

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Amuso called the meeting to order.

"Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, I am hereby informing all attendees that a video and audio recording is being made of this meeting."

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 SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson Amuso said the UEP membership will be voting on their contract on Thursday, June 9. She said while the UEP Negotiating Committee does not endorse the contract the School Committee is hoping the UEP membership will vote for the contract.

II. A. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tracey Benson, Principal of Pittsfield High School, apologized for allowing students to come into the building for the senior prank, that resulted in missing money. He said the main concern was students underage drinking. Mr. Benson he will be re-examining the handling of money

Mr. Scott Eldridge, President of the UEP, announced that the negotiating team felt the membership should have the opportunity to judge and vote on the contract. The UEP feels the School Committee is micromanaging proposals and eroded the trust between the UEP and the School Committee.

B. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Katherine Yon attended the PHS Prom, as well as the Pittsfield High and Taconic High Vocational Advisory Board dinners. She thanked everyone involved in the planning of this event. Mrs. Yon thanked the businesses for supporting the schools.

Daniel Elias attended several events including "Battle of the Books" held at Egremont School, the vocational advisory board dinner, and Morningside's Pride Night.

Mayor Ruberto also commended on Morningside's Pride Night saying it was an inviting place and available to the community. He said the Pittsfield High School Band was the highlight of the Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Ruberto mentioned that he attended a luncheon where Jacob Mullen received the Feigenbaum scholarship.

Alfred Barbalunga thanked Principal Curtis for arranging a tour of Morningside Community School for him.

C. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

NONE

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 May 25, 2011, as outlined in Enclosure No.1 and the Executive Session minutes of May 25, 2011, 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. 2, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 4-5).

C. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

NONE

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein ...:

- Announced Susan Burt is stepping down from her position as Capeless School Principal and thanked her for all she did for Capeless School;
- Congratulated Candy Jezewski for being appointed as Interim School Principal of Capeless School;
- Rescheduled SBNC meeting because they are waiting for the final version of the Labor Study report from Skanska;

- Congratulated Kamaar Taliaferro for being named Berkshire County Athlete of the Year;
- Positive Options graduation ceremony being held on Thursday, June 9;
- High Schools 21st Century Program showcased;
- Teen Parent Program graduation luncheon being held on Friday, June 9; and
- Taconic and Pittsfield High's graduation ceremonies are on Sunday, June 12.

Superintendent Eberwein attended the following events:

- Feigenbaum luncheon and thanked them for their great investment in the children of our community;
- Morningside's Pride night
- Conte's volunteer breakfast;
- National Honor Society awards at Pittsfield High School and congratulated all students inducted into the society; and
- Luncheon for staff with 25 years of service in the district.

Superintendent Eberwein thanked ...

- Everyone involved in putting on Advisory dinners;
- School Committee for allowing him to attend the Urban Superintendents' meetings throughout the school year;
- Sabic and Legacy Banks for supporting Egremont's Share to Gain Project;
- Crosby students for raising money for St. Jude's Hospital;
- Legacy Bank and Greylock Credit Union, business partners, for all their support of the schools; and
- Everyone involved in the after-prom fundraisers.

Mr. Elias commented that Morningside Community School has changed its image and that positive things are happening there.

Katherine Yon said the 21st Century Program is very successful.

Chairperson Amuso said the district needs to work together more on programs such as the 21st Century one.

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

V. RECOMMENDED ACTION – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A SECOND READING ON TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

- BSRI K-5 READING STREET

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve, on a second reading, the textbook: BSRI K-5 Reading Street, as outlined in Enclosure No. 9, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pates 6-10).

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTION – NEW BUSINESS

A. ADOPTION OF FY'12 SCHOOL SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET

Committee members voiced,

Mr. Barbalunga thanked Sally Douglas and the finance Subcommittee their hard work on the budget but voiced his concern over on some of the line items. He would like a breakdown of expenses for each of the JRC programs. He said it is a difficult time to grant raises and is personally disappointed with the budget. Mr. Barbalunga will not support it.

,Chairperson Amuso wants the information on the JRC breakdown sent to all members.

Mayor Ruberto said that people of Pittsfield have been investing in education and will continue to invest and that he is very proud of the budget.

Mr. Elias was pleased to see that additional pre-school positions were added to the budge.

A further discussion took place amongst the members on the budget.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve That the School System approve and adopt the FY'12 School System Line Item Budget totaling \$54,344,497 which consists of School Choice, Richmond Tuition and Tuition Revolving Funds appropriation of \$560,000, a City appropriation of \$52,484,497 and Federal Education Jobs Aid of \$1,300,000 for a grand total of \$54,344,497, as outlined in Enclosure No. 4, was by vote approved 6-1, with Alfred Barbalunga casting a dissenting vote (see Pages 12-20).

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH LEGAL CONSULTANTS

Assistant Superintendent Sally Douglas informed the Committee that there has not been an increase in their hourly rate for a number of years.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that approve the contract with the Duperé Law Offices for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, as outlined in Enclosure No. 5, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 21-22).

C. 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 2011-2012 school year, as outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 23-27).

D. APPROVAL OF 2011 SUMMER PROGRAMS AND SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the 2011 Summer Programs for students, as outlined in Enclosure No. 7A and the 2011 Summer Professional Development being offered to staff, as outlined in Enclosure No. 7B, by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 30-43)

E. APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN FY'12 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve an increase of 5¢ for paid lunches, increasing the price from \$1.75 to \$1.80 per lunch, effective July 1, 2011, as outlined in Enclosure No. 8, was by vote approved 6-1, with Chairperson Amuso casting a dissenting vote (see Pages 44-45).

F. APPROVAL OF BIDS

- BREAD BID

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee award the Bread Bid to Bimbo Foods, Inc. of Albany, NY, as outlined in Enclosure No. 9A, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 46).

- 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. 9B, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 47-48).

- MILK BID

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee award the Milk Bid to Crescent Creamery of Pittsfield, MA, as outlined in Enclosure No. 9C, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 49)

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. ITEMS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee go into Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining with the United Educators of Pittsfield and other bargaining units and non-bargaining employees, because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Pittsfield Public Schools, was by roll call vote unanimously approved.

The School Committee went into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

The Committee took a five minute recess. There was no objections.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, 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 9:58 p.m.

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

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

- A. City Council Budget Presentation on Monday, June 13, 2011 in the City Council Chambers.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 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 10:01 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ERIN SULLIVAN