

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE  
UNIT #51

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 29, 2025

Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Lane- Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Kristen White- Principal PES  
Derek Hamilton- Principal PMHS  
Members of the Public

- I. Mrs. Adams called the meeting into session at 5:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ACTION ON AMENDED AGENDA  
Email /minutes – Mr. Gauthier  
Old Home Day request for use of Drake Field – Mr. Hamilton  
Mr. Nilsson made the motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mrs. Goggin. Vote 5-0.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
May 8, 2025 - Motion to accept the minutes made by Mr. Gauthier  
Second by Mrs. Goggin  
Vote 5-0  
May 8, 2025, Non-Public minutes  
Motion to accept the minutes made by Mr. Nilsson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier.  
Vote 5-0.  
Motion made by Mr. Nilsson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to seal the non-public minutes. Vote 5-0.
- IV. PUBLIC INPUT- None
- V. SITE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE- Mr. Hamilton shared that the council was 100% in agreement with the proposal for new diploma options that Mr. Anthony had helped put together. The proposal will come before the board at the June 5, 2025, meeting.
- VI. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT- Mrs. Lane
  - Employee contracts: CBA covered employee contracts were issued on May 9<sup>th</sup> with a due date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Support staff, professional staff, administration, and custodial contracts will be issued by May 30 and are due back June 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Open positions at this time include one elementary teacher position, one Board Certified Behavior Analyst, two PMHS case manager positions, one PES school counselor, and one Director of Student Services.
- The financial manager, Rheana Anderson and Mrs. Lane have been working to create Benefit Summary Sheets. The board will review these for approval at the June 5, 2025, board meeting.

VII. PES PRINCIPAL- Mrs. White

- Documents provided, see agenda. In addition, Mrs. White shared information about Charlotte's Web production in the PMHS gymnasium on May 28. She will provide more information in her next board report.

VIII. PMHS PRINCIPAL- Mr. Hamilton

- Documents provided, see agenda

IX. PMHS ASST. PRINCIPAL'S report, shared by Mr. Hamilton - Mrs. Brown was attending the CRTC graduation ceremony.

- Documents provided, see agenda

X. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES' report was provided by- Mrs. Vary in the packet. She was not in attendance.

- Documents provided, see agenda

XI. SCHOOL BOARD

Welcome to Dr. Sandie MacDonald, our new Superintendent, and Dr. Erik Anderson, our new PMHS Principal.

Open Enrollment Update – no new information

Fair Funding Update – no new information (still unfair!)

School District Treasurer Search – please find enclosed ad. Mr. Gauthier made the motion, seconded by Mr. Nilsson, to accept Leslie Vogt's formal resignation with regrets, effective June 11, 2025. Vote 5-0.

Email/Minutes – Mr. Gauthier made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Goggin to hire Dr. Sandie MacDonald as Superintendent, to include the email votes by the board members to indicate the vote of a 5-0 for offering the supt. position to Dr. MacDonald, and to welcome Dr. Erik Anderson.

Old Home Day request for use of Drake Field on September 13<sup>th</sup> from noon through 10:30 p.m. This is a combination of Old Home Day and Homecoming events. Mr. Nilsson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Goggin. Vote 4-0-1 with Mr. Gauthier abstaining.

XII. Committee Assignments

- Budget Committee- no new information
- Drake Field and Facilities- no new information at this time
- Negotiations – no new information

- Legislation- Mr. Robinson shared some Senate Bill information from the POST re: SB292, SB105, and SB295
- Foss Family Scholarship- 11 graduate and 10 senior applications. The committee met at 7 a.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup>, with \$49,500 to be awarded at the graduation ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Public Relations- nothing at this time
- Selectboard Liaison – Mr. Nilsson shared our meeting with the selectboard on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> re: the TAN formal request. This request was made for the town to borrow money in anticipation of taxes forthcoming.

XIII. PLAN FOR NEXT AGENDA- June 5, 2025

1. Open Enrollment update
2. Fair Funding update
3. Benefit Summary sheets
4. Steps in debt reduction for RAN – borrowing in anticipation of future revenues
5. Operating budget balance sheets for current fiscal year which ends June 30, 2025
6. Audit update
7. Student site-council proposal re: diplomas
8. Board participation in graduation ceremony
9. Title IX Policy Updates which were reviewed and approved in February with the vote to review and approve within 30-60 days.

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS - none

XV. PUBLIC INPUT- Debbie Vintinner asked for clarification on the 3 new holidays proposed in the Benefits Summary Sheets. Mrs. Lane explained that full year-round staff get paid for holidays, not the teachers, who are paid the 185 days they work.

XVI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91: A 3, II Personnel  
Motion made to go into non-public by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mrs. Goggin at 7:00 p.m.  
Roll call Vote 5-0

Motion to exit non-public by Mrs. Adams at 8:10 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Gauthier.  
Roll call Vote 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Nilsson, seconded by Mrs. Goggin to accept the following resignations: Abbey Farias, PES grade 2 teacher; Amy Guimond, PMHS social studies teacher; and Tianna Szarka, PMHS grade 7-8 ELA teacher, and the following nominations: Jaelyn Chaffee, PES music teacher, and Cheryl Linskey, PMHS 9-10 case manager. Vote 5-0.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Goggin, seconded by Mr. Nilsson at 8:11 p.m. Vote 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY: Sandra Adams, Chair

