

**Stratford School Board  
Board Meeting  
October 23, 2019**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 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 Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Business Administrator Patty Brown, Student Services Administrator Michelle Mason and Principal Jason Hook.

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

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to approve the public and non-public minutes of September 11, 2019 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Ronna Cadarette presented her superintendent report. The board had no questions.

Jason Hook presented his principal report and noted it's been a great year so far with staff. Staff have showed an increased interest this year in professional development. The drainage project is completed and looks really good. Jason wanted to make a special recognition to the special education department on the really great work are they doing. Jason then thanked Tim Brooks and all his work with the backpack program.

Kyle noted he loves the Stratford Facebook posts and the blogs. The communication and exposure is awesome.

Michelle Mason presented her student services report and noted a few student number changes. The board had no questions.

Patty Brown presented her business administrator report and mentioned she would need an annual review and approval of the investment policy. Patty then gave a brief summary of the boiler replacement project that was coming up and the board would need to confirm and approve their email poll for approval tonight. The estimated cost is \$42k-49k, Patty is asking the board to vote on a not to exceed number of \$50k. First draft budget proposals will be coming to the November meeting and the board has decided to review that budget during the regular board meeting.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to confirm the email vote to have Siemens replace the boiler with a not to exceed cost of \$50,000. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Shane Cloutier presented his technology report. The board had no questions.

Ronna Cadarette thanked Shane for all his hard work this year. Shane is leading the way with our new student information system ALMA.

**Continuing Business:**

Wayne Hall asked on the status of the letter to Groveton for opening discussions on the tuition agreement.

**DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING**

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Ronna Cadarette let the board know the request from Stratford for the tuition agreement discussion with the Northumberland board was delivered to them at their last meeting. Ronna is working on setting up a date for the two boards to meet.

Stratford board would like NH Public Schools to be worded as Public Schools, so all schools are eligible for tuition choice.

**New Business:**

Patty Brown explained that the banks now require the boards to vote and approve the signers for the student activities account. Now that Sandi Adams has resigned, we need to add Jason Hook on a signer and remove Sandi. Patty Brown and Jason Hook are the only two signers on the bank account.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to authorize Jason Hook and Patricia Brown as the two authorized signers on the Stratford Public School Student Activities Account as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to approve the SAU Administration and SAU Office 2019-2020 goals as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to accept the first reading and to adopt Policy IMG-R - Procedures for Animals in School Buildings as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to accept the first reading and to adopt Policy EEAG – Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to accept the first reading and to adopt Policy BEDA – Public Notification of School Board Meetings as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

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A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to approve the annual review and continued adoption of Policy DFA – Investments as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Kyle Haley suggested Stratford board reach out to Columbia School District on the status of their tuition agreement and suggest our preschool program to them.

Ronna Cadarette reminded everyone to please go out to the SAU website and complete the survey. This survey is for staff, parents, public, board and administration. Board members should complete the survey as a board member. The survey is roughly 15 minutes long, maybe a little longer for administration.

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**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown

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