

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 PUBLIC

Terry Kinnas, 14 Cooper Parkway, thanked Superintendent Eberwein for putting the SBNC information on the website and asked that additional be placed on the website. He said he has a problem with the quality of work that Skanska provided and asked that more information on the labor management study be put on the website.

B. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson Amuso, a member of the SBNC, provided some information on the work the SBNC has done. She said some information is not available at the present time but will be put on the website as soon as possible. Chairperson Amuso said the original request was to have Crosby renovated; however, that project was denied by the MSBA. It was then decided to focus on the two high schools. She asked Superintendent Eberwein to provide an update on the project at the next meeting.

Katherine Yon said communication from the SBNC is not clear yet and encouraged the public to attend the SBNC meetings.

Alfred Barbalunga thanked Lisa Buchinski for taking time out of her day to give him a tour of Crosby.

C. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

- SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Safety and Transportation Subcommittee minutes of June 22, 2011, as outlined in Enclosure No. 1, was by vote unanimously approved.

- CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Curriculum Subcommittee minutes of July 6 2011, as outlined in Enclosure No. 2, 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 June 22, 2011, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3A, the Executive Session minutes of June 22, 2011 and the Special Meeting minutes of June 23, 2011, as outlined in Enclosure No. 3B, 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. 4, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 4-5).

C. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

NONE

IV. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

A. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eberwein...

- Commented on the many summer programs for students and the variety of professional development offerings for staff members;
- Thanked everyone who participated in painting and doing repairs at Crosby School;
- Congratulated Sylvana Bryan for being awarded the US Fruit and Vegetable Grant;
- Thanked Pamela Delmolino and everyone who worked on the 4th of July float that won the Theme Award;

- Reported that the district will be audited by the Center for District and School Accountability in the areas of Title 1, ELL, SPED and CVTE;
- Attended the “Robes Ceremony” sponsored by the Women of Color;
- Thanked the School Committee for letting him attend the MASS Executive Institute; and
- Apologized for not putting the SBNC minutes and information on the website sooner. He said that links to both the SBNC and MSBA have been added to the district’s website.

Mayor Ruberto feels Superintendent Eberwein does not need to apologize for getting all information out to the community. He said the SBNC is in the early stages of the process. He thanked Superintendent Eberwein for all his work he has done on the project.

Daniel Elias thanked Superintendent Eberwein for being on the radio responding to questions on enrollment. He gave informed the public that all School Committee, and SBNC can be seen on PCTV and that information and minutes of the Pittsfield Public Schools website. He thanked Superintendent Eberwein as well as members of the School Committee and BNC. For their hard work.

Chairperson Amuso said providing SBNC information became an issue in the last few weeks and said Superintendent Eberwein provides all information available to the community. Chairperson Amuso told urged the public has questions they should feel free to contact any School Committee member or Superintendent Eberwein.

Superintendent Eberwein informed the Committee that he has sent the Educational Programs draft and the Labor Market Study to MSBA.

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

B. TACONIC RADIO STATION UPDATE

Superintendent Eberwein and Chairperson Amuso updated the School Committee on the Taconic Radio Station fine. Chairperson Amuso said the original fine was \$7,000 but was appealed and reduced to \$5,600. She and another appeal has been filed to the full FCC commission. Superintendent Eberwein thanked Larry Kratka for all his help with the radio station.

Superintendent Eberwein informed the Committee that the money for the fine is not coming from the Student Activity Fund.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee accept the update on the Taconic High School Radio Station, was by vote unanimously approved.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTION – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NONE

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTION – NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE PITTSFIELD EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Settlement Agreement between the Pittsfield School Committee and Pittsfield Educational Administrators' Association, outlined in Enclosure No. 5, was by vote unanimously approved (see Page 8).

B. APPROVAL OF RACE TO THE TOP (RTTT) GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2

Deputy Superintendent Malkas reviewed how the RTTT funding will be spent in Year 2. She said the district is required to implement both the statewide evaluation framework and align the curriculum to Common Core State Standards.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee approve the Race To The Top (RTTT) Grant Application for Year 2, as outlined in Enclosure No. 6, was by vote unanimously approved (see Pages 9-10).

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. ITEMS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Ch. 30A, Section 21, Subsection a3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining in that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.

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..

B. PERSONNEL MATTER

Pursuant to Ch. 30A, Section 21, Subsection a3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in that an open session would have detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body.

Motion by Erin Sullivan, seconded by Churchill Cotton, that the School Committee go into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter, pursuant to Ch. 30A, Section 21, Subsection a3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in that an open session would have detrimental effect on litigating., was by roll call vote unanimously approved.

The School Committee went into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

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 8:44 p.m.

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

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

- A. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 7:00 P.M., City Hall, Council Chambers.

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 8:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ERIN SULLIVAN