

School Administrative Unit #7

Summer Meeting Minutes

Date	August 12, 2021						
Time	6:00 p.m.						
Location	Columbia Town Hall						
Attendance							
P = Present R = Remote E = Excused A = Absent							
School Board Members							
Clarksville		Colebrook		Columbia		Pittsburg	
P	Erin Blanchard	P	John Falconer	P	Chris Brady	P	Lindsey Gray
P	Michel Dionne	E	Deb Greene	P	Stacey Campbell	P	Jamie Gray
P	Heather Mitchell	E	Craig Hamelin	P	Carrie Klebe	E	Willard Ormsbee
Stewartstown		P	Brian LaPerle			P	Toby Owen
P	Christina Brochu	P	Nathan Lebel			E	Reggie Parker
P	Betsy Gray	E	Michael Pearson				
P	Philip Pariseau	P	Tanya Young				
SAU #7							Public
		P	Debra Taylor, Superintendent				
		P	Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator				
		E	Jennifer Noyes, Special Services Coordinator				

Public in Attendance: Rick Samson, Judy Grimes, Jackie Eldridge, Ashley Hodge, George Hodge, Kathi Lawton-Haynes, Rick & Kathy Samson, John Back and Jana Sierad

Roll Call:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman John Falconer.

Hearing of the Public: None

Agenda Adjustments:

- Move the SAU #7 Board COVID Recommendations FY 21-22 to the first item of discussion.
 - Debra Taylor reviewed the proposed plan (handout given).
 - Goal: Encourage to focus on ensuring all students are set up for success in 2021-2022.
 - Prioritize the health and safety of the students and staff.
 - Build school communities and support students' social, emotional, and mental health.
 - Accelerate academic achievement.

P. Pariseau / S. Campbell: Motion to accept the recommendation as outlined by the Superintendent.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Public Comment:
 - Inquiring about collaborative students' mask requirements. Preliminary discussion each school would follow the school in attendance protocol.
 - Brian LaPerle asked if a meeting should be held prior to making changes to the policy.
 - Debra Taylor noted that last year the board authorized the Superintendent to make the necessary decision; maybe a short time to make a decision.
 - Rick Samson requested if any changes were made to have a forum/public hearing before the change is made.
 - Christina Brochu feels that students should have the opportunity to play together.

- Betsy Gray stated that it is time to get back to normal.
- Lindsey Gray said this is a recommendation, not a law; let's get back to normal.
- Toby Owen stated to leave it up to each school board. They work for the taxpayers so each board and community should have input for their school.
- Kathy Samson – consider allowing the HS to go outside instead of being inside all day; work with the students to communicate with each other regarding social distancing.

Reading of the Minutes:

- SAU #7 Summer Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2021.

B. LaPerle/N. Lebel: Motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2021, as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- 2018-2023 Strategic Plan – SAU #7 Board Update 8-2021
 - Debra Taylor reviewed the professional Development activities that have taken place this summer;
 - Competency-Based Education
 - Teacher Mentor Program & Orientation
 - Reviewed the SAU #7 Administrative Day held on August 26, 2021
 - Debra Taylor revisits the goals that are in place until 2023. Narrow down the highest priority for the 21-22 school year.
 - Reviewed the three goals
 - #1 Attract and Retain Students
 - #2 Employ, retain and support a highly effective staff
 - #3 Establish Community Relationships and partnerships that support successful students'; essential partnerships will be created that support student, school, and community success.
 - Take a couple of minutes and talk to a partner and jot down thoughts.
 - Goal # 1
 - Get everyone working on the same level
 - Goal name: This does not seem to align with the title.
 - Improve the school and be competitive and listen to the students.
 - Needs to be challenged.
 - Focus on our area needs such as vocational offerings to keep the students here.
 - Electrician and plumbers, property maintenance (shift focus).
 - Back up a year and try to bring some of the homeschool students back to in-person learning at the schools.
 - Suggestion on goal one name: All students will receive an education that allows them to reach their maximum potential.
 - Update the board at each quarterly meeting on the Strategic Plan.
 - Jen Mathieu will attend the next meeting and Chris Damato, CTE Director from Canaan will attend the November meeting.
 - Goal # 2 Okay
 - Goal # 3 Suggestions
 - Collaborative Course offerings.
 - Increase the School to Work Program offerings.
 - Difficult to get the community and parents involved. Facebook has been a

- great communicator.
 - Post what is going on positive feedback so far.
 - Increase the collaborative course offerings.
 - Not to say Collaborative. Look at working to expand the current school.
 - Website
 - Partnering up with the employers in the area.
 - More input from the community and parents.
- Debra distributed and reviewed the SAU 7 Organizational Chart.
- BA stated missing 3 key areas: transportation, food service, and facilities which should be listed under the BA's responsibility.
- Policies: The policy committee has reviewed and recommended approval.
 - #6 delete whenever possible and shall replace with will

L. Gray / C. Brady: To accept the policies as presented with the change to JIH # 6

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Connecticut River Collaborative Committee:

- Meetings have not been held
- A great deal of data was collected which was valuable in some of the decision-making. Sandra Cabrera and a small committee were provided information by the Superintendent and have been working on revising the financials to present to the committee when they meet in the fall.

Information:

- Date and Time for the next SAU #7 Board Meeting in Colebrook – November 10, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.
- December SAU #7 Board Meeting will be in Stewartstown on December 8, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.
- Special Education Procedures Plan (separate attachment)
 - The NH DOE has reviewed the plan. The school boards are required to review and vote on the Procedure Plan.

S. Campbell / P. Pariseau: Motion to approve the Special Education Procedure Plan as presented.

VOTE: 2 (1/3) OPPOSED; 8 (2/3) APPROVED

Non-Public request

C. Covill left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

C. Brady / P. Pariseau: Motion to go in to non-public session at 7:50 pm per RSA 91-A:3, III(a) – personnel issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Dionne – yes; Heather Mitchell – yes; E. Blanchard – yes; J. Falconer – yes; B. LaPerle – yes; N. Lebel – yes; T. Young – yes; C. Brady – yes; S. Campbell – yes; C. Klebe – yes; L. Gray – yes; J. Gray – yes; T. Owen - yes; C. Brochu – yes; B. Gray – yes; P. Pariseau – yes.

B. LaPerle / B. Gray: Motion to return to public session at 7:55 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Dionne – yes; Heather Mitchell – yes; E. Blanchard – yes; J. Falconer – yes; B. LaPerle – yes; N. Lebel – yes; T. Young – yes; C. Brady – yes; S. Campbell – yes; C. Klebe – yes; L. Gray – yes; J. Gray – yes; T. Owen - yes; C. Brochu – yes; B. Gray – yes; P. Pariseau – yes.

T. Owen / N. Lebel: Motion to accept the letter of retirement effective June 30, 2022.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Adjournment:

B. LaPerle / P. Pariseau: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra J. Taylor
Superintendent

Adopted 11/10/2021