

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
August 23, 2018**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, Bruce Blodgett and James Kennett. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Sandi Adams.

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

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to approve the public board minutes of June 13, 2018 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

No public comments.

Sandi Adams presented her report. Sandi mentioned how successful summer school was this year, Open House will be on September 13th this year and we will be serving a light dinner, she also went over the changes made in the Staff Handbook and it's now ready to be approved by the board. Sandi also presented a change to the Student Progress Reports Policy to change the wording from each quarter to each marking period.

Michelle Mason's special education report was presented and Mike Kelley added that we will be adding a special education para professional this year.

Shane Cloutier's report was presented and Mike Kelley added that the new tech assistant is working out great.

Patty Brown presented her business report with no changes. Patty went over the end of year fund balance of \$208,671 to reduce the tax rate in October, the estimated cost per pupil of \$21,499 based on the DOE calculations, reviewed the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program with the board on the free breakfast and lunches this school year, news letters were mailed out to the community members and letters will be sent to the student families on the first day of school.

Patty Brown also reviewed the summer projects and what still needs to be done out front with the lawn (landscaping/drainage) and the roof of the downstairs entry. Patty will seek estimates to be approved at the September board meeting. Safety grants have been submitted, but will not be reviewed by the state until September. The plowing bid ad will be in the newspapers for two weeks in September (9/5, 9/7, 9/12, 9/14) and bids are due by September 21st.

Patty also requested the board update their personnel vacation policy to match the negotiated support staff in Northumberland. Salary Schedules are shared based on negotiations throughout the SAU; Patty assumed Stratford had the same vacation policy until an employee asked why their vacation has not increased in twelve years. Patty then presented a \$5,000 donation from the Roberta Harvey Estate to be accepted by the board and put in the student activity account.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to accept the \$5,000 donation from the Roberta Harvey Estate as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Wayne Hall to designate the \$5,000 Roberta Harvey donation to the Student Activity funds as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

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A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Wayne Hall to adopt the updated Policy GDBD – Support Staff Leaves and Absences as presented. Wayne-YES, James-YES, Bruce-NO. Motion passes with majority.

Mike Kelley presented his report and gave a SAU-wide personnel update. Mike also mentioned that board members will now have SAU email addresses for all SAU/School communication. A long term sub has been hired to cover a teacher's maternity leave this year.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to approve and adopt Policy IKAB- Student Progress Reports as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to approve the second reading and adopt Policy JJJ-Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter School and Home Educated Pupils as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to approve the 2018-2019 Staff Handbook as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to go into nonpublic at 6:44 pm for RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) personnel and student discussions. James-YES, Bruce-YES, Wayne-YES.

Mike Kelley presented a situation to the board pertaining to a student. This is informational only.

Wayne Hall discussed personnel on social media.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to come out of nonpublic session at 6:53 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Mike Kelley reminded everyone of the next meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown