

PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018

Board Room - Barker Road Middle School

The REGULAR MEETING of the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Barker Road Middle School on Monday, April 16, 2018.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Thomas, K. McCluski, T. Aroesty, V. Baum, I. Narotsky,
P. Sullivan. R. Sanchez-Kazacos.

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: M. Pero, J. Cimmerer, D. Kenney, M. Leone, E. Woods.

OTHERS PRESENT: Per sign-up sheet that is duly made a part of these minutes and kept in a supplemental file.

1. Mrs. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mr. Aroesty and carried regarding following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the agenda for this evening's meeting with the following deletion: Field trip to France approval, which will be rescheduled for a future meeting. **APPROVED: AGENDA**
Vote: Unanimously carried

3. A presentation on the 2018/2019 proposed budget began with Mr. Pero thanking Mrs. Reister, Director of Finance, her staff and Mr. Kenney, Assistant Superintendent for Business, for their outstanding work on the proposed budget. He also thanked all those involved in advocating for full-day kindergarten, noting that state incentives would not have happened without their efforts. No other district has received an incentive like this before and because of this funding, feels that it is prudent that full-day kindergarten be implemented this year. This can be done without going over the tax cap and without cutting programs and opportunities for the rest of our students. Mr. Pero noted positive comments from a Monroe County superintendent whose district recently implemented FDK. Moving forward, should the state count our students as full-day kindergarten, would yield about \$800,000 annually in aid.

Mr. Pero and Mr. Kenney then presented information on the following: the purpose of this evening's 2018-2019 budget presentation, budget guidelines, appropriations and revenues, the impacts of the NYS enacted budget, state aid proposals, the base budget and full-day kindergarten addendum and financial composition. Information was given on how we have measured up since the tax cap; revenue trend data; the tax levy; foundation aid and conversion aid; and the bus purchase reserve. A review of full-day kindergarten implementation costs was given. Mr. Pero recognized the Town leadership for their support. On May 7 a public budget hearing is scheduled and May 15 is the budget vote and Board of Education election. The entire presentation is on our website to include a fast facts slide.

Mr. Pero reiterated that this is an exciting night as we now have FDK within reach. He reminded everyone present of the visual about where we stand in comparison to other Districts regarding the tax cap and tax levy. Board members asked questions about the budget and responses were given.

4. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mrs. Narotsky and carried, regarding the following resolutions: **APPROVED: 2018/2019 BUDGET**
Vote: Unanimously carried

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District, at its regular meeting of April 16, 2018, does hereby adopt and support as a corporate body the Superintendent's 2018-2019 Proposed Budget in the total amount of \$136,544,880 as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District approves the Property Tax Report Card and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to electronically submit to the New York State Commissioner of Education within 24 hours, as per law.

5. Ms. Heather Clayton, principal, was present to update the Board on the activities taking place at Mendon Center Elementary school. Ms. Clayton thanked the art department for their wonderful displays and Mr. Rich Albano, assistant principal, for his support.

6. Students Alissa Frame, Mattie Rickett and Julie Lanz-Duret, representing the SHS Environmental Club, gave a Power Point presentation and asked for support of a Zero Waste program initiative for Pittsford Schools. This program will be a partnership with Impact Earth and Waste Management. Initial startup funding, composting, pick-up process, oversight and future costs were discussed. The next steps will be to talk to a school district currently involved in this program, then connect with Impact Waste and finally talking to student representatives again. Mrs. Thomas thanked the students for an excellent presentation and their involvement in this initiative.

7. Motion was made by Mrs. Baum, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its March 26, 2018, minutes. **APPROVED: MINUTES**

Vote: Carried by all with Mr. Aroesty abstaining as he was not able to be at the March 26, 2018, meeting.

8. Public Comment Period:

Residents M. Graham, M. Ricks, G. Graziano, S. Pelusio, J. Keating, T. Ketch, C. Emmons, E. Cook and A. Binstock thanked the Board and Mr. Pero for their advocacy work on including full-day kindergarten in the budget.

