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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD HS OPTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2026, 5:30 P.M.

PMHS MEDIA CENTER

Members: Molly Goggin- School Board representative; Tim Robinson- School Board representative; Erik Anderson- Superintendent's designee; Jennifer Tyrell- School district employee; Ed Bell- School district employee; Beth Colon-Pagan- School district employee; Devin Funk- Pittsfield community member; Weston Martin- Pittsfield community member; Heather Elliott- Pittsfield community member

The HS Study Committee held its third meeting on 6/09/2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 26th meeting were reviewed and approved- 8-0; Jen-1st, Molly-2nd Heather joined the meeting at 5:36.

Devin put together a chart providing a comparison of regional schools, denoting present standing/performance/offerings, etc. in relation to the seven (7) themes around which the committee had consolidated the critical data (metric) points.

The 7 themes are:

Consolidation of discussion into themes:

- 1) Facilities- in house and taking into consideration of other district's facilities
- 2) SPED- These costs must be considered transparently. Beth shared a chart (non-specific) showing costs associated with out of district students . What % of students presently in district may require expenditures considerably above the "base cost"?
- 3) Transportation- Additional cost and impact
- 4) Academic programming- Master schedule- AP; dual enrollment
- 5) Career and Technical Center- access to CTE programs
- 6) Extra and co-curricular activities
- 7) Student Successes- Performance data; post-secondary going outcomes

Erik suggested NH-DOE ed. laws regarding class size, staffing, etc. should be considered

The Committee members prioritized the area (1 of the 7) they are particularly invested in.

Devin- Student achievement/course offerings/student success measures

Jen- community impact

Heather- extra-curricular activities

Weston- Special education & services- costs, billing, etc.

Ed- Facilities

Molly- Master schedule/course offerings/teacher qualifications

Tim- CRTC- career and technical education offerings/opportunities

Beth- Special Education

Erik- Academic programming, including SPED

Tim pointed out that one person should contact each school we are liaising with, with a core set of questions so as not to overwhelm/annoy them as the committee is gathering information.

Across categories, the committee will attempt to acquire 2026-27 data. If not available, 2025-26 information will be the “default”.

Transportation discussion:

The committee discussed transportation usage and cost handouts provided by Dr. MacDonald. The importance of keeping the Marston contract was emphasized and reiterated- town-friendly; cost effective

Out-of-district transportation costs were discussed.

- Static costs for present OOD placements
- Programs at other high schools MAY exist (part of our research) that are a benefit in terms of helping to balance out Student Services costs

Special Education- The committee agreed that this will likely be the last general theme/area to complete, as 2026-27 costs will not be available until the Fall.

The transportation handouts did **not** address “Bucket C”, which is parents/families having a number of regional HS options from which to choose. The committee discussed the challenges of multiple tuition agreements and varying transportation contingencies.

The committee discussed in some detail the comparisons, using present and contracted costs for 26-27 and 27-28. The committee discussed the varying CRTC rates with the Concord and Pembroke comparisons. The committee discussed sports transportation costs, including whether or not the district would need to schedule a “late” bus from a receiving HS for students who are in after school activities, including sports.

The committee acknowledged, as the discussion of transportation helped to realize, the cross-sectionality of the 7 themes (critical metric areas). They are all linked (interdependent).

Facilities: The committee discussed the spreadsheet that has been developed by the Facilities Committee over the course of the 2025-26 school year. Of particular note are roofing replacement and HVAC control costs at PMHS that are expected over the next 1-5 years.

Continued Facilities discussion and research will prioritize what PMHS has, as compared to what PES has. Additionally, comparisons between PMHS facilities and potential regional high schools will be part of the committee's findings.

The committee scheduled the next two meetings:

Thursday, June 23rd from 4:30-6:00 (4th meeting)

Thursday, July 7th from 5:00-6:30 (5th meeting)

Next meeting:

Essential (Focus) Questions for each category- Each committee member will bring as many questions as they can think of that are pertinent to their area of focus. The committee is still determining and prioritizing "what do we want to find out".

The committee discussed a potential community impact survey that parses out the 1) Reasons to stay open and the 2) Reasons to close

Motion to adjourn- Weston; 2nd- Jen; 9-0

Adjourned at 7:02pm

Parking Lot:

- 1) Selection of name of committee

Prepared by Erik Anderson, Superintendent's designee

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