

APPROVED MINUTES BY THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #51**

**PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES**

Pittsfield School Board Meeting
June 1, 2023
Pittsfield Middle High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Adam Gauthier, Chairperson
Adam Cote
Helen Schiff

Others Present: Bryan Lane, Superintendent
Derek Hamilton, PMHS Principal
Melissa Brown, PMHS Assistant Principal
Michael Wiley, PES Principal
Members of the Public

Chairperson Gauthier opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Gauthier.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were tabled until the next meeting on June 15, 2023.

IV. AMMENDED AGENDA

No action taken.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Kendall Kunelius expressed her desire to attend the meeting to gather more information about the district as a new resident of town and a current enrollee of the Masters of Education program at SNHU herself.

VI. PES PRINCIPAL

- A. PES Calendar - Mr. Wiley provided the Board with an end of the year schedule of events happening at PES.

- B. PES Exhibition – The event was a success. Mr. Wiley shared stories of his experience and the students work with the Board.
- C. Building Project – Mr. Wiley summarized the various building projects at PES and their current statuses.
- D. Staffing Update – Paraeducators were given their assignments for the 2023-24 school year.

Mr. Cote inquired as to how the climate is within PES with the paraeducators as well as the retention of this year's paraeducators staff.

Mr. Wiley explained that contracts were handed out to the support staff today. Mr. Wiley further went into the process paraeducator assignments.

- E. THANK YOU! Mr. Wiley thanked the Board for his time with the District.

VII. PMHS PRINCIPAL

- A. End-of-Year School Events – Mr. Hamilton provided the Board with a calendar full of the end of the year events happening at PMHS.
- B. Exhibition of Learning – Mr. Hamilton gave a presentation of the different works of art from the exhibition night, as well as classroom activities and learning studios.
- C. Senior Awards Night & Commencement – Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of the awards to be distributed and asked the Board for participation at the event.
- D. Summer Programs – Mr. Hamilton outlined the Summer Programs being offered by PMHS.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Staffing and Cost Differential - Mr. Lane provided the Board with the listing of all open positions within the District and the cost differentials with each position.
- B. Paid Memberships – Mr. Lane summarized all of the paid memberships by the District as Mrs. Schiff requested at the last meeting.
- C. Grants – Mr. Lane gave the Board a list of the various grants as requested by the Board.
- D. Enrollment Concerns – Mr. Lane addressed the Board in regard to a concern brought forth to him by a parent regarding the possible loss of students due to the opening of a new charter school in the area. Mr. Lane explained that there are currently four students enrolled from Pittsfield, with three of them having been previously homeschooled.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD

- A. Policies – First Reading
 - i. GBEBD, Employee Electronic Communication Policy
 - ii. EFAA, Meal Charging

Mrs. Schiff inquired to Mr. Lane as to the definition of “alternative”.

Mr. Lane responded to confirm that the alternative meal is the hot meal of the day being served to the students.

- iii. JICD-R, Memorandum of Understanding

iv. AC, Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Employment, and District

- B. Teacher Nomination – Mr. Lane presented Mr. Daniel Mlcuch for the position of high school science teacher. Mr. Mlcuch holds a Bachelors’ degree as well as 30 credits through the University of Vermont and has 17 years of teaching experience.

On a motion made by Mr. Cote to hire Mr. Mlcuch on the longevity track at a Bachelors Step 20, for a salary of \$57,688, and seconded by Mrs. Schiff, the motion passed 3-0.

- C. Drake Field Facilities Request – Joy Church has made a request to use the Drake Field Facility on August 12 from 8am-5pm, with a rain date of the following Saturday for an open community block party.

On a motion made by Mr. Gauthier and seconded by Mrs. Schiff, the motion passed 3-0.

D. Policies – Second Reading

- i. DFA, Investment, accepted as written with formatting corrections.
- ii. IJL, Library Materials Selection and Adoption, tabled for next meeting for further details on library offerings.
- iii. CCB, Line and Staff Relations, accepted as written.
- iv. EEAEA, Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers, accepted as written with formatting corrections.

X. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget Committee Representative – Mrs. Adams
- B. Drake Field and Facilities – Mr. Gauthier inquired to see if the brush could be trimmed between the field and the residential area at the field.
- C. Negotiating Team –
- D. Foss Family Scholarship – Mrs. Adams
- E. Public Relations – Mrs. Goggin

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center.

XII. PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Schroth addressed the Board about his environmental impact discussions with the Pittsfield Select Board and possible funding for these projects. Mr. Gauthier expressed his concerns regarding zoning for some of the projects that Mr. Schroth would like to see implemented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cote and seconded by Mrs. Schiff to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Zinn

Recording Secretary