

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 10, 2010, 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
Alfred Barbalunga
Churchill Cotton
Daniel Elias
Erin Sullivan
Katherine Yon

STUDENTS

NONE

Chairperson Amuso declared a quorum.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

NONE

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Katherine Yon congratulated the PHS Academic Decathlon team for placing fourth out of nineteen in the state competition. She commented on the Morningside Community Science Fair she attended and the great job the students did on their projects. Mrs. Yon commented on the wonderful experience she had reading to the elementary students during *the Read Across America* event.

Chairperson Amuso stated it was a rewarding experience for her to read in two classes, one of which was her nephew's.

Churchill Cotton thanked all community and business partner who took participated in the *Read Across America* event.

C. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

NONE

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III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – ROUTINE MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

Chairperson Amuso made a motion that the School Committee go out of order to recognize Matthew Bird, there were no objections.

The School Committee congratulated Matthew Bird, a PHS student, who was selected as a 2010 National Merit Scholarship finalist. Matthew thanked the PHS teachers for offering such a rigorous course selection.

The Committee returned to the regular order of business.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee accept the Personnel Report, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 3).

C. SIX-MONTH BUDGET PROJECTION

Mrs. Sally Douglas, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, reviewed the Six-Month budget projections and responded to questions from Committee members.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee accept the Six-Month Budget Projections, presented Mrs. Douglas and outlined in Enclosure No. 2, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 4-12).

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

• TACONIC HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. John Vosburgh, Principal of Taconic High School, along with Mr. Ron Wojick provided an overview of a project designed to highlight and publicize programs at Taconic High School. Mr. Wojick said students in his Programming and Digital Media class are collaborating with PCTV to put together a 30-minute documentary highlighting the CVTE programs and will be shown on PCTV. A second production is currently in the works, highlighting Taconic's graduation pathways and academy programs. Several students were present to discuss their experience in putting the presentation together.

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IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein commented on the following:

- Announced registration for vocational programs is taking place and anyone interested in applying should contact Assistant Superintendent Keith Babuszczyk;
- Congratulated the PHS Academic Decathlon team, who took fourth place in the state competition; and Taconic's Business Professionals of America who took first place in a number of competitions;
- Congratulated Dan Hewitt for his design that was accepted by the Business Professionals of America;
- Congratulated all the art students who participated in the annual Norman Rockwell and Boston Globe Art competitions;
- Congratulated Jackie Boino for receiving the IEEE Award;
- Thanked everyone involved in the Morningside Science Fair;
- Announced that the 9th grade Career Fair is being held next week at BCC;
- Announced that Jennifer Michaels from the Brien Center presented a workshop entitled "How to Walk the Talk";
- Announced that Conte held a workshop entitled "Guiding Good Choices";
- Announced that fundraiser were held at several schools to support the Haiti relief fund;
- Congratulated the EOS students on their accomplishments;
- Announced that his Annual Report will be presented at the next School Committee meeting
- Announced that Massachusetts is one of sixteen finalist for receiving *Race To The Top* funding; and
- Attend a meeting at the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education on the Readiness Schools project.

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

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE UNITED EDUCATORS OF PITTSFIELD

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Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Pittsfield School Committee and the United Educators of Pittsfield for the 2009-2010 school year, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 15).

- B. FIRST READING ON ADOPTION OF COURSES
- DIGITAL VIDEO PRODUCTIONS
 - INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE ALGEBRA

Mrs. Linda Avalor, Mrs. Carlo Comeau and Mr. Ronald Wojick, responded to questions from Committee members regarding the two courses being proposed for adoption.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve, on a first reading, the courses: Digital Video Production and Introduction to College Algebra, as outlined in Enclosure Nos. 4A and 4B, was by vote unanimously approved.

- C. APPROVAL OF FY'09 END-OF-YEAR AUDIT

Assistant Superintendent Sally Douglas reviewed the FY'09 End-of-Year Audit and the five minor findings that the school department has amended and filed successfully with the Department of Elementary & Secondary.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee accept the End-of-Year Audit for Fiscal Year 2009, as outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 16-20).

- D. APPROVAL OF FOREIGN TRAVEL
- QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the trip to Quebec City, Canada, April 10-12, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 21-23).

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

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VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 7:00 P.M., Pittsfield High School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIN SULLIVAN