

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	12/9/2024
Time	6:00 pm Public Hearing/School Board Meeting
Location	Pittsburg School Library Conference Room
Chairperson	Willard Ormsbee

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Jamie Gray	P	Reggie Parker	P	Debbie Lynch	P	Dana Hilliard
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Daniel Kurtz		Student Member	P	Bridget Cross
P	Willard Ormsbee			E	Joli Carlson		

Public in Attendance:

Public Hearing – To discuss unanticipated grand funding.

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

Approval of Unanticipated Grant Funds:

Robotics Grant \$7,500, Wellness Grant \$16,900 and Seed Grant \$120,000. The board discussed the upgrades that could be done with the Seed Grant. Dana did state that he could get Eversource to come on site and do an audit for free.

R. Parker/L. Gray: Motion to approve the unanticipated grant funds from the Robotics Grant for \$7,500, Wellness Grant \$16,900 and the SEED Grant for \$120,000.

VOTE: Motion Approved

Agenda Adjustments: Retirement of a Teacher

Hearing of the Public:

Reading of the Minutes:

L. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to approve the November 18, 2024, minutes as presented

VOTE: Motion Carries

Principal Report – Debbie Lynch

Canaan invited our students to attend the White Mountain Community College Welding Program next week. Canaan is bussing the students and feeding them. There will be no cost to the Pittsburg students who are attending. There are 10 students attending from grades 9 through 12.

The Holiday Party will be this Friday the 13th at the Pittsburg Fire Station. The Holiday Concert is scheduled for the 16th and the mural will be unveiled that night and those who attend can walk around and view the decorated doors. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and the concert is at 6:00 pm.

Business Administrators Report: Bridget Cross

J. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to approve the bid from Minute Man Press for \$786.23 for the annual reports.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Bridget discussed the budget and stated that there were some changes. Dana, Bridget and Debbie went to Canaan to discuss the Athletic Program. The cuts that were made total \$17,970. Bridget handed out the revised salary schedule which shows the cuts that would be made. It was decided that K to 4th grade basketball and soccer programs would be cut and no longer exist. This board is asking how much it would cost if Pittsburg were to pick up this program. Dana suggested having the Athletic Director reach out to see what the participation would be for these programs for the 25/26 school year and bring it back to the board for their next meeting. Suggested searching to see if there are any grants that could help fund this program. Reviewed the budget changes which include the original budget at \$4,157,569.00 which is a \$86,759.00 decrease and with the changes the budget is now \$4,139,591.00 which is a \$104,737.00 decrease. The amount to be raised by taxes went from \$3,376,569.00 to \$3,358,591.00. The tax rate went from \$0.45 increase down to \$0.42.

Reggie asked if there were any large jobs/repairs that are included in this budget. Bridget reviewed the variances which will also be Warrant Articles at the annual school district meeting. These items include \$30,000.00 adding to the school bus fund and \$50,000.00 to the Facility Trust Fund.

Discussed the CTE Culinary Program that will be moving back to Colebrook School for 25/26 school year. Pittsburg School could offer Hospitality as a CTE Program once the Culinary Program leaves. Dana is working on the details of this program and would like to work this so that students can move freely within the SAU for these classes and there would be no exchanging of funds needed. Discussed the line item for the Charter School and changed it to \$50.00 as this can be added to if needed.

Discussed that the stipend for Board Members will go from an hourly rate to a stipend of \$750.00 a year. Discussed the format that will be available to the public of the budget at the Annual School District Meeting. Need to make it user friendly for resident's review.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

R. Parker/L. Gray: Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. McGuire at the end of the 26/27 school year.

The board was in agreement to add the severance payout to the budget.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Information:

Other Business :

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School Conference Room
- SAU School Board Meeting January 30, 2025 @ 6:00pm Stewartstown Community School

Adjournment:

R. Parker/J. Gray: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette,
Executive Assistant

Board Accepted: January 13, 2024