

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**  
**Stratford School Board**

**5:30 pm - Stratford Public School**

**In Attendance: Ronna HasBrouck -Superintendent, Heather McMann -Business Manager, Bridger DeWitt - Principal, Nicole King- Vice Chair, Tim Brooks-Board member.**

**Absent: James Kennett- Board Chair & Michelle Mason- Student Services**

**1. Call to Order by Nicole King @ 5:34**

**2. Public Hearing called to order by Nicole King@ 5:35**

A. Acceptance of Funds - Tim Brooks made a motion to accept funds from the overpayment, overestimate for workers' compensation insurance. Nicole King 2nd the motion. All in favor Motion passes 2-0

Nicole King made a motion to enter into the board meeting @ 5:40 Tim Brooks 2nd the motion all in favor 2-0

**3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Nicole King**

**4. Minutes**

A. August 10, 2022 - Public and Nonpublic - Nicole King made a motion to accept the minutes from the Aug 10th meeting. Tim Brooks seconded the motion, all in favor 2-0

**5. Reports**

A. Superintendent - No changes no additions.

Talked about the All Kids Bikes event, the donated backpacks, and the first-day meeting with all staff. The Future is Now

B. Principal - No changes, talked about 3 new students arriving, and possibly losing 2. Our student number would be 63.

Asked the Board to approve a building use form for the ATV Club for a poker run in January.

The Abbey Group and the use of Titan was discussed- how the year has not been a smooth one.

Tim Brooks made a motion to accept the building use application, the motion was seconded by Nicole King, All are in favor 2-0

C. GHS Athletic Director-Dr. HasBrouck talked about the bus issue and how it is affecting the sports programs. Mentioned a possible policy change to add elementary and middle school parents could transport students.

D. Student Services Administrator- No Changes, No Addition

E. Director or Technology - No Changes No addition

F. Business Manager - Nothing to add, asked if the board had any questions for her.

**6. Use of Funds**

A. CARES Grant - Dr. HasBrouck has mentioned each month that she feels a good way to use the \$228,000. in the CARES Grant is to give retention bonuses to teachers and staff. Tim Brooks expresses that it would be fair across the staff. Dr. HasBrouck assured him that this was the only

way she would want it done. Tim Brooks asked that this be explored and to come back to the board meeting in October with a proposal. Nicole King was in agreement.

## **7. Continuing Business**

A. Current Budget - With it being the beginning of the school year the budget didn't have many changes. Heather McMann did express her concern with the cost of Oil and Electricity going up. She has bought 50% of the fuel at a set rate of \$4.01- the worst-case scenario would be to freeze the budget.

## **8. New Business**

A. Adequacy Aid- Dr. HasBrouck explained to the board how this aid worked. If the board does nothing the amount is \$8609. Would be returned to the taxpayers. Nicole King made a motion to do nothing and return the funds back to the taxpayers, and Tim Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor 2-0

B. Portland Glass Quote - The security grant that has been worked on by Jason Jensen is what will pay for the work on the front door with a new security camera. No return date to complete work has been given by Portland Glass.

C. Back to School Plan - Dr. HasBrouck walked through the emergency plan, showing us the website and tab where the current plan could be found and Covid updates. Nicole King made a motion to follow the current mandate as written in the back-to-school plan. Tim Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor Motion passed 2-0

D. Organizational Chart- Dr. HasBrouck presented the updated organizational chart to the board. The principal is responsible for Title 1 and Title 4, and Dr. HasBrouck is responsible for Title 2. Nicole King made the motion to accept the Organizational Chart, Tim Brooks seconded the motion all in favor 2-0

E. Bus Driver Shortage - Discussed previously

F. Proposal for Morning and Afternoon Program - Mr. DeWitt thought the Morning program could start in October. It would not be "babysitting" but a program for unfinished learning. The program could be modified as we go. The board asked to send out a survey to teachers and families for this" pilot program" to see what interest there is.

## **9. Public Comment of 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 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, October 12, 2022 - 5:30 pm

**12. Adjourn- Tim Brooks made a motion to adjourn at 6:18 Nicole King seconded the motion.**

**All in favor 2-0**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lori Kennett*