

Stratford School Board
REMOTE - Board Meeting
April 1, 2020

The Stratford School Board had a remote board meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Present were: James Kennett-Stratford, NH, Kyle Haley-Stratford, NH and Nicole King-Stratford, NH. Also present were Superintendent Ronna Cadarette-Groveton, NH, Business Administrator Patty Brown, Groveton, NH, Student Services Administrator Michelle Mason-Groveton, NH and Principal Jason Hook-Lancaster, NH.

Ronna Cadarette called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

Ronna went over the procedures for the annual reorganization of the board. Ronna then asked for school board chair nominations.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to nominate Kyle Haley as the Stratford School Board Chair. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to nominate James Kennett as the Stratford School Board Vice Chair. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to approve the public and non-public minutes of February 12, 2020 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Reports:

Ronna Cadarette presented one report for all the administrators. Ronna covered COVID-19 actions, district goals and reminded everyone that no one is perfect and adjustments are being made. The administrative team is listening to feedback, balancing social and emotional health for everyone involved (Students, Staff, Parents, etc...) and keeping up with all the COVID-19 updates.

Michelle Mason presented her report and highlighted COVID-19 impact to services.

Patty Brown presented her report and discussed the tuition rate for next school year. In the past the Stratford School Board has used the state cost per pupil and added \$500 to the figure to establish the SPS tuition rate. Patty is recommended the board go with the state cost per pupil and stay aligned with other local elementary school tuition rates. The current state cost per pupil was posted in January 2020 at the rate of \$16,520.

Patty also discussed the roofing company coming earlier than June to complete all three elementary schools roofing projects. The company is looking to come this month, but is looking into overnight accommodations. The idea of using a camper on our property was brought up. This would consist of us providing them water and electricity while they are here. Patty asked the board how they felt about that option. Patty would also check with Primex on any insurance issues, etc...

The board expressed they did not have an issue with them staying there as long as the insurance company was okay with it.

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Patty mentioned to the board that the food deliveries are increasing slightly each day. Currently the Abbey Group and participating paraprofessionals are providing almost 700 meals a day. We will probably exceed that number by the end of next week.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to set the 2020-2021 Stratford Public School tuition rate at \$16,520 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to approve the 2020-2021 contract with The Abbey Group as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to approve Sentry Roofing to start the roofing project in April and stay onsite within the time frame of the projects at all locations, contingent with approval by Primex. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Continuing Business:

Ronna Cadarette informed the board that both towns voted in favor of the proposed tuition agreement change. That agreement will be effective July 1, 2020.

New Business:

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to confirm the phone poll of Dave Atkinson's resignation effective June 2020. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Jason Hook spoke to his letter of resignation and thanked the board for the opportunity to be administrator. The decision was not easy, but feels this decision is what's best for him professionally.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to accept Jason Hook's resignation as principal as of June 30, 2020 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to approve the request for twelve weeks (12) of maternity leave from Brianna Tibbetts starting on or around August 6, 2020. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to accept the first reading and adoption on the following policies as presented.

JBAB - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students

JEBA - Early Entrance Into Kindergarten

JFABE - Education of Children in Foster Care

JICEA - Student Productions

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JICM - Bring Your Own Device/Technology

JJG - Non-School Sponsored Contests for Students

JLCH - Do Not Resuscitate Orders

JLCI - Coordinated School Health Program

JM - Student Awards

EBCF – Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

Section G Policies as presented

Section J Policies as presented

A vote was then taken and all were in favor. All presented policies were approved as presented.

Non-Public:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to go into nonpublic at 6:21 pm under RSA 91-A3 II-a & b for personnel. Nicole-YES, James-YES and Kyle-YES.

Ronna Cadarette went over the staffing nominations for the upcoming school year, 2020-2021.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to come out of nonpublic at 6:50 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Continued New Business:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to approve the superintendent's nominations of professional staff and administrators as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Meeting Dates:

The next remote meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

As a reminder, the SAU meeting will be remotely on April 23, 2020.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King 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