

Stratford School Board
REMOTE - Board Meeting
June 11, 2020

The Stratford School Board had a remote board meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Present were: Kyle Haley (by phone)-Stratford, NH, Nicole King-Stratford, NH and James Kennett-Stratford, NH. Absent was: None. Also present were Superintendent Ronna Cadarette-Groveton, NH, Business Administrator Patty Brown- Guildhall, VT, Student Services Administrator Michelle Mason-Groveton, NH and Principal Jason Hook-Lancaster, NH. Absent was: None.

James Kennett called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve the May 13, 2020 public and nonpublic minutes as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Reports:

Ronna Cadarette presented her report commenting on the struggles with remote learning and she is advocating at the state level to promote robust internet connections for our students and staff. Ronna also mentioned the Wellness Position has been approved by all three school districts and will be posted starting tomorrow. Stratford's Move Up Day is next Monday, June 15, 2020. Groveton's Graduation is Friday, June 12, 2020 and all board members are invited to attend. For all graduations and end of year celebrations, COVID-19 Governor guidelines have been followed. She also noted 67% of the CBE work has been completed and put into our new ALMA platform. The hiring of new staff is almost done, we should have the positions filled by the end of this week.

Ronna Cadarette thanked Patty Brown for all her hard work with the food service program over the past three months. The highest served and delivery days were over seven hundred (700+) meals a day to our three communities. Everyone involved worked well as a team to make sure the families were taken care of. The CARES ACT grant was released last Wednesday and SAU #58 was the first to submit their grants. We planned in advance to have everything ready to go. It was a team effort with Patty, Heather and Ronna.

Ronna Cadarette also spoke highly of Shane Cloutier as being our Technology Rock Star. Shane had a lot put on his plate very quickly and he's handled it all with grace and efficiency. Our SAU team is amazing and a great group of people to work with to get things done.

Jason Hook thanked Ronna and mentioned this past year was a blessed year and the staff has done tremendous work. All students are passing, no retentions. The new gym floor looks awesome! Danaher Flooring has been great to work with and very respectful with social distancing and using protective equipment. Joe Hakey and Ashley Prime have been working so hard around the building since March. The whole 3rd floor has been cleaned from unneeded items. Patty Brown helped Jason figure out what to do with everything stored up there for way too long.

Jason Hook added he has a nothing but positive feelings about this past year. On June 15th, the staff will be there to see the kids and say their good byes. For some of our teachers this will be their last time seeing the kids as students. Thank you to the School Board for their support.

Michelle Mason presented her report and mentioned the out of district numbers have increased to six (6) now, compared to the five that was noted in her report. Extended School Year (ESY) was a choice option to all special education families this summer. They had the option of being in-school, remote or combination of both in a hybrid model. We're working with the parents on what is best for their children. We'll follow all safety protocols and staff will have training prior to ESY starting. Plexiglass stands are being used for all in-school

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sessions and are being build by Patty Brown's husband Gary. Every student with an IEP was offered ESY this summer and we have had more participation this year with the remote and in-school sessions.

Ronna Cadarette thanked Patty and Gary Brown for making the plexiglass stands free of charge.

Patty Brown presented her report and spoke to the estimated fund balance this fiscal year and with FEMA and CARES ACT reimbursements the balance could be close to \$100k. This estimated balance was with the new roof, gym floor work and a new boiler. It looks like a very good year so far. Heather Caouette was worked very hard to keep up with all the expenses to reflect into these reimbursements. Our office has done a great job getting things done and being ahead the best, we can.

Patty Brown also spoke to the food service program ending Friday, June 12, 2020. The program went so smoothly for thirteen (13) very quick weeks. It was hard work and Patty is tired, but all worth it to serve our communities and see the children eating. I made eleven (11) new friends in our Food Hero group. Our paraprofessionals are amazing and so caring, they truly want to support our communities. I'm so happy to have this group of people as my friends, it's been a pleasure getting to know them and working side by side with them.

Shane Cloutier presented his report and spoke to the ALMA implementation and how very user friendly it is to our staff, students and families.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to allow the laptop used by a retiring teacher to take it with them when they leave. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Continuing Business:

Policies C & D were 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.

Policy DBJ-Transfer of Appropriations will be using the top wording and striking the alternative working from the bottom of the policy.

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

New Business:

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to accept the resignation from Christine Caouette effective June 2020 with regret. 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 signature made by the school board chair for the Grant Programs and General Assurances, noting the district will follow all the legal requirements within the grants. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve Bridger DeWitt and Patricia Brown as the authorized signers on the student activity accounts at Stratford Public School as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

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Ronna Cadarette explained how Summer School will be functioning under the State of NH Executive Order. The program will be SAU-wide with two (2) teachers. All three districts are contributing to their portion of the remote program. As of today, these are number of students enrolled per district; SPS-4, SVS-10 & GES-10.

Ronna Cadarette spoke to the reopening of schools in the fall. Ronna foresees the subgroups creating the roadmaps to reopening. The subgroups will consist of administration, teachers, students, parents, etc... Stratford Public School definitely has the room to abide by the social distancing guidelines, as long as there is no stay at home order in place. There are many hybrid models to be looked at if not. Next week we will start to create the subgroups and get working on all this.

Non-Public:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to go into nonpublic at 6:25 pm under RSA 91-A3 II- (a) for personnel. James-YES, Nicole-YES and Kyle-YES.

Ronna Cadarette discussed personnel changes.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to come out of nonpublic at 6:29 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Continued New Business:

The July school board meeting will be hybrid meeting and everyone can come in-person or by computer (remotely). The board meeting will be pushed back towards the end of the month.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to approve the position change of Rebecca Oberti from elementary teacher to science teacher 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 nomination of Jessica Kennett as an elementary teacher for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

The school board thanked Jason Hook for his time here at Stratford Public School this past year. Jason had made an impact on our students and on SPS. Thank you.

Meeting Dates:

The next hybrid/remote meeting in July will be determined at a later date.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown