

Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
April 14, 2021

The Stratford School Board had a meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Present were: Kyle Haley, James Kennett and Nicole King. Absent was: None. Also present were Superintendent Ronna Cadarette, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Bridger DeWitt. Absent was: None.

Dr. Ronna Cadarette called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Reorganization:

Ronna Cadarette asked for board chair nominations.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to nominate Kyle Haley for board chair. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to nominate Nicole King for assistant board chair. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to approve the March 8, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Reports:

Dr. Ronna Cadarette presented her report and reviewed several topics. The schools will continue the three to six feet distance while wearing masks. Any COVID-19 cases and/or quarantine in our buildings have not been school related. Staff is cracking with school curriculum and getting it out, great things are happening. Outdoor sports/athletes will be wearing masks this spring, along with spectators.

Bridger DeWitt presented his report and highlighted areas of interest for the board. As of today there are sixty-six students enrolled in our school. The last two weeks of May will be the state testing. June 11th is 8th grade graduation. May 7th is Town Clean Up Day, May 11th is kindergarten registration, June 9th is the School Barbeque-Cookout and June 10th is Field Day. Lunches are starting backup in the cafeteria in small groups. Cultural Night is starting Friday, April 16th at 6:00 pm. The board is welcome to join the presentations.

Michelle Mason's report was presented and it was noted there were two new referrals to add to the numbers reported.

Patty Brown presented her report and she went down through the estimated fund balance, estimated at \$200k. ESSER funding, budget and projects. The difficulty in finding contractors to perform projects as more funding becomes available. Windows throughout the building need to be replaced and several doors. The key fob systems are being replaced with two added entrances. Patty is organizing the ESSER #3 grant before she leaves. ESSER #2 is being written now and #2 will basically be a mimic into #3, plus additional expenditures and projects.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to authorize Patty Brown to approve the windows and doors project as they come through. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Shane Cloutier's report was presented and it was mentioned that data security is taken seriously and personal devices are not being used in the schools for security reasons.

The Athletic Director's report was presented. New softball and baseball uniforms were purchased this year. Before next fall, GHS is in need of new uniforms for the varsity soccer teams.

Continuing Business:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to adopt and approved the policies as presented (see list below). A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

- ADD: Safe Schools
- BBBH-S: Recognition of Organization of the School Administrative Unit (SAU) Board
- BEDD-R: Rules of Order
- BGAA: Policy Development, Adoption and Review
- BHE: School Board Use of Email and Other Electronic Communications
- DA: Fiscal Management Plan
- DGA: Authorized Signatures
- DJC-R: Petty Cash
- EB: Joint Loss Management Committee
- EBB: School Safety
- ECD: Traffic and Parking Controls
- EFC: Free and Reduced-Price Lunch
- EFE: Vending Machines
- EH: Public Use of School Records
- EHAA: Computer Security, Email and Internet Communications
- EHB-R: Local Records Retention Schedule
- FEH: Supervision of Construction (Clerk of The Works)
- GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest
- GBCD: Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check
- GBCE: Training and Information Relative to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
- GBEA: Staff Ethics
- GBEBD: Employee Use of Social Networking Websites
- GBEC: Drug-Free Workplace and Drug-Free Schools
- GBED: Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and On School Facilities and Grounds
- GBI: Staff Participation in Political Activities
- GCAA: Highly Qualified Teachers
- GCCBC: Family and Medical Leave Act
- GCQC: Resignation of Instructional Staff
- JCA: Change of School and Assignment (Change of Class or School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship - NEW TITLE)
- JEC: Manifest Educational Hardship
- JI: Student Rights and Responsibilities
- JIA: Student Due Process
- JIC: Student Conduct
- JICD: Student Discipline and Due Process
- JICI-R: Modifications of Weapons Expulsions
- JJIE: GHS Athletic Policy
- JLCJ: Concussions and Head Injuries

New Business:

Bridger DeWitt spoke to Policy JICC-R Bus Rules and how it compares to the SPS Handbook.

The board recommended the handbook should be followed for discipline and to update the handbook as needed for the next school year.

Ronna Cadarette spoke to the facts based on the data provided by Bridger and his staff, that the reduction in force (2) would need to be rehired in order to meet the gaps in education this past year.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to accept and approve the nominations of Jessa Kennett and Robin Ramsdell-Cassady for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Ronna Cadarette presented a letter of resignation on behalf of Paulette Owens.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to regretfully accept the resignation of Paulette Owens as of June 2021. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Nonpublic:

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to go into nonpublic for personnel discussions RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) at 6:33 pm. Kyle-YES, Nicole-YES, James-YES.

The board reviewed and discussed a three-year salary agreement.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to come out of nonpublic at 6:40 pm. James-YES, Kyle-YES, Nicole-YES.

New Business:

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to approve a three-year contract with Bridger DeWitt as SPS Principal; (2021-2022) \$72,140, (2022-2023) \$74,304, (2023-2024) \$76,533. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm, SAU Board Meeting at GHS gymnasium.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm, SPS Board Meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown