

APPROVED MINUTES BY THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

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

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

Pittsfield School Board Meeting
May 18, 2023
Pittsfield Middle High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Sandra Adams, Vice Chairperson
Molly Goggin
Adam Cote
Helen Schiff

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

Vice Chairperson Adams opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. Adams.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Teacher Celebration at 6:30 p.m. (Mrs. Adams)
- Exhibition Schedule of Events (Mr. Hamilton)

IV. ACTION ON AMENDED AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Goggin and seconded by Mr. Cote, yes, Mrs. Schiff, yes, Mrs. Adams, yes, 4-0, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda.

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were considered and changes include: page 2, VIII, B,

correct “the event *that is*”, D. correct *conferences*; page 4, C & D, correct Bachelors; XII, correct next meeting date to *May 18, 2023*.

Mrs. Schiff made a motion to accept the changes, Mr. Cote seconded, with Mrs. Goggin abstaining, 3-1.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

NO PUBLIC INPUT

VII. SITE COUNCIL

Annelissa Marcotte spoke on the status of voting for site council leaders.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Open Positions – Mr. Lane spoke to the Board with updated information on hiring and staffing for the 2023-24 school year.
- B. Cost Differential – Mr. Lane provided the Board with data for the cost differential for budgeted salaries versus the contracted salaries for the new hires.
- C. PES Class Sizes – Mr. Lane explained the fluctuation in class sizes from the current year to the projected next year. Mr. Lane explains the shift resulting in the reduction in classrooms that would free up money in the budget to possibly hire a behavioral specialist in addition to the existing staff.
- D. Enrollment – Mr. Lane provided the Board with an updated enrollment report.

IX. PMHS PRINCIPAL

- A. Exhibition Schedule of Events – Mr. Hamilton provided the Board with a schedule of events for Thursday’s Exhibition Event.

X. SCHOOL BOARD

- A. NH Fair Funding Presentation – Mrs. Goggin spoke on the NH Fair Funding guidance and benefits of hosting them to visit the District. Mrs. Goggin informed the Board of her thoughts on reaching out and gathering more information from them and providing the Board with an update at the next meeting.
- B. Policies – First Reading
 - i. DFA, Investment
 - ii. IJL, Library Materials Selection and Adoption
 - iii. CCB, Line and Staff Relations
 - iv. EEAEA, Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers
- C. Policies – Second Reading

- v. IFA, Instructional Needs of Each Individual Student, accepted as written.
- vi. IF, Instructional Program, accepted as written.
- vii. ICAA, Interdisciplinary Credit, change Dean of Operations to Administration, on a motion made by Mrs. Adams and seconded by Mrs. Goggin, the changes were accepted.
- viii. IIC, Instructional Time, change Dean of Operations to Administration, on a motion made by Mrs. Goggin and seconded by Mr. Cote, the changes were accepted.

XI. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget Committee Representative – Mrs. Adams
- B. Drake Field and Facilities – Mr. Gauthier
- C. Negotiating Team –
- D. Foss Family Scholarship – Mrs. Adams stated there were 17 applications for the scholarship. Mrs. Adams advised that she has reviewed the applicants and the final meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 7:00 a.m. at Town Hall.
- E. Public Relations – Mrs. Goggin spoke on the Chaos and Kindness event as well as the Lego and Girls on the Run programs that the District held. Mrs. Goggin praised the District staff for all of their hard work and efforts. Mrs. Adams additionally stated her appreciation for the District staff.

XII. NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Goggin will provide an update from the NH Fair Funding Program.

Mr. Lane will provide information on paid memberships.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Chris Smith expressed his concern regarding the Google Meet link on the agenda that is posted on the district website that does not work for him.

Mr. Lane stated he would look into this matter.

Dan Schroth spoke to the Board regarding alternative power options for the District and possible funding sources for this.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Goggin and seconded by Mrs. Schiff to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Zinn

Recording Secretary