

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M., PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

- I. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

- II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

Karen Fischer, 152 North Street, spoke on the topic of poverty in the schools and the need for the administration to understand the impact on students.

- B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

NONE

- C. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

NONE

- III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee approve the minutes of March 25, 2009, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1, was by vote unanimously approved.

- B. ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee accept the Personnel Report, as outlined in Enclosure No. 2, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 3-4).

- C. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

- Capeless School

Ms. Mary Ellen Trumbull, Principal of Capeless School, introduced third grade teachers, Arlene Albert and Karen Healy, whose students reported on their research project *Soda Bottle Presidents* and fifth grade teacher, Nicole

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Hughes, whose students reported on their *Iditarod* project. Mrs. Trumbull noted that all projects tie into the curriculum frameworks.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee accept Capeless School's presentation, was by vote unanimously approved.

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein commented on the following:

- Acknowledged Herberg's band who recently attended an event at New England Conservatory Hall;
- Announced that the district has 26 vocational tuition applicants and thanked Assistant Superintendent Keith Babuszcak for his recruiting efforts;
- Congratulated Brian Buckley for being named *Massachusetts Service Learning Teacher of the Year*;
- Congratulated Heather McNeice on her selection by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women as a *2009 Unsung Heroine*;
- Announced MCAS testing going on this week and acknowledged teachers, students and parents;
- Attended MCAS Rally at Conte;
- Thanked Berkshire Life and Berkshire Bank for supporting programs at Herberg and Morningside;
- Announced that Crosby's Creative Cultural Connections event *Crosby Takes Over the Museum* will take place on April 30;
- Announced that the school system is participating in the 4th of July Parade again this year and that he is looking for creative minds in planning the event;
- Announced that the *Taconic Idol* fundraising event was being held this evening;
- Announced the Latin Poetry Competition winners;
- Announced that the reception for new teachers and mentors will be held on April 30; and
- Announced that the MSBA will visit Pittsfield on April 15.

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

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NONE

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VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

- ATHENS, GREECE AND ROME ITALY

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano that the School Committee approve the trip to Athens, Greece and Rome, Italy, February 12-20, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 6).

B. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CHOICE PARTICIPATION

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano that the School Committee authorize participation in the School Choice Program for the 2009-2010 school year, as outlined in the Administrative Memorandum and Enclosure No. 4, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 7).

C. APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE PITTSFIELD EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano that the School Committee approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Pittsfield School Committee and the Pittsfield Educational Administrators' Association for the period August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009, as outlined in Enclosure No. 5, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 8-9).

D. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE UNITED EDUCATORS OF PITTSFIELD

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Pittsfield School Committee and the United Educators of Pittsfield, as outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 10).

E. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE PITTSFIELD EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Pittsfield School Committee and the Pittsfield Educational Administrators' Association, as outlined in Enclosure No. 7, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 11).

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VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. NONE

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting of the Whole scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009, 7:00 P.M., Pittsfield High School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGEL RAMIREZ