

Pittsburg School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	10/14/2024				
Time	6:00 pm Special Meeting/School Board Meeting Will Begin Directly After				
Location	Pittsburg School Bremer Pond Auditorium				
Chairperson	Willard Ormsbee				
School Board Members					
P	Jamie Gray	P	Reggie Parker	P	Debbie Lynch
P	Lindsey Gray	P	Daniel Kurtz		Student Member
P	Willard Ormsbee			E	Joli Carlson
Public in Attendance: Terry Swain					

Public Hearing – To Vote on the Pittsburg/Clarksville Area Agreement. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor of the Pittsburg/Clarksville Area Agreement.

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.

Agenda Adjustments: Superintendent request a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Add to Other – Youth Risk Behavior Survey and Upcoming Meeting Date November 11th.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes: None

J. Gray/R. Parker: Motion to approve the September 23, 2024, minutes.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Special Reports: None

School Administrator’s Report: Debbie Lynch

October Report – We have some busy weeks coming up. Four more soccer games left before playoffs start. Junior and Seniors will be taking their ASVAB testing this week. On Wednesday the artists in residents will be coming to help plan the painting of the mural that the students will paint. There are a couple of upcoming cross country meets. Last week’s meet was attended well. There were 40 runners and Joli finished in 4th place and a Canaan student finished in 5th for the girls and one of the Canaan/Pittsburg boys finished 5th place. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 28th. Could we have the scheduled school board meeting at 6:00 pm moved to an earlier time that day at 3:30 pm for ease of participation in the Fall Festival? The parade starts at 5:30 pm at the dam and the fire department will be showing a moving and there will be a bonfire. The board was in agreement to move the time of the School Board Meeting to 3:30 pm.

The North Country Chamber Players came and discussed 6 different instruments with the students.

Three community members were judges to the scarecrows that each class created.

We had our fire inspection last Monday. They found a few things that need updating. We have a month to do the updates. Most of the updates have been completed.

Flood Work Update – Wood for the floor is being delivered on the 24th. Hussey will be coming in on the 11th. Debbie is hopeful the floor will be done by Thanksgiving. There are still a few items that need to be added to the claim before we can see what the final result is. It does seem like they will cover most of the cost. They are still looking into whether the bleachers would be covered. Still waiting to hear about FEMA and if they will be covering some of the cost as well.

Discussed the Athletic Director Position and how it works in relation to the other school. Dana will have a conversation with the other schools superintendent to see if he can work any issues out that may arise.

Superintendent's Report: Dana Hilliard

Superintendent October Update – Reminder of the safety audit that will be happening at Pittsburg on the 29th. All Board members are welcome to join the walk around with Homeland Security. After the completion of the Audits the Superintendent plans on coordinating a SAU #7 Safety Team. This team will meet quarterly and will include first responders and board members. The frequency of meetings was discussed, and some felt that maybe there are too many meetings throughout the year.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey which is done annually through the Department of Health and Human Services. This is not mandatory, and parents can opt out. It's geared toward 9th through 12th grade and is on youth risk behavior from mental health to alcohol use. The results are given to the school and used by the state. Pittsburg did participate in 2019 and 2021. Would like feedback from the board on whether they would like to have the school participate. The Board has decided not to have the school participate in this survey.

Bob mentioned that he would like to see a safety team that is only Pittsburg School not all schools. Dana discussed that he thought if there was ever an incident it would be good to have the whole North Country on the same page.

Dana has had a conversation with the Chronicle regarding the SAU #7 page and their direction was rather broad and stated that they already have an education page. They encouraged us to send information and pictures but Dana stated he will probably start doing our own DSU #7 newsletter. Discussed doing individual school goal setting. Dana has already spoken to Rick from Primex about coming and doing this. Dana will follow up with Rick to make sure this happens.

Business Administrators Report: Bridget Cross

Choose a color for the stage curtains – Bridget passed around the color swatches so the board can pick a color for the curtains. The board chose the color plum for the stage curtains.

Discuss Auditing Board Questionnaire – Bob is completing the auditing questionnaire. It will be on your next agenda for the board to approve. The auditors will be here on the 21st and 22nd.

We are going to table the Assistant Treasurer conversation. There is a candidate that will shadow your treasurer and let us know if they are interested in the position.

The current part-time teacher would like to stay on part-time next year as well. He would only do two classes in the fall. Debbie will talk to Dawn about how this would look next year and with the teacher. Discussed the bus driver physicals. Dana and Bridget discussed the policies regarding these physicals. These will be paid for per the policy and they will be added into the budget. Talked about minimum hours paid to bus drivers and the possibility of creating a policy that addresses this. The minimum should only pertain to the drivers who only do bus driving not the employees who also work at the school in other positions. Bob brought up how the drivers brush the snow off of their bus roofs. He discussed an apparatus that he has seen that the bus can drive under which clears the snow off.

Discussed hourly employees that cannot collect unemployment during time when they are not working during school vacations. This is an issue for the Department of Labor.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Information: None

Other Business : There is a Pittsburg School Board Meeting scheduled for November 11th which is Veteran's Day. The Board agreed to move the meeting to the 18th and cancel the second meeting on the 25th.

Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A :3, II (a)

R. Parker/J. Gray : Motion to go into non-public session RSA 91-A :3, II (a) at 7 :30 pm
Debbie Lynch, Principal, Bridget Cross, Business Manager and Dana Hilliard, Superintendent were invited into the non-public session.

J. Gray/R. Parker : Motion to come out of non-public session RSA 91-A :3, II (a) at 7:50 pm

Meeting Dates:

- Pittsburg School Board Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 6:00 pm – Pittsburg School Conference Room

Adjournment:

J:Gray/R. Parker: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

VOTE: Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette,
Executive Assistant

Board Adopted: October 28, 2024