

MINUTES OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE
UNIT #51

PITTSFIELD SCHOOLBOARD
MINUTES

Pittsfield School Board Meeting November 21, 2024
Pittsfield Middle High School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Adams- Chair Person
Molly Goggin- Vice Chair Person
Adam Gauthier
Tim Robinson
Eric Nilsson

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Lane- Superintendent of Schools
Derek Hamilton- Principal PMHS
Charlene Vary- Director of Student Support Services
Melissa Brown- PMHS Assistant Principal
Members of the Public

I. Mrs. Adams called the meeting into session at 5:30p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. ACTION ON AMENDED AGENDA
Mr. Gauthier: Minutes
Mrs. White: Invitation

Motion to accept the amended agenda made by Mr. Robinson
Second by Mr. Gauthier
Vote 5-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 17th and November 7th, 2024

October 17th minutes: No changes
Motion to accept approved minutes by Mrs. Adams
Second by Mrs. Goggin
4-0-1 with Mr. Nilsson abstaining

November 7th minutes: Tabled
Page 2, VII- change explained to express in second sentence
Page 4, XII- add Reserve fund, budget workshop at 6:30 p.m.
Page 4, X- include more details regarding NH Retirement

- IV. PUBLIC INPUT- None
- V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- NONE
- VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS- Bryan Lane

Mr. Lane confirms no update regarding the Open Enrollment after reaching out to legal counsel, Barbara Loughman. However, the school district has paid tuition for an approved student and at this time we await a response.

Regarding Special Education cost, Mr. Lane confirmed he is working on getting the purchase lease agreement regarding the van, and he feels confident that finding a driver will not be an issue.

Mr. Lane confirms the school district currently has uncommitted funds and federal grants this also includes overlapping grants, grant funds that are not obligated in the amount of \$85,261. A grant writer/manager can be discussed within these funds.

Mr. Lane advised the 2025-2026 draft operating budget is determined by the current year's budget, currently the default budget is \$105,000 more than the proposed budget due to reductions within the administration and Board.

- VII. Director of Student Support Services- Charlene Vary

Mrs. Vary stated that some students with IEPs require a Paraeducator to be prescribed to them. She also explained educates on the main role of Paraeducators, which are responsibility for reinforcing academic skills, delivering accommodations, social/behavioral redirection, cuing, and/or prompting. Paraeducators are only assigned to classes based on individual student IEP needs and as determined by the special education teacher and BCBA.

Mrs. Vary explained the different types of Paraeducators, which are as followed.

Paraeducator I which needs at least a high school diploma.

Paraeducator II is a professional that has at least an associate's degree, equivalent college credits, or has a certification from the New Hampshire Department of Education that states they have their Paraeducator II license.

Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs), are also another type of Paraeducator. RBTs are prescribed by an IEP team and work with students that have Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programs. These programs are designed by the BCBA with support from special educators for some of our students that have autism spectrum disabilities or other significant behavioral and/or academic needs.

- VIII. SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Gauthier mentions the website needs updating regarding approved minutes.

Mr. Robinson stated that per the Fire Chief, the Fire Department is suggesting to switch out the locks at Drake Field.

Mrs. White invites the School Board to classroom 201 to enjoy the work of the students who just finished their third module of the H&M

Policy First Reading- None

Policy Second Reading-None

Motion to accept the amendments

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

IX. Committee Assignments

Budget Committee- None

Drake Field and Facilities- None

Negotiation-None

Legislation-None

Foss Family Foundation- None

Non-Public Relations

X. PLAN FOR NEXT AGENDA- December 5, 2024

Review of November 7th Minutes

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

XII. PUBLIC INPUT

XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

Roll Call Vote 5-0

SUBMITTED BY: Krystal Santos