

MEETING OF THE WHOLE OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008, 7:00 P.M., PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Amuso called the meeting to order.

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Kathleen Amuso, Chairperson  
Hon. James Ruberto  
Daniel Elias  
Carmen C. Massimiano, Jr.  
Angel Ramirez  
Erin Sullivan

ABSENT

Churchill Cotton

STUDENTS

Hannah Simons	Pittsfield High School
Rachael Came	Taconic High School

Chairperson Amuso declared a quorum.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

NONE

B. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruberto thanked the PHS marching band for participating in the Veterans' Parade.

Daniel Elias commented on two of the events he attended; the Williams School Veterans' Day Celebration and *Herberg Happenings*, which had a wide array of activities for students.

Chairperson Amuso commented that there was a lot of community involvement that took place at Herberg's event. She also commented on Allendale's Reading event.

Sheriff Massimiano announced that there will be a Safety & Transportation Subcommittee on Monday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Center.

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Chairperson Amuso announced that the Fifth Annual SADD Candlelight Memorial Vigil will be held on Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Pittsfield High School.

III. A. REPORT OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

Deputy Superintendent Malkas announced the following:

- Superintendent Eberwein is traveling to San Antonio, Texas to receive his award from the Education Law Association;
- November is Reading Literacy Month and reading events were held at the schools this past week;
- Conte Community School holding their Family Literacy event this Friday;

Deputy Superintendent Malkas deferred the meeting to Assistant Superintendent Sally Douglas. Mrs. Douglas informed the Committee that due to the city's economic downturn Mayor Ruberto has asked all city departments to come up with money to offset the shortfall. Superintendent Eberwein has put an immediate freeze on all discretionary accounts.

IV. INFORMATION

A. MATHEMATICS PRESENTATION

Deputy Superintendent Malkas introduced the discussion on K-12 mathematics programs in the district.

Mrs. Linda Avalle, Mathematics Coordinator, reviewed the goals of the district and introduced the speakers.

Mrs. Carla Comeau, Math Department Chair at Taconic High School, reviewed the high school Mathematical Literacy Frameworks.

Mr. Robert Moynihan, Math Department Chair at Pittsfield High School, talked about AP courses offered at the high schools.

Mr. Matthew Gravel, Instructional Integration Technician, explained the Galileo Program and how it is used to obtain immediate assessment results.

Ms. Anne Pinkson, Tier II Math Teacher at Herberg Middle School, explained the student on-line, self paced Plato Learning Program used for math intervention program.

Mrs. Candy Jezewski, Math Coach at Egremont School, talked about the pacing guides developed for teachers to assist them in teaching the new math program.

Mrs. Linda Avalle explained how the new *Math Expressions* Program works.

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Ms. Susan Burt and Ms. Judy Rush, Math Coaches, explained coaching strategies used in the classroom.

V. FUTURE BUSINESS

A. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 7:00 P.M., Pittsfield High School.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee be adjourned was by vote unanimously approved at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angel Ramirez