Other individual comments/questions from residents G. Graziano, J. Keating, S. Gould, M. Sykes, and A. Binstock were around the future budget, reserves and fund balance; ethnic diversity in staffing; sectioning full-day kindergarten grades; FDK funding; secondary scheduling; and exposing more kids to athletics.

9. Mr. Pero, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Baum reported that the following topics were discussed at a recent Law Conference: First amendment rights and walk-outs, noting there is no clear pathway; field trips and the Board role; and staff and student investigations – legal and best practice. It was reiterated that there are no concrete answers regarding walk-outs, however, we were different from other districts in that we encouraged student voices to be heard.

10. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolutions: **APPROVED: BOCES BOARD CANDIDATES**

Vote: Unanimously carried

SEAT#1

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Robert Dickson, resident of West Irondequoit Central School District, as a member of the Monroe #1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2021.

R. DICKSON

SEAT#2

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Thomas Nespeca, resident of the Webster Central School District, as a member of the Monroe # 1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2021.

T. NESPECA

SEAT#3

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Maureen Nupp, resident of the Fairport Central School District, as a member of the Monroe #1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2021.

M. NUPP

Seat #4

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Sora Sachs, resident of the Brighton Central School District, as a member of the Monroe #1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2021.

S. SACHS

Seat #5

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Nancy Semal, resident of the East Irondequoit Central School District, as a member of the Monroe #1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2021.

N. SEMAL

11. Motion was made by Mrs. Narotsky, seconded by Mrs. Baum and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District votes to approve the proposed BOCES administrative budget in the amount of \$5,647,175 for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

**APPROVED:
2018/2019
BOCES
BUDGET**

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present except Mrs. McCluski who left for a short time.

12. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mr. Aroesty and carried regarding the following resolution:

**APPROVED:
TAX CERTIORARI
RESOLUTION**

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present except Mrs. McCluski who left for a short time.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District authorizes the transfer of one hundred eighty-eight thousand five hundred forty-three dollars and nineteen cents (\$188,543.19) into the Tax Certiorari Reserve Funds from the General Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance for tax certiorari claims related to unsettled Notice of Petitions.

13. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Narotsky and carried regarding the following resolution:

**APPROVED:
BEST VALUE
PURCHASING
RESOLUTION**

Vote: Unanimously carried

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law Section 103(1) requires all purchase contracts with a value over \$20,000 and all public works contracts with a value over \$35,000 let by a school district to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, provided, however, that purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract) may be awarded on the basis of "best value," as that term is defined in New York State Finance Law Section 163;

WHEREAS, in order for a school district to award a contract on the basis of value, its Board of Education must adopt a resolution authorizing the same at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt this resolution authorizing "best value" awards in accordance with this General Municipal Law Section 103; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the District may make "best value" awards in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103(1), all applicable laws, and pursuant to the following:

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General Purpose:

This resolution permits the District to award purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract) on the basis of “best value,” as that term is defined in New York State Finance Law Section 163.

Basis for award:

Goods and services procured and awarded on the basis of “best value,” as that term is defined in New York State Finance Law Section 163, shall be those the District determines will be of the highest quality while being the most cost efficient. The determination of quality and cost efficiency shall be based on objectively quantified, clearly described, and documented criteria, which may include, but shall not be limited to, any of the following: cost of maintenance, proximity to the end user if distance or response time is a significant term, durability, availability of replacement parts or maintenance contractors, longer product life, product performance criteria, and quality of craftsmanship.

Applicable Contracts:

This resolution applies to purchase contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$20,000, but excludes purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Labor Law. If the monetary threshold for competitive bidding set forth in General Municipal Law Section 103 is increased or decreased in the future, the monetary threshold set forth herein shall be simultaneously amended to match the new monetary threshold.

14. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, approves the following Professional Staff Report:
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF REPORT**

A. Appointment – School Related Professional

Name: Kristen Brown
Position: JRE CSE Assigned
Type of Position: Civil Service
Probationary Period: 04/09/2018 – 10/08/2018
Salary: \$15,230
Effective Date: April 9, 2018

Name: Devon Maio
Position: TRE CSE Assigned
Type of Position: Civil Service
Probationary Period: 03/15/2018 – 09/15/2018
Salary: \$14,874
Effective Date: March 15, 2018

B. Resignation for Retirement – School Related Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yrs. In District</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Marcia Brown	PRE	Educational Assistant	31	06/30/2018
Michelle Cohen	JRE	Educational Assistant	17	06/30/2018
Patricia D’Angelo	ACE	Educational Assistant	18	06/30/2018
Heidi Fjermedal	CRMS	CSE Assigned	11	06/30/2018
Elizabeth Fritz	SHS	CSE Assigned	10.8	06/30/2018
Amy Iserson	MCE	.5 Educational Assistant	14	06/30/2018
Kathleen Kyhos	PRE	CSE Assigned	14.5	06/30/2018
Maryanne Maland	JRE	Educational Assistant	30	06/30/2018
Andrea Patton	MHS	Tutor	23	06/30/2018
Peggy Snyder	JRE	CSE Assigned	18	06/30/2018
Anne Marie Van Patten	MHS	CSE Assigned	23	06/30/2018

15. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mrs. Baum and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, approves the following Support Staff Report:
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
SUPPORT
STAFF REPORT**

APPOINTMENTS

<u>CLERICAL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Sheila Solomon	Off. Clk. 3	MHS	37.5/wk	4/9/18	\$21,263

RETIREMENTS

<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Scott Schumacher	Hd. Mech.	BG	40 yrs	4/27/18
Kenneth Decker	Bus Driver	BG	10 yrs	6/23/18

APPOINTMENTS

<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Aaron Bunce	Head Mech.	BG	40/wk	4/23/18	\$59,000

16. Mr. Leone mentioned Mr. Scott Schumacher's 40 years of service to Pittsford Schools.

17. Mr. Leone said the first reading of administrative tenures were included in the Board packet and will be brought back for action at the next Board meeting.

18. Motion was made by Mrs. Narotsky, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the charter for the Inclusivity Advisory Committee.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
INCLUSIVITY
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pero noted that this will be taken back to the District Planning Team where discussion about the process will take place.

19. Mr. Pero said that Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Vaughan-Brogan were in attendance at a national summit for educational equity which they will share their experience at a future Board meeting.

20. Mr. Pero reported out on funding that is being provided by the Keeping Education Extraordinary in Pittsford (K.E.E.P.) foundation. Noted was that one-half of United Way donations to K.E.E.P. go to the Student Opportunity Fund; one-half of the Honor and Educator program recognition funds go to the Student Opportunity Fund; the Alumni organization has recently donated \$5000 to K.E.E.P.; and art tablets have been provided for students.

The Kicks for Campers program proceeds will be going toward financial support for students going to Camp Cory in the summer.

21. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following items per the Consent Agenda:
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Committee on Special Education: Annual Reviews, Initial Eligibility Determination Meetings, Reevaluation Reviews.

Sub-Committee on Special Education: Annual Reviews, Reevaluation Reviews.

Committee on Preschool Special Education: Amendment – Agreement No Meeting, Annual Reviews, Initial Eligibility Determination Meetings, Reevaluation Reviews.

22. Public Comment Period:

S. Gould offered that it would be helpful to communicate class size minimums.

K. Manske noted her support of FDK.

E. Bonus noted interest in hearing more about the Inclusivity Advisory Committee. Mr. Pero said the Committee will be quite visible and that there is momentum already happening in conversations with Urban Suburban and other students; attendance at a recent professional development conference; and attendance at Roc the Change. Mr. Pero said we need to listen to kids and we will get to great places together and be a model district.

J. Tills asked about STEM and Odyssey of the Mind and the support of these programs. Mr. Pero said that we do send information to the media about competition results and follow the programs.

B. Ladow thanked all for a detailed budget and asked about sustainability.

M. Delgado noted that State education would be a good AP course and thanked Mr. Pero and the Board for pursuing FDK. Mrs. Thomas thanked him for his advocacy

23. Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the adjournment of its Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018, at 9:06 p.m. **APPROVED: ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Veronica M. Walker
School District Clerk