

APPROVED BY THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #51
PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD**

MINUTES

Pittsfield School Board Meeting
November 18, 2021
Pittsfield Middle High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Justin Clough, Vice Chairperson
Sandra Adams
Molly Goggin
Diane Rider (entered the meeting at 5:34)

Others Present: Bryan Lane, Interim Superintendent
Jessica Bickford, Director of Student Services
Derek Hamilton, Principal, PMHS
Michael Wiley, Principal, PES
Members of the Public

Vice Chairperson Clough opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Clough. He welcomed the newest member, Sandra Adams, to the Board.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

No items were added or deleted from the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The November 18, 2021 minutes were considered by the Board. On a motion made by Mr. Clough and seconded by Ms. Goggin to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Clough and Ms. Goggin voted in the affirmative and Ms. Adams abstained from the vote.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Schroth explained that he researched the carbon footprint of transportation if students were sent to another district for high school.

Mr. Schroth commented on the quality of education and opined that it is about the effort that a student puts into the process.

Mr. Schroth asked the Board to consider the nutritional value of food that is, in his opinion, affected by carbon emissions.

Ryan Rafferty asked if there is a procedure for parents signing their students out from school. He explained a specific situation. Mr. Wiley explained the process and what had happened in the particular situation that Mr. Rafferty relayed. Ms. Adams and Ms. Goggin provided background information.

Clayton Wood read an email from Jamie Koladish, which asked that the Board follow through on forming a sub-committee relative to curriculum development and articulation.

Jennifer Codispoti asked the Board if their meetings could be provided via Zoom to increase attendance and participation at meetings. Mr. Clough said he would investigate the possibility.

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Matthew Swenson explained that Site Council members met with other students to elicit feedback about dress code. On November 22, 2021 Site Council will convene to discuss further dress code policies. Ms. Goggin agreed to send Mr. Swenson some information.

VII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. PRESENTATION

Dan Schroth was invited by the Board to conduct a presentation on "Ethics". Mr. Schroth provided the Board with information regarding substance misuse.

VIII. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Budget Committee Representative - Mr. Clough

B. Drake Field and Facilities - Mr. Gauthier

In the absence of Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Hamilton explained that participation in a Drake Field committee ended about five years ago when participation declined. Only Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Darrah were attending so the committee did not continue as a standing meeting.

C. Negotiating Team - Ms. Goggin & Mr. Gauthier

D. Foss Family Scholarship - Ms. Rider

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center.

X. PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Schroth stated that the Board will continue to be on solid Constitutional grounds if you mandate something for the betterment of the community.

Ryan Rafferty, in reference to the letter sent to parents on November 18, 2021 relative to COVID-19, he asked if PES and PMHS were always tied together in decisions made. Mr. Lane stated that the protocol is a district-wide protocol, due to transportation and other ways in which the two populations come together. Mr. Rafferty opined that the Positive PCR rate is irrelevant and explained the reasons why he believes that; he stated he does not think that rate should be considered in making decisions.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Goggin and seconded by Ms. Rider to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tobi Gray Chassie
Recording Secretary