

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008, 7:00 P.M., PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Amuso called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Kathleen Amuso, Chairperson
Hon. Mayor James Ruberto
Churchill Cotton
Daniel Elias
Angel Ramirez
Erin Sullivan

ABSENT

Carmen C. Massimiano, Jr.

Chairperson Amuso declared a quorum.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

Ellen Mary Dagostino, Stockbridge, suggested giving parenting classes in the schools and identifying at-risk families to work with counselors. She suggested that this subject be discussed at one of the Committee's Meeting of the Whole.

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Erin Sullivan thanked parents for attending the Safety and Transportation Subcommittee meeting on Monday evening to talk about their busing issues.

Churchill Cotton thanked the City Councilors who attended the Safety and Transportation Subcommittee meeting and PCTV for taping the meeting. He announced the dates and times the show would air on TV.

Chairperson Amuso stated that the transportations concerns are being reviewed. She thanked Assistant Superintendent Sally Douglas and Gloria Berne for their work on the transportation issue.

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III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – ROUTINE MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee approve the minutes of August 20, 2008, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1, was by vote unanimously approved.

B. ACCEPTANCE REPORTS

- CAFETERIA REPORT
- STUDENT ACTIVITY AND SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee accept the Cafeteria Report as outlined in Enclosure No. 2A, and the Student Activity and Scholarship Reports, as outlined in Enclosure No. 2B, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 4-9).

C. ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee accept the Personnel Report, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 10-18).

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

- CONTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Ms. Donna Leep, Principal of Conte Community School, and Ms. Tina Bardwell, SAC at Crosby, talked about the *Responsive Classroom* Program being used at Conte. Mrs. introduced students from Conte who shared their hopes of what they want to accomplish for themselves.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee accept Conte Community School's presentation.

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein commented on the following:

- Visited schools to check on facilities;
- Visited the renovated Cosmetology Shop at PHS and thanked Sally Douglas and Keith Babuszczyk for making these renovations happen;
- Thanked the Colonial Theatre staff for the use of the facility and their assistance for Convocation Day;
- Outlined some of the events happening in the schools for the month of September;
- Attended the MEOP graduation at Berkshire Community College and

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- thanked them for supporting the schools;
- Congratulated Jim Abel and Sylvana Bryan for being invited to serve on state committees;
- Highlighted the MASC Survey Book
- Reviewed the Subcommittee Schedules;
- Congratulated all the athletes who tried out for Fall sports;
- Congratulated Jerek Tyler who was named MVP at the state level;
- Reported that he was a speaker at an event sponsored by the Berkshire Center for Children;
- Urged parents to return the materials sent home in August;
- Announced that an information sheet will be sent home this week to collect contact data on all students;

Ask Mrs. Douglas to provide an overview on the Safety and Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

Mrs. Douglas provided minutes for the Safety and Transportation Subcommittee meeting held on September 8. She addressed issues brought forward by parents and stated that Mrs. Berne will be reviewing the number of seats available for students and re-look at routes.

Superintendent Eberwein introduced five new leadership staff members. Each said a few words. The new staff members are: Kristen Behnke, Assistant Business Manager, Tracey Benson, Vice Principal at Herberg Middle School, Jennifer Boulais, Director of Human Resources, Patricia Desmond, Coordinator of English Language Arts and Social Studies, and Eric Lamoureux, School Community Coordinator at Conte Community School.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee accept Superintendent Eberwein's report, was by vote unanimously approved.

B. DISTRICT EVALUATION PROCESS

Superintendent Eberwein reviewed the district evaluation process for all staff members.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee accept the District Evaluation Process, as presented by Superintendent Eberwein and outlined in Enclosure No. 5, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 19).

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

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VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

- PARIS, FRANCE

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee approve the trip to Paris, France, as outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved. (see Pages 21-24).

B. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP

- NEW YORK CITY

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee approve the trip to New York City, September 18-19, as outlined in Enclosure No. 7, was by vote unanimously approved. (see Page 25).

C. APPROVAL OF BIDS

- POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT BID

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee award the Positive Behavioral Support Bid to Effective Educational Practices of Boulder, Colorado in the amount of \$39,450.00, as outlined in Enclosure No. 8A, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 26).

- TRAUMA RESPONSE BID

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee award the Trauma Response Bid to Berkshire County Kids' Place and Violence Prevention Center of Pittsfield, MA in the amount of \$30,000.00, as outlined in Enclosure No. 8B, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 27).

- COMPREHENSIVE AND SYSTEMATIC QUALITATIVE EVALUATION BID

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee award the Comprehensive and Systematic Qualitative Evaluation Bid to COMPASS, Inc. of Jamaica Plain, MA in the amount of \$296,771.00, as outlined in Enclosure No. 8C, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 28).

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. ITEMS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee go into Executive Session for Items of Negotiations, was by roll call vote unanimously approved.

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The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Erin Sullivan, that the School Committee return to the regular order of business, was by vote unanimously approved.

The Committee returned to the regular order of Business at 8:10 p.m.

Let the record show that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 7:00 P.M., Pittsfield High School. This meeting will be a Meeting of the Whole.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGEL RAMIREZ