

Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
September 11, 2019

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, Kyle Haley and James Kennett. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Jason Hook.

Wayne Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Jason Hook introduced 8th grade student Carter who lead everyone into the pledge. Jason also noted that Carter was the first student to volunteer when he asked for volunteers. The board thanked Carter for coming, he did a great job!

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to approve the public and non-public minutes of August 14, 2019 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Ronna Cadarette presented her superintendent report and thanked Carter for coming. Ronna mentioned Stratford's Open House on September 12th at 5:50 pm. Ronna summarized the SAU #58 Opening Day and what was presented to staff. There was also a GHS student as the guest speaker, along with the local student Color Guard.

Ronna gave all the personnel updates to the board. The SAU #58 and Administration Team both had meetings to discuss their goals this week. A Medicaid emergency ruling could potentially impact our revenue funding by \$12,000+ this year and going forward if nothing changes.

Jason Hook presented his principal report and mentioned he's had a great start to the year. The staff and students are happy! The new special education teacher is a gem; we are excited to have her. The staff has stepped up to cover the math classes until Mr. Atkinson is back. Ashley Prime has been doing a great job as our new night custodian. The teachers have noted how clean their rooms have been and everyone seems very impressed with Ashley's work. The new physical education teacher looks very promising; we should have an answer very soon.

Jason also mentioned that social media is now being used for more visibility and to keep the spotlight on Stratford Public School. The After School Program will be starting next week and will be three days a week.

Jason also wanted to take this time to publically recognize Janice Oaks and all that she does within the school. Janice has been Jason's lifeline since he started and she has her hands into everything. Janice is very beneficial to the success on how everything is run up here and has taught Jason the systems and all the "how to's". Janice has been a significant help to Jason and he appreciates it.

Michelle Mason's student services report was presented by Ronna Cadarette. There were no changes or questions.

Patty Brown presented her business administrator report and mentioned she would be reducing the Medicaid revenue of \$12,000 on the MS-24 before the tax rate is set in October. Patty then explained a request from

Mike Lynch to make a change to the current project and remove the corner out back going down the drive, along with the pine trees to improve the drainage and improve the sunlight coming in. He would donate his

time and equipment the only expense could be the removal of material, but would not exceed \$500. Patty noted if the project exceeded the approved \$8,000 by the \$500 we would take it from the general budget. The board all verbally agreed the change made sense and gave Patty the go ahead. Patty will contact Mike Lynch after the meeting. Mike will then contact the abutting land owner to let him know what we are doing.

Shane Cloutier presented his technology report and noted the Technology Committee meeting will be on September 26th at 1:00 pm.

Continuing Business:

Ronna Cadarette reviewed the Climate and Culture Assessment that was done in Northumberland. The consultant provided a summary which was discussed in public session. Ronna went down through those specifics by reading them aloud.

Ronna explained how the SAU staff has created a Google forms for onboarding (hiring) and off boarding (exiting) of staff to make the process more effective. Exit interviews will also be given to collect data and we will be working on collecting that data from the past three years.

Ronna then informed the board that their adequacy aid will not be impacted if our students went to Vermont schools. Wayne Hall requested a letter be sent to the Northumberland School Board to reopen negotiations to discuss rewording the current agreement and not include only NH schools.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to open negotiations with the Northumberland School District Tuition Agreement only to remove the wording of New Hampshire Schools. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

New Business:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to confirm the phone/email vote to rescind the resignation and rehire Dave Atkinson as the Middle School Math teacher. Wayne-YES, James-YES, added vote tonight Kyle-YES.

The rehire of Dave Atkinson was approved upon suitable replacement at Groveton High School. There is no set time of return at this point as Groveton as no viable candidates yet.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to confirm the phone/email vote to hire Patricia Smith as the Special Education teacher. Wayne-YES, James-YES, added vote tonight Kyle-YES.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm. The SAU #58 board meeting is also in Stratford on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

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A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown

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