

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
Stratford School Board

**In attendance: Ronna HasBrouck Superintendent, Heather McMann-
Business Manager, Michelle Mason- Student Services, James Kennett-
Board Chair, Nicole King - Vice Chair, Tim Brooks - Board Member and
Bridger DeWitt- Principal of SPS**

5:30 pm - Stratford Public School

1. Call to Order @ 5:31

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by James Kennett

3. Minutes Nicole King made a motion to accept minutes after amendments - Nicole King seconded by James Kennett - all in favor 3-0

A. June 8, 2022 - Public and Nonpublic

**Amendments include: The corrected spelling of Nicole King's name throughout the document. Corrected the deposit to the Trust Fund. Time of Non-Public was from 6:14 - 6:35 PM

4. Reports

A. Superintendent - Talked about this year's SAU 58 motto - The Future is Now and what it means.

Thanked Michelle Mason for writing a grant for CMF Kids, teacher development is being planned for the next three years. Talked about the back to school plan - we will follow guidelines of the CDC and DHHS as noted in our current plan. Informed the board that RS 186-c:2:1 has changed the definition of "Child with Disability" will be from ages 3 to 22 which could have budgetary impacts. Talked about the opening for staff in the school district.

B. Principal - Talked about the current enrollment, and how the maintenance staff is working hard and asked the board if we could sell a clarinet to a staff member that was missing parts. A donation of \$50 was made to the Student Activities Fund.

All went to the gym to see the new school song sign that has been created for the gym wall. Discussion on the best way to hang the sign was discussed.

C. GHS Athletic Director - No changes

D. Student Services Administrator - Spoke about a student who has worked very hard and has graduated. It will result in a \$68, 250.00 change to the budget. Michelle Mason also talked about competency training for Special Ed.

E. Director of Technology - Jason is working on our use of programs, he feels that money could be saved. Spread out the bigger expenses-not have them all due at the same time/year. He has gotten \$100,000. Grant opportunity for security improvements - talk about getting the office entrance door replaced and other security measures.

F. Business Manager- Heather McMann talked about the improvements to the school in the past month. New windows are 95% complete, waiting on windows to come in for the MPR. The hot water heater has been replaced after several issues. The new sound system is in and training will happen later this month. Talked more about the security grant - taking a look at the fire escape for

upgrades. Unemployment insurance refund of \$12,928.00 from Pre Max. Kept on account to pay toward the current year's cost.

5. Use of Funds

A. CARES Grant - Discussion on what would be the best use for the CARES Grant. Possibility of after school program. Dr. Ronna HasBrouck suggested retention bonuses for teachers and staff.

6. Continuing Business

A. Current Budget - Discussion on the current situation on the bus routes. WW Berry is five drivers short in a surrounding district. Talked about using the CMF Grant to have a before and after school program, education-based, to alleviate some of the bussing issues. Principal DeWitt will write up a proposal. Stipend available for staff that wants to participate.

B. Unreserved Fund Balance - The current fund balance is \$272,362. With a 5% retention of \$50659. Will leave \$221,671 to reduce taxes for the October tax setting. James Kennett made a motion to keep the 5% retention, seconded by Nicole King. All in favor 3-0 motion passed.

7. New Business

A. Approval of 2022-2023 Student Handbooks (Vote) Nicole King made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Student and Parent Handbook. James Kennett seconded the motion, all in favor - the motion passed 3-0.

B. Audit Notification - Heather McMann discussed the letter that had been received from the state of NH about some who have not completed audits. Ronna HasBrouck ensured the board that we have no need to worry that Heather McMann has completed all audits in a timely manner.

C. School Safety/Discuss Policy JICI - Reminder to be mindful of who will be coming to the school for an appointment, make sure to have a list of scheduled appointments. Err on the side of caution and notify authorities immediately when necessary.

8. Policies

A. Revision of Policy JLCB-Immunizations of Students- James Kennett made a motion to accept the revision to Policy JLCB- Nicole King seconded the motion. Tim Brooks is not in favor based on principle - motion passes 2 yes - no - Tim Brooks.

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items

A. Public Comments

10. Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-e) (if needed)

A. (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him/her, unless the employee affected (a) has a right to a meeting; and (b) requests that the meeting be open in which case the request will be granted.

B. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee

C. (c) Matters, which if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

D. (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

E. (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body of agency of any sub-division thereof, or against any member thereof because of his/her membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

11. Next School Board Meeting

A. Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - 5:30pm - James Kennett wanted to change the School Board Meeting to Sept 7th @ 5:30 pm after the Public Hearing, to discuss the bussing situation and what updates we had. All were in agreement.

12. Adjourn A motion was made by James Kennett to adjourn at 6:47 pm Nicole King seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0. Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Kennett

***Amendments to these minutes will appear in next month's minutes.