

S A U #7 SPRING MINUTES

Bremer Pond Auditorium

7:00 PM

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APRIL 14, 2015

PRESENT: CLARKSVILLE Judith Roche, Michel Dionne, Betsy Gray
COLEBROOK Greg Placy, John Falconer, Lisa Whitaker, Rick Brock,
Brian LaPerle, Eldonna Brooks, Robert Unangst, Jr.
COLUMBIA Stacey Campbell, Crystal Lesperance, Chris Brady
PITTSBURG Lindsey Gray, Toby Owen, Jamie Roy,
Willard "Bob" Ormsbee, Reginald Parker
STEWARTSTOWN Philip Pariseau, Kathleen Covell, Kara Sweatt
SAU CENTRAL OFFICE Superintendent - Robert C. Mills
Business Administrator – Cheryl Covill
Coordinator of Special Services – Theresa Lord
PUBLIC: Deborah Sargent, Danielle Brown, Mark Cramer

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed the following new and re-elected board members: Betsy Gray – Clarksville; Rick Brock, Bob Unangst, Lisa Whitaker – Colebrook; Stacey Campbell – Columbia; "Bob" Ormsbee – Pittsburg; Kara Sweatt – Stewartstown; and Reggie Parker - Pittsburg

The Superintendent requested nominations for a SAU #7 chairperson.

P. Pariseau/J. Roche: To nominate John Falconer as chairman.

There were no other nominations

VOTE: Yes – 9 4/5; No – 1 1/5

John Falconer was declared the chairman and he assumed the chair for the meeting.

John requested nominations for a Vice-Chairperson

B. Ormsbee/T. Owen: To nominate Chris Brady as Vice-Chairman

There were no other nominations

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 - 0

John requested nominations for an SAU secretary

L. Whitaker/J. Roy: To nominate Kara Sweatt as SAU secretary

There were no other nominations

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 - 0

The following positions were filled by volunteers or appointment

NCES Executive Board Representative – Greg Placy

NCES Executive Board Alternate – Judy Roche

Staff Development Committee – Eldonna Brooks

Technology Committee – Rick Brock, Lindsey Gray

Wellness Committee – Stacey Campbell

SAU 7 Policies – Kara Sweatt

Staff Development Committee Community Member at Large – Patricia Grover

SAU #7 Treasurer – Eldonna Brooks was appointed

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the minutes

B. LaPerle/J. Roche: To approve the minutes of November 12, 2014 and the budget hearing of December 10, 2014.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11-0

SAU Administrative Reports*Superintendent's Report – Robert Mills*

1. Written report attached
2. State Funding
 - ⇒ Discussed the different adequacy aid amounts proposed as the budget progressed through the legislature.
3. Discussed the proposed bills in Congress for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind)
 - ⇒ Distributed a side by side comparison of the current law and the three proposed changes.
 - ⇒ Discussed the current law's federal overreach and their assumption that the federal government knows best what local schools need.

Coordinator of Special Services – Theresa Lord

1. Mentioned the two wonderful preschool programs offered within SAU 7
2. Discussed the continued involvement with DCYF (Division of Children, Youth and Families) and JPPO (Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers) and travels to court houses or placements around the state
3. Discussed Project Aware grant of approximately \$420,000 per year for each of the next five years.
4. Assessments continue to be a big piece of our work
 - ⇒ Special education is data driven as we want to know if what we are doing is working
 - ⇒ Smarter Balanced Assessment
 - ⇒ Still getting memos on updates for the assessment
 - ⇒ There are only two braille kits to be shared for the entire state

Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill

1. Implementation of the new accounting system
 - ⇒ The SAU staff was committed, dedicated, and determined to make the transition as smooth as possible
2. Health Insurance – the increase will be 5.6%
3. \$9,000 left in the statement savings for the Tyler Technology Systems
 - ⇒ If we purchased the employee web portal
 - ⇒ Could submit leave requests online
 - ⇒ Enter purchase requisitions online
4. Food Service Program – will go to each school board

Old Business

There was discussion of collaboration within SAU #7

- ⇒ Video Conferencing Spanish I from Colebrook Academy to Pittsburg High School
- ⇒ Video Conferencing pre-calculus from Pittsburg High School to Canaan

New Business

1. Determination of school calendar 2015 - 2016

L. Gray/M. Dionne: To accept the calendar as proposed in the packet.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 - 0

2. Determination of submission of IDEA and preschool Grants.
⇒ Estimated allocation was presented to the Board

C. Brady/P. Pariseau: To approve submission of the IDEA and Preschool grants.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11-0

3. To authorize the Superintendent to submit any SAU grants that may become available.

K. Sweatt/R. Brock: To authorize the Superintendent to submit any SAU grants that may become available.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 - 0

4. Determination of the date, sponsor, and location of the Annual Fall Meeting

J. Roche/G. Placy: To have the fall SAU meeting in Clarksville on November 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 – 0

The SAU meeting recessed for refreshments at 6:36 pm.

The SAU meeting returned to the business session at 6:48 pm.

John Falconer reviewed the rules of nonpublic session.

Determination of SAU staff salaries for 2015-2016

J. Roche/B. LaPerle: To go into nonpublic session at 6:50 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II(a)

VOTE: J. ROCHE – YES; M. DIONNE – YES; B. GRAY – YES; S. CAMPBELL – YES;
C. LESPERANCE – YES; C. BRADY – YES; P. PARISEAU – YES; K. COVELL – YES;
K. SWEATT – YES; L. GRAY – YES; J. ROY – YES; T. OWEN – YES; B. ORMSBEE – YES;
R. PARKER – YES; B. LAPERLE – YES; E. BROOKS – YES; G. PLACY – YES;
B. UNANGST – YES; R. BROCK – YES; L. WHITAKER – YES; J. FALCONER – YES

Cheryl Covill and Theresa Lord left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Robert Mills left the meeting at 7:00 pm.

J. Roche/L. Gray: To return to public session at 8:35 pm.

VOTE: J. ROCHE – YES; M. DIONNE – YES; B. GRAY – YES; S. CAMPBELL – YES;
C. LESPERANCE – YES; C. BRADY – YES; P. PARISEAU – YES; K. COVELL – YES;
K. SWEATT – YES; L. GRAY – YES; J. ROY – YES; T. OWEN – YES; B. ORMSBEE – YES;
R. PARKER – YES; B. LAPERLE – YES; E. BROOKS – YES; G. PLACY – YES;
B. UNANGST – YES; R. BROCK – YES; L. WHITAKER – YES; J. FALCONER – YES

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J. Roche/C. Brady: To go with the SAU support staff salaries as presented:

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 – 0

S. Campbell/J. Roche: To approve the administrative salaries as follows:

Cheryl Covill	\$62,500
Theresa Lord	\$60,000

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 – 0

J. Roche/T. Owen: To hire Julie King as Superintendent on the terms negotiated.

VOTE: T. OWEN – YES; J. ROY – YES; L. GRAY – YES; B. ORMSBEE – YES; R. PARKER – YES;
P. PARISEAU – NO; K. SWEATT – NO; K. COVELL – YES; M. DIONNE – YES;
J. ROCHE – YES; B. GRAY – ABSTAIN; C. BRADY – YES; S. CAMPBELL – YES;
C. LESPERANCE – YES; B. UNANGST – NO; B. LaPERLE – YES; E. BROOKS – NO;
G. PLACY – NO; L. WHITAKER – NO; R. BROCK – YES; J. FALCONER – NO.

YES: 6 11/21; NO – 4 3/21; ABSTENTIONS – 7/21

J. Roche/R. Parker: To adjourn at 8:50 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 11 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools

RCM/peg

4/21/2016