



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #51

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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

WARRANT 2026

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Pittsfield in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs you are hereby notified of the Deliberative session, Session One, will be held as follows:

Thursday, February 5, 2026

(Snow Date: Friday, February 6, 2026)

6:00 pm

Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium
23 Oneida Street

Session Two to be held as follows:

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium
23 Oneida Street

Article 01 TO CHOOSE BY BALLOT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

One (1) School Board member by ballot for a three (3) year term

One (1) School District Treasurer by ballot for a three (3) year term

Article 02 OFFICER SALARIES

Shall the school district establish the salaries for district officers for the coming year as follows:

Moderator: \$100.00

District Clerk: \$100.00

Chairman of the Board: \$700.00

School District Board Members: \$600.00

District Treasurer: \$600.00

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: YES 10-0

Per 671:20 II (a) The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a).

	FY25 Average Cost per Pupil
Pittsfield Elementary School	\$28,199.29
PMHS - Middle School	\$21,874.33
PMHS - High School	19,133.60
Pittsfield School District Average	\$23,797.60

(b) School district achievement proficiency scores obtained from the department of education for the preceding year to be printed as: "ELA Proficiency: X%; Math Proficiency: X%; Science Proficiency: X%"

	24-25 ELA Proficiency	24-25 Math Proficiency	24-25 Science Proficiency
Pittsfield Elementary School	30%	23%	36%
PMHS - Middle School	37%	14%	26%
PMHS - High School	63%	11%	35%
District Average	36%	18%	31%
State Average	55%	42%	38%
State Targets	67.7%	52.7%	38%

Article 03 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote in the first session, for the purposes set for therein, totaling \$12,197,846. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,800,715, which is the same as the last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pittsfield School District or by law, or the government body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact Operating Budget- \$9.14 per thousand dollars of the town's assessed value of \$666,707,155

Estimated Tax Impact Default Operating Budget \$10.04 per thousand dollars of the town's assessed value of \$666,707,155

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: YES 10-0

Article 04 FY25 DEFICIT

To see if the district will vote to raise \$633,362 to reduce the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 194:3-b. (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact- \$0.95 per thousand dollars of the town's assessed value of \$666,707,155

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: YES 10-0

Article 05 PROSPECT MOUNTAIN OPEN ENROLLMENT TUITION

To see if the district will raise and appropriate \$248,054 for the current fiscal year to cover open enrollment tuition for Pittsfield students attending Prospect Mountain High School during the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years.

Estimated Tax Impact- \$0.37 per thousand dollars of the town's assessed value of \$666,707,155

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: YES 10-0

Article 06 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Pittsfield School Board and the Education Association of Pittsfield which call for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Total Estimated increase: \$144,942

Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Total Estimated increase: \$165,287

Fiscal Year 2028-2029 Total Estimated increase: \$173,511

And furthermore, to raise and appropriate to the sum of \$144,942 for the upcoming fiscal year such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, FICA and retirement benefits as required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels. (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact- \$0.28 per thousand dollars of town's assessed value \$666,707,155

Recommended by the Pittsfield School Board: YES 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: YES 10-0

Article 07 AUTHORIZATION FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON CBA REJECTED OR AMENDED

Shall the Pittsfield School District if article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article VII cost items only? (Majority vote)

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Article 08 OPEN ENROLLMENT

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to designate Pittsfield Elementary and Pittsfield Middle High Schools as open enrollment schools to allow an unlimited number of students from outside Pittsfield to attend schools within the Pittsfield School District as provided in RSA 194-D:2 and :3 and limit the percentage of Pittsfield students who may attend open enrollment schools located outside the Pittsfield School District to zero (0) percent of the school district's current pupil enrollment.

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Article 09 TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE UNDER RSA 194-C:2

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to establish a Study Committee under RSA 194-C:2 for the purpose of examining the long-term future of the Pittsfield School District, including but not limited to district organization, reorganization, sustainability, governance options, regional partnerships, and other structural or operational models. The Study Committee shall gather community input, analyze financial and operational data, and prepare a written report of findings and recommendations for the School Board no later than December 31, 2026. The Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the School Board, including two School Board members, the Superintendent or designee, three staff members, and three community members. This study shall not predetermine or require any specific outcome and is expressly limited to research, analysis, and public engagement. No appropriation is requested under this article.

Recommended by the School Board: YES 5-0

Article 10 CITIZEN PETITION SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLE - SB2 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 197:6

Proposed Warrant Article:

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to authorize the Pittsfield School Board to initiate and carry out the formal process, as permitted by New Hampshire law and Department of Education regulations, to pursue the potential closure of Pittsfield High School at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year, including but not limited to conducting any required studies; providing opportunities for meaningful public input; utilizing objective and publicly disclosed criteria; and developing a transition plan for affected students, staff, and programs; and to investigate, evaluate, and, where appropriate, negotiate alternative secondary education options for students currently served by Pittsfield High School, including but not limited to regionalization, tuition agreements with other public school districts, charter schools, academies, or other lawful educational placements; and to report its findings, proposed options, and any recommendations back to the voters at a future School District meeting before any final action is taken.

Warrant Articles Signature Page

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