I. A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Amuso called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and read the following statement:

"Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, I am hereby informing all attendees that a video and audio recording is being made of this meeting."

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Kathleen Amuso, Chairperson
Katherine Yon
Daniel Elias
Erin Sullivan
Katherine Yon

ABSENT
Hon. Mayor James Ruberto
Alfred Barbalunga

Chairperson Amuso declared a quorum.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

NONE

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Erin Sullivan congratulated Jim Abel for arranging the soccer kickoff event this past weekend. It was well done.

Chairperson Amuso stated that the school year is off to great start.

C. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES
   • POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Erin Sullivan said the Policy Subcommittee met on July 26 and discussed the virtual schools and on-line learning, as well as the next steps the Policy Subcommittee will take in order to develop a base policy for virtual learning to address time on learning requirements, basic requirements for students, and evaluating and approving courses.
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Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon, that the School Committee approve the Policy Subcommittee minutes of July 26, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No 1, was by vote unanimously approved.

III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – ROUTINE MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon, that the School Committee approve the minutes of August 18, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 2 and the Executive Session minutes of August 18, 2010, was by vote unanimously approved.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon, that the School Committee accept the Personnel Report, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 4-10).

C. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

NONE

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein….

- Thanked everyone for a smooth school opening;
- Provided highlights on the Convocation programs;
- Thanked the School Committee for attending Convocation;
- Urged parents/guardians to return the necessary paperwork that was mailed to them this summer;
- Thanked Chief Wynn and Chief Czerwinski for supporting the schools emergency planning drills; and
- Thanked Berkshire Bank for their $5,000.00 donation to the JRC.

Superintendent Eberwein announced the following:

- MCAS results were released and will released to the public on September 14; a MCAS summary will provided at the September 22nd meeting;
- Race to the Top grant awarded to Massachusetts; regional forum will be held prior to proposals being sent to the US Department of Education;
- Launched a virtual meeting webinar with principals to meet as a group yet it allows them to remain in their building;
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- Bullying Policy will be revisited, public and school employees will be invited to provide input into the policy;
- Massachusetts School Building Authority is in the process of selecting an Owners Project Manager;
- Members of the School Building Needs Commission will take tours of several renovated and/or new schools in the Commonwealth;
- 21st Century Grant awarded to both high schools; and
- Parent Teacher Council and Teacher Advisory Council meet on a quarterly basis for about one and one half to two hours – anyone interested in serving on these councils should contact his office or the principal’s office.

Chairperson Amuso is pleased that principals are remaining in their schools, yet are able to participate in a webinar. She said if any student feels they are being bullied they should notify an administrator or call the Superintendent’s office. Chairperson Amuso said the public is invited to attend the School Building Needs Commission meetings.

B. UPDATE ON NCLB SCHOOL CHOICE

Deputy Superintendent Malkas reported on the district’s NCLB School Choice process based on the preliminary results received for the spring 2010 MCAS assessments. In addition, she reviewed the notification form sent to parents. She stated that school districts are required to offer options to parents to choice to other schools.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon, that the School Committee accept the update on NCLB School Choice, as presented by Deputy Superintendent Malkas and outlined in Enclosures No. 4A and 4B, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 11-18).

C. UPDATE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN

Assistant Superintendent Douglas provided an update on the total expenditures for the Public Relations Campaign.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon, that the School Committee accept the update on the campaign promoting the Pittsfield Public Schools, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 19).

D. UPDATE ON EDUCATION JOBS GRANT

Superintendent Eberwein provided an update on the status of the Education Jobs grant. He reviewed the positions that will be restored and would like to keep to the $500,000 deleted from the budget this year and use the remaining $1,000,000 for next year.
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Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon, that the School Committee accept the Education Jobs Grant update, was by vote unanimously approved.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – NEW BUSINESS

A. NONE

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. NONE

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Pittsfield High School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Katherine Yon. that the School Committee be adjourned, was by vote unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIN SULLIVAN