

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting-Public Minutes
May 10, 2017**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Mike Lynch, Wayne Hall and Bruce Blodgett. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley and Business Administrator Patty Brown.

Wayne Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to approve the public board minutes of April 12, 2017 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

Sandi Adam's report was presented to the board. Bruce Blodgett asked about the kids taking turns running the flags up onto the pole each day. Joe Hakey responded that the rope is still broke and we're waiting for someone to come with a bucket truck to get the new rope up onto the pole. We did have someone lined up, but he was recently injured and is not able to help us out right now. Charlie Goulet did put a new light on the building so it will shine on the flag at night.

Michelle Mason's report was in the board packet. Mike Lynch heard a child that is coded special education can automatically sign up for social security as soon as they turn eighteen. Mike Lynch wants to know if that is true. Mike Kelley responded that it depends on the severity of the disability. It's not automatic, everyone needs to apply for social security, and there is a process that happens.

Karen Conroy's report was in the board packet with no changes or additions. Mike Lynch asked what licensed to have access to STEM meant and if Stratford had it. Mike Kelley responded that Stephanie Antonnucci has had the training and is certified up here in Stratford, so Stratford is also licensed.

Patty Brown presented her report with no changes. Patty informed the board that they received a quote from Rick Robinson Construction to replace the windows in the science room. The board agreed to hire Rick Robinson Construction, but they would like to receive an email with specifications of the windows before he orders them. Joe Hakey will contact Rick tomorrow and get that information to the board before the end of the week.

Patty Brown then went over the quote from Jeff Tirey for the building engineering work. Mike Lynch asked to have Jeff Tirey look at the window sills while he was up here. There are a few sills deteriorating and there is nothing we can do with them. Patty will speak to Jeff about adding those to his proposal.

Patty Brown then went over the proposed mowing contract with Boire. Mike Lynch requested that we add a line that makes us a priority on his customer list, like we have in our plowing contract because we are a public entity we need to make sure we have precedence over his long list of customers or at least be near the top. Patty will add that line to the contract and forward the contract to get signed by Boire next week. Joe Hakey has contacted him to start mowing and Boire knows he has the job even though the contract is not completed.

Mike Kelley presented his report and told the board he has eleven (11) applicants as of today for the technology director position. He does not expect to interview all eleven (11), but the committee will have some choices. Wayne Hall volunteered to represent the Stratford board on the hiring committee. There will be eight (8) people on the hiring committee all together for this position.

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Mike Kelley then updated the board with the legislature updates since the last board meeting.

Mike also mentioned that the Stratford School Board Policies have not been updated since 2009 and/or 2010 and they probably need to be looked at again, compared and updated to the recommended policies. The board agreed and they are fine with Mike and the SAU office going through the policies comparing the current policies to the recommended, then coming back with a section for first reading after the summer break.

Mike Kelley informed the board that he did speak to the state about the daycare idea. The state would come up and look at the space, but they need to know what ages would be attending and the areas in the school to be used. Then you can start the application process. The state did say that schools are a lot easier to make something like this to happen at. The board then decided that they would like to advertise the possibility of starting a daycare program out of the Stratford School. Anyone interested would contact Mike Kelley at the SAU Office to discuss ideas. Mike Kelley will have Carrie run the ad for a couple weeks to see if we get any reactions from it and go from there.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Mike Lynch to accept the letter of resignation from William Burns as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown