

VOTE: 4 Yes 1 No - MOTION CARRIES

Information:

- Superintendent Taylor will be away during the December 27th meeting and would like to move the meeting to the 20th of December. This was fine with all board members.

Non-Public Session:

R. Parker / T. Owen: Motion to go into non-public session per RSA at 6:58 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – Yes; L. Gray – Yes; B. Ormsbee – Yes; T. Owen – Yes; R. Parker – Yes

T. Owen / J. Gray: Motion to come out of non-public session at 7:15 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Gray – Yes; L. Gray – Yes; B. Ormsbee – Yes; T. Owen – Yes; R. Parker – Yes

T. Owen / R. Parker: Motion to prorate payment of vacation days for all year-round staff upon the conclusion of their employment.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Meetings:

- SAU 7 School board Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 @ 6:00 pm – Stewartstown Community School
- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School library computer Lab

Adjournment:

T. Owen / L. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette
Minute Taker

Adopted 12/13/2021