

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 23, 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

Chairperson Amuso declared a quorum.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

NONE

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Chairperson Amuso thanked the custodians, administration, technology staff, PCTV, and the School Committee recording secretary for all their help throughout the year. She commented on the graduation and step up programs that she attended.

Daniel Elias attended the Adult Learning Center graduation and was pleased to see that the ceremony had been moved to the high school. He would like to see the ceremony televised by PCTV next year.

Katherine Yon attended the Adult Learning Center graduation and found it very moving and inspirational. She would also like to see it televised next year.

Mayor Ruberto thanked parents, teachers and the administration for attending the City Council budget hearing. He congratulated Chairperson Amuso, Superintendent Eberwein and Assistant Superintendent Douglas for their great presentation and the City Council for approving the budget unanimously.

Chairperson Amuso thanked the City Council and Mayor for supporting the budget.

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C. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES
• POLICY

Erin Sullivan provided an update of the Policy Subcommittee's recent meeting and informed the Committee that they had discussed going forward with revising the policy manual.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Policy Subcommittee minutes of June 2, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1, was by vote unanimously approved.

III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – ROUTINE MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 9, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1A, the minutes of June 9, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1B, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 10, 2010, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1C, was by vote unanimously approved.

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. 3, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 4-5).

C. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

A. NONE

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein commented on the following:

- Thanked the School Committee and administration for their attendance at the many end-of-year celebrations;
- Thanked the parents who helped out with the after-prom events and everyone who contributed to make the after-proms successful;
- Congratulated the four secondary teachers: William Berryman, Scott Ferrare, Brad Whately and Matthew Bishop, recognized by the Safe Schools/Healthy Students program;
- Thanked students in the Machine Shop program for making planters for the elderly in Lee;

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- Thanked SABIC for their \$5,000 donation to Stearns School;
- Announced that Taconic will put on a one show production of *Rent* this Saturday;
- Thanked the School Committee for their support during the budget process;
- Announced that recall letters will be going out on Thursday and Friday;
- Received letter from the Berkshire County Regional Employment Board on their work force projections and their support of vocational programs;
- Showed a video clip of students participating in the Housatonic River cleanup;
- Posted summer learning resources on the website; and
- Announced that the administration is working on a comprehensive advertising plan to promote the school system and bring in new students.

Mayor Ruberto is impressed with the way the administration is going to promote the school system.

Alfred Barbalunga appreciates the administration being proactive and making decisions to promote the school system.

Katherine Yon feels this is an excellent way to promote the schools. She also suggested doing up a brochure to send out to parents that have already opted out of Pittsfield.

Superintendent Eberwein outlined some of the promotional advertising that the administration is planning and asked the School Committee their input on the promotional campaign.

Katherine Yon suggested having a conversation with the families that are leaving the district and with those families that are requesting internal transfers. She also asked if there is data on the number of people that access the school system's website. In addition, she would like a comparison of the school systems data on vocational programs to that of the Berkshire Country Regional Employment Board's data.

Erin Sullivan would like to see letters sent out in the summer to parents listing the choices in the Pittsfield Public Schools, as well as doing a Connect Ed announcement.

Daniel Elias has a concern with the number of community leaders, as well as school system employees, opting out of the district.

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

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V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY HAZARDOUS ROUTES

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the permanent and temporary hazardous transportation routes for the 2010-2011 school year, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 8-12).

B. APPROVAL OF BIDS

- BREAD BID

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee award the Bread Bid to George Weston Bakeries (Freihofer's Division) Inc. of Albany NY, as outlined in Enclosure No. 4A, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 13).

- NON-FOOD BID

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee award the Non-Food Bid to Mansfield Paper Company of West Springfield, MA, as outlined in Enclosure No. 4B, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 14-15).

- ICE CREAM BID

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee award the Ice Cream bid to New England Ice Cream of Taunton, MA, as outlined in Enclosure No. 4C, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 16-17).

- FOOD SERVICE TRUCK BID

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee award the Food Service Truck bid to Delurey Sales & Service, Inc. of North Hoosick, NY, in the amount of \$67,285.00, as outlined in Enclosure No. 4D, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 18).

C. APPROVAL OF SUMMER PROGRAMS

Deputy Superintendent Barbara Malkas outlined the various of the Summer Programs being offered to students during the 2010 summer session.

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Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the 2010 Summer Programs, as outlined in Enclosure No. 5, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 19-21).

D. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Deputy Superintendent Barbara Malkas provided an overview of the Professional Development Plan for the 2010 summer session.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2010 summer session, as presented by Ms. Malkas and outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 22-30).

E. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH LEGAL CONSULTANT

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the contract with Duperé Law Office for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, as outlined in Enclosure No. 7, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 31-32).

F. APPROVAL TO EXPEND SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDS

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve expending School Choice funds not to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of marketing and promoting the Pittsfield Public Schools, was by vote unanimously approved.

G. EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Chairperson Amuso reviewed each of the seven categories along with the expectation ratings in that category and an overall rating. She invited each School Committee member to provide additional comments on each category. The seven categories are: Relationship with the School Committee; Educational Leadership; General Management; Budget Management, Personnel Management; Communications/ Public Relations; and Personal Qualities.

The consensus of the School Committee is that Superintendent Eberwein is doing a great job. They feel he provides effective leadership, has an incredible work ethic, and is committed to the school system. They are very pleased with Superintendent Eberwein's performance (see Pages 33-46).

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. NONE

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VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 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 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIN SULLIVAN