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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

April 2, 2026, 5:30 P.M.

Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center

School Board Members Present: Sandra Adams

Molly Goggin

Adam Gauthier

Tim Robinson

Becky Berk via telephone

Others Present:

Dr. Sandie MacDonald, Supt.

Dr. Erik Anderson, PMHS Principal

Kristen White, PES Principal

Melissa Brown, PMHS Assistant Principal

9 Members of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER – led by Sandie followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and the ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Tim made the motion, seconded by Molly to nominate Sandra as Chair. Roll-call vote – unanimous. Sandra made the motion, seconded by Becky, to nominate Molly as Vice Chair. Roll-call vote – unanimous 5-0.

2. REVIEW OF MANIFEST COMPLETED by Sandra and Adam for the March 27th payroll and March 25th vendor checks

3. ACTION ON AMENDED AGENDA - Sandie has 7 non-public items as well as information on the student lunch debt, the preschool, and adding the IHBAB Special Education Evaluations policy for first and second reading and 2 policies – JICJ (use of outside devices) and JH (attendance) for first reading at our May meeting; also move policy AB first reading to our May meeting. Sandra asked to add Erin Flanders' request to install a Little Free Library. Adam made the motion, seconded by Molly to accept the amended agenda. Roll call vote 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – public and nonpublic minutes from March 5, 2026. Tim made the motion, seconded by Molly to approve the March 5 public minutes. Roll call vote 4-0-1, with Becky abstaining. Adam made the motion, seconded by Tim, to approve the March 5 nonpublic minutes. Roll call vote 4-0-1 with Becky abstaining. Sandra made the motion, seconded by Tim to seal the nonpublic minutes. Roll call vote 4-0-1, with Becky abstaining.

5. PUBLIC INPUT- regarding agenda items only – please sign in if you wish to speak.

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS- Sandie MacDonald - Sandie shared the justification for combining 3-and 4-year-old preschool program She would like a motion to accept a \$1,500 donation from the NH Charitable Foundation and a motion to accept the 3-year Summerscape proposal; also to accept the resignation of PES music teacher Jaylyn Chafee. 73 students owe money to the school lunch program. Sandra made the motion, seconded by Molly to accept the \$1,500 donation from NH Charitable Foundation. Roll call vote 5-0. Adam made a motion, seconded by Tim, to accept the 3-year proposal from Summerscape. Roll call vote 5-0. Molly made the motion, seconded by Adam to accept the resignation of Jaylyn Chafee. Roll call vote 5-0. Sandie shared the message from the Dept. of Education Commissioner Caitlin Davis of the number of student meeting or exceeding expectations in reading and writing, in SAT scores, and passing the Civics exam. Kudos were given to Sarah Carson with her consistency, care and commitment to her students.

7. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION – Erik shared the substantive changes in the PMHS Program of Studies for 2026-2027. Kristen shared the success of Math night and the artwork displayed at Camden Bank, the Friendly Diner, and the Josiah Carpenter Library.

8. SCHOOL BOARD ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Policies for first reading:

JIAA – Eighteen Year-Old Students - rescind – Adam made the motion, seconded by Molly to rescind. Roll call vote 5-0.

IHBI – Alternative Learning Programs and Individual Plans

IK – Earning of High School Credit-Achievement of Competencies

IMBC – Alternative Credit Options – rescind – Molly made the motion, seconded by Adam to rescind. Roll call vote: 5-0.

IKFG Career Exploration, Readiness, Pathways, and Credentials

IKC – Academic Honors, Class Ranking, Valedictorian and Salutatorian

IKF – Graduation Requirements

AB – Parental Bill of Rights (amended March 6) to be move to May 7 meeting.

IHBAB - Special Education Evaluations – Sandra made the motion, seconded by Molly, to accept the 1st and 2nd reading. Roll call vote – 5-0.

Open Enrollment Update (SB 101) – public hearing held on March 25, 2026, and April 1st – formal process going forward.

