

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, 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
Carmen C. Massimiano, Jr.
Angel Ramirez
Erin Sullivan

Chairperson Amuso declared a quorum.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

NONE

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Chairperson Amuso welcomed everyone back to school and was pleased that the school year got off to a great start.

Carmen Massimiano encouraged the public to observe all traffic laws keeping walkers and bus riders safe.

C. SCHOOL COMMITTEE 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 August 19, 2009, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1, was by vote unanimously approved.

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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 4-6).

C. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

- CAFETERIA REPORT
- STUDENT ACTIVITY AND SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee approve the Cafeteria Report, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3A and the Student Activity and Scholarship Reports, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3B, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 7-12).

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

NONE

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone involved in the Convocation Program and the opening of school;
- Visited all the schools to meet the staff;
- Attended BCC's Positive Option launching;
- Welcomed all students and families from abroad;
- Reiterated that the goals for this year are academics – the three R's, refining the data systems and student learning;
- Announced that the five new principals will be receiving intensive mentoring from veteran principals;
- Announced that Sabic's *Share to Gain Project* that was awarded to Egremont School to upgrade their playground will begin this month;
- Announced that he and Donna Leep traveled to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to attend a meeting on the Readiness Project;
- Invited parents and staff members to serve on the Parent and Teacher Advisory Councils and for those interested to contact his secretary, Rose Blake;
- Announced that he participated in a conference on the H1N1 virus presented by the Department of Public Health and that he is working with Dr. Adamo and Jim Wilusz on having the schools serve as clinic sites to dispense the flu vaccine;

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- Announced that he received a call from Diane Sullivan from the Massachusetts School Building Authority informing him that the Statement of Interest process has been reopened and that the school system's plans submitted last year have not been acted on to date;
- Announced that he invited Commission Chester to Pittsfield and that he accepted the offer and will be coming to Pittsfield in November;
- Encouraged parents to review the paperwork sent home this summer and to return the Parent and Student Agreement form and the Free and Reduced Meal application as soon as possible;
- Encouraged parents to be involved in their child's school work;
- Encouraged students to take advantage of everything the school system offers and to get involved in their school;
- Announced that principals have been sent out with marching order for this school year; and
- Announced that there will be a presentation on AYP provided at the September 23 School Committee meeting.

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

B. UPDATE ON NCLB SCHOOL CHOICE

Deputy Superintendent Malkas provided an overview on the district's NCLB School Choice process based on the preliminary results received from the spring 2009 MCAS assessments. In addition, she reviewed the notification form sent to parents.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee accept the NCLB School Choice Report, as presented by Ms. Malkas and outlined in Enclosure Nos. 4A and 4B, was by vote unanimously approved.

C. UPDATE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN

Superintendent Eberwein outlined his plans to support public relations for the Pittsfield Public Schools.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee accept the Public Relations Plan report, as presented by Superintendent Eberwein and outlined in Enclosure No. 5, was by vote unanimously approved.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

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VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – NEW BUSINESS

A. NONE

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. DISCUSSION OF GRIEVANCES

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee go into Executive Session for Discussion of a Grievance, was by roll call vote unanimously approved.

The School Committee went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

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

The School Committee returned to the regular order of business at 8:05 p.m.

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

Motion by Angel Ramirez, seconded by Carmen Massimiano, that the School Committee deny the Level III grievance filed by the UEP and heard by the Personnel Subcommittee on September 9, 2009, was by vote unanimously approved.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 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 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGEL RAMIREZ