

**Stratford School Board**  
**REMOTE - Board Meeting**  
**May13, 2020**

The Stratford School Board had a remote board meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Present were: Kyle Haley-Stratford, NH and Nicole King-Stratford, NH. Absent was: James Kennett-Stratford, NH. Also present were Superintendent Ronna Cadarette-Groveton, NH, Business Administrator Patty Brown-Guildhall, VT and Principal Jason Hook-Lancaster, NH. Absent was: Student Services Administrator Michelle Mason-Groveton, NH.

Kyle Haley called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve the April 1, 2020 public and nonpublic minutes as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve the April 21, 2020 public and nonpublic minutes as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

**Reports:**

Ronna Cadarette presented the end of year letter that will be sent to the communities of SAU #58. Ronna wants to be consistent across the SAU and share the same message. Our SAU directions at end of year will follow the Governor's guidelines.

Jason Hook spoke to adhering to traditions at SPS and sticking to the original date for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade move up ceremony. The end of year celebration will look different this year, but the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be recognized in a drive-up model. Personal protection equipment will be used by staff involved and they will practice social distancing. The event will be recorded and the video will be added to Facebook and provided to families.

Ronna Cadarette mentioned the North Country Superintendents are putting out a news release with a timelines of school events across the North Country. Ronna also spoke to the fact that schools will be remote until September 2020. GHS graduation will be June 12, 2020 outside in a drive-in model, scholarships, awards and diplomas will be given out on a stage while everyone in attendance will be in cars. On June 11, 2020 the seniors will be given an opportunity to get their picture taken on the stage in the GHS gymnasium, one at a time. The Max York Foundation has donated \$5,000 towards the 2020 GHS graduation events.

SVS, GES and SPS move up celebrations will be all drive up style to recognize the students safely while following state guidelines.

The SAU #58 parade was amazing with newspaper recognition and there were over seventy-five vehicles included in the parade. The communities, families, kids and employees truly enjoyed it.

Nicole King asked about returning homework and Chromebooks.

Ronna Cadarette responded that the administration team is working on a date. Some students will be participating until June 11, 2020. Summer School students will also need to keep their Chromebooks. A plan is under construction and we'll communicate to the families as soon as the plan is set.

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Ronna Cadarette also noted that remote learning is different than remote instruction. The administration is also gathering data for advocating to improve internet access in the north country.

Kyle Haley asked about grading the last quarter under COVID-19 circumstances.

Jason Hook responded that we are working with families. We are looking at participation, effort, etc... Leniency is being given to all students. Kids are suffering socially and emotionally. The report card will be in a narrative format and this is how you did, Pass or Fail format.

Ronna Cadarette mentioned at GHS Running Start courses will still be graded because they are college courses. Elementary teachers will keep in regular contact with their students beyond May 18, 2020.

June 15, 2020 is the date for pickup and drop-off for all schools; Chromebooks, homework, report cards, etc...

Jason Hook presented his report and wanted the board to know that their students are getting the attention they need through remote learning, maintenance in the building is going strong, classes are getting cleaned out and that will be done by next Friday, May 22, 2020. We are proud of what our staff and students are doing. Very inspiring!

Michelle Mason's report was presented with no additions and no questions from the school board.

Patty Brown presented her report and spoke to the estimated fund balance this fiscal year, Sentry Roofing did an excellent job on the roof, COVID-19 expenses and anticipated grant reimbursements for such expenses, food service delivery to families will continue through the summer for remote summer school and families in need and how a reduced number of buses will be used to deliver meals starting June 15, 2020. Patty noted that Stratford alone delivers over 170 meals a day to their students and community.

Ronna Cadarette mentioned we are looking at grants, setting up grants to put what we can under FEMA, then Cares Act Grant and any entitlement grants that are eligible. We took a lot from the budget for technology purchases due to COVID-19.

Shane Cloutier spoke about a few families that have received internet pucks. Some will have them through the summer for Summer School.

Ronna Cadarette also told the board that Shane's wife Tia Cloutier is now Dr. Cloutier. Tia completed her dissertation yesterday! Tia is also a special education teacher at GHS.

**Continuing Business:**

Policies A & B are being presented tonight for review and approval. The policies will all be SAU Policies and any differences by districts will be specifically noted on the policies.

A motion made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to review and adopt Policies A & B as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

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**New Business:**

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to confirm the phone poll of Danielle Adam's and Tina Hamelin's resignation effective June 2020 with regret. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Bridger has been extremely busy hiring for this upcoming school year.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to accept the nominations of Jonathan Neske, Kathryn Locke and Rebecca Oberti as presented by the superintendent. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve the SPS yearend events as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

**Non-Public:**

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to go into nonpublic at 6:20 pm under RSA 91-A3 II- (a) for personnel. Nicole-YES and Kyle-YES.

Ronna Cadarette spoke about physical education openings at SPS and SVS. There are difficult positions to fill. Social and emotional support was needed in our schools long before COVID-19 hit us. We need to implement a stronger PE/Health/Wellness and Emotional Support. We are working on figures and anticipate use of grant funding.

We have an opportunity to enhance programs here and throughout the SAU using our economies of scales.

Ronna Cadarette also mentioned vacation days across the SAU and the anticipation of not using them prior to June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to come out of nonpublic at 6:33 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

**Continued New Business:**

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve the superintendent recommendation to move forward with the health and physical education position with other SAU districts/schools as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve the superintendent recommendation to payout up to 13 vacation days to the three individuals in the SAU office for vacation time not used. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

**Meeting Dates:**

The next remote meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

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**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown

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