Update on the shared services model/Superintendent and BA search move to nonpublic

Cell phone policy enforcement update – followed consistently by staff. 153 violations, mostly high school, 73 detentions, and 1 in-school suspension.

Financials – revenues and expenditures and current operating budget balance – looking ok

Motion to accept FY27 School Calendar – motion made by Becky, seconded by Tim to accept. Roll call vote 5-0.

After much discussion, a motion to establish the Study Committee relative to Warrant Article 9 as approved by voters at the March 10, 2026, election for the purpose of

examining the long-term future of the Pittsfield School District was made by Adam, seconded by Molly to combine the committee efforts in warrant articles 9 and 10 voted in by voters on March 10th. Roll call vote 5-0. Anyone interested in being a community member on that committee should submit letters of interest to Sandie, who will relay them to the Board. A special public meeting will be held on April 16 at 5:30 p.m. to establish the committee and review the purpose and scope of the committee.

Motion to call one Special Meeting (Warrant Article 7) as approved by voters at the March 10, 2026, election to address CBA cost items only made by Molly, seconded by Tim. Roll call vote 5-0. The election will be to vote on a one-year contract.

Molly made the motion, seconded by Tim to approve Erin Flanders' request to install a Little Free Library on school grounds. The Board agreed that it would be installed in Drake Field near a camera. Roll call vote 5-0.

9. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- CIP and Facilities: Adam/Sandra – meeting March 25th – Next meeting April 22nd
- Policy Committee: Sandie, Administration team, Sandra – met March 12, 2026 Next meeting April 9th
- Foss Family Scholarship – meeting on March 26th at the Town Hall. Sandra shared the schedule for applications and review of applications.
- Negotiations – The CBA was renegotiated as a one-year contract
- New Legislative Committee – Becky and Sandra

10. OLD BUSINESS: IA policy, PMHS Program of Studies (covered this evening), Consideration of 2027 Deliberative session to be held on a Saturday

11. PLAN AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – May 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Policies for first and 2nd reading.

12. SELECTBOARD LIAISON – Art St. Laurent shared that the town is in default budget – work in progress.

13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS- To address items that may arise during the meeting or other items not on the agenda that Board members would like to discuss. Beautification date for PTO/PES Saturday, April 25th, at 8 a.m.

14. PUBLIC INPUT – The Board may accept the public's input that is addressed directly to the Chair in a courteous and respectful time frame of three minutes. The Board does not engage in discussion or answer questions during public comment. The Superintendent may be asked to follow up on specific concerns after the meeting. Please sign in if you wish to speak.

15. NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91- A:3 – The Board may enter Nonpublic Session under RSA91-A:3 at any time during the meeting if needed. At 7:58, on a motion made by Sandra, seconded by Tim, the board entered into nonpublic session. Roll call vote 5-0.

16. PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED at 9:15 p.m.

1. Sandra made the motion, seconded by Molly to accept the resignation of Amy Philbrick, School Psychologist, effective April 10, 2026, noting that the resignation does not meet the contractual 90-day notice requirement and constitutes a material breach of contract. The Board authorized the Superintendent to ensure continuity of services, require completion of transition responsibilities to the extent practicable, and pursue any contractual remedies as appropriate. Roll call vote 5-0.
2. Molly made the motion, seconded by Adam to accept the nomination list. Roll call vote 5-0.
3. Sandra made the motion, seconded by Molly, to pursue a 3-year contract with SAU8 (Concord) Superintendent Tim Herbert and BA contractual services with the option to extend 3 years. Roll call vote 5-0.
4. Molly made the motion, seconded by Adam to accept the renegotiated 1-year CBA contract. Roll call vote 5-0.
5. Molly made the motion, seconded by Tim to hold a public meeting to vote on the renegotiated contract on Thursday, May 7th at 7 p.m. Roll call vote 5-0. Sandie emailed on Monday, April 6th, that there is a process to be followed as an SB2 town, so this will not occur on May 7th.

17. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion made by Adam, seconded by Tim, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Prepared by Sandra Adams, Chair
April 4, 2026