

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
June 12, 2019**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, Kyle Haley and James Kennett. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley, Business Administrator Patty Brown, Technology Director Shane Cloutier 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 Kyle Haley to approve the public board minutes of May 8, 2019 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Public Comments: Tim Brooks spoke to the board about the tuition agreement with Northumberland. Tim remembers when the Stratford School Board spoke about the options of tuition and having choices of any school in Vermont and New Hampshire, but the agreement specifically states NH schools. Tim was curious when this changed or what happened because he was under the assumption parents would have any choice of school, not just in NH. Mike Lynch was also in attendance and he was a school board member at the time this was being discussed and negotiated with Northumberland School Board. Mike believes it was supposed to be all schools, but Stratford would only cover the cost of Northumberland's (GHS) rate. The parents would then cover any cost over and above the GHS tuition rate.

The board will look into the contract and speak to the attorney to make sure there is no legal reason why it says NH schools. They will approach the Northumberland School Board about amending the tuition agreement to state choice of any school, not only NH if that is a legal option. Mike will follow up with this before he leaves the end of June.

The board then discussed notices of tuition choice being sent to parents and students. Stratford School and Groveton High School will have the notice published in their student handbooks. The board also suggested sending notices home and using One Call when the date gets closes as a reminder to the parents.

Sandi Adams presented her principal report and added the AMC trip went very well. There were no questions.

Michelle Mason's special education report was presented with no changes and no additions. There were no questions.

Shane Cloutier presented his technology report and added there will be no technology committee meeting in June. There were no questions.

Patty Brown presented her business report and reviewed the estimated yearend fund balance of \$100,000. Patty also discussed upcoming yearend projects. The board has already approved the Siemens project to replace all 27 valves for \$18,357 over the summer. We went out to bid last month for three separate summer projects. We received two bids each on all three proposals. The drainage project seems to be a priority out of the three and the pavement issue is minimal. The board discussed their priority list with the three projects and agreed the ditching and drainage should be done, along with fixing the pavement. The overflow of parking is very minimal and they cannot see spending the money at this time.

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A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to approve the proposals from Mike Lynch for the drainage project at \$8,000 and the broken pavement proposal at \$1,500 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Mike Kelley presented his superintendent report and had nothing to add. There were no questions.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to approve the 2019-2020 Student Handbook as presented with the stated changes. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Wayne Hall thanked Mike Kelley and Sandi Adams for their years of service and noted this would be their last school board meeting in Stratford.

Kyle Haley asked if there is a board walk-through where the board meets the staff, students, etc... Sandi Adams suggested the board members should attend the annual SPS Open House to meet staff, parents and students. This upcoming year, the SPS Open House will be on October 12, 2019.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by Kyle Haley to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown