

Clarksville School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	12/12/2024						
Time	4:30 p.m. School Board Meeting						
Location	Clarksville Town Hall						
Chairperson	Linda White						
Attendance							
Attendance Legend: P – Present A – Absent E - Excused							
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Julie Semprebon	P	Erin Blanchard	E	Debbie Lynch	P	Bridget Cross
P	Linda White					P	Dana Hilliard
Public in Attendance: None							

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by the Board Chair

Agenda Adjustments: None

Hearing of the Public: No Public

Reading of the Minutes:

Julie Semprebon/Erin Blanchard: Motion to approve Clarksville School Board meeting minutes of November 18, 2024

VOTE: Motion Carries

Superintendent Report: Dana Hilliard

December Report – Looking to schedule another SAU joint meeting for policies and IT Director discussion to permanently hire. Location to be decided and will be held January 30th if the SAU board agrees to it at tonight’s meeting.

Events:

After the 1st of January in Groveton there is a presentation regarding school funding and how we can approach the state for a new adequacy aid formula

North Country Legislators will be invited to a forum to discuss education held in Gorham on January 29th.

North Country outreach group will meet in Canaan January 9th which helps to connect the North Country businesses and schools. Dana’s goal is to share and pool resources from all schools.

Ed Gerety presented to all three SAU 7 schools for Grades 6-12. He did a motivational speech for the students that was well received.

Dana is going to ensure that he fights for our North country districts and schools. We need more support. President of WMCC and Dana met to discuss strengthening our partnerships with them and offer additional opportunities by making Colebrook one of their satellite spots to teach Adult Education. The faculty from SAU 7 with master’s degrees would be offered to be the instructors. We also discussed CDL certification programs closer to home as well. His Dean of Academic Affairs will reach out to Dana and assist with a survey to the communities and find out how much interest there would be. Some of the programs would be degree tracked and also provide professional development resources as well.

Look for additional information in the Weekly 7 on these events.

Business Manager’s Report: Bridget Cross

Budget Discussion – Bridget went over the budget. Clarksville has an anticipated decrease of \$78,591 compared to the 24-25 budget. The total amount to be raised will be \$646,549. The tax rate is anticipated to decrease .16. If there is a budget surplus it will drop the tax rate more. The tuition rates are only estimates as

the Pittsburg school tuition rate isn't set until January. The tuition rates are mere estimates. The valuation plays a big part in the tax rate as well. The higher the valuation, the lower the tax rate. There is anticipated to be 17 students enrolled in either public school or charter school. There are 5 homeschool students who could enroll into public school again. There are 3 unanticipated students budgeted.

Erin Blanchard/Julie Semprebon: Motion to approve the 25-26 Budget as presented in the amount of \$646,549.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Unfinished Business: None

New Business – None

Information - None

Meeting Dates:

- Clarksville School Board Meeting Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 4:00 pm (changed meeting time from 4:30 to 4:00) at Clarksville Town Hall
- SAU School Board Meeting Thursday, January 30, 2025 @ 6:00 pm (this is a tentative date that will be discussed at the meeting this evening)

Adjournment:

Erin Blanchard/Julie Semprebon: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 pm

VOTE: Motion Carries

Minutes Submitted by:
Bridget Cross

Board Adopted: January 13, 2025