

PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2018

Board Room - Barker Road Middle School

A BUDGET WORKSHOP of the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Barker Road Middle School on Monday, March 12, 2018. Dr. Vaughan-Brogan reported out on the Student Services budget. Ms. Elizabeth Woods reported out on the Special Education budget. Mrs. Melanie Ward reported out on school budgets. Mr. Kenney reported out on the undistributed budget, which includes debt service and interfund transfers, insurance, judgments and fees and employee benefits.

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, March 12, 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, P. Vaughan-Brogan,
M. Ward, N. Wayman, E. Woods, L. Reister

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Warchol, M. Sykes, C. Shulitz, K. Evans, D. Carpenter, X. Cai, R. Cincebox, M. Yaskey,
C. Hughes, M. Graham, K. Barclay, S. Gould, C. Rohrer, V. Booth.

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

2. Mrs. Thomas read the following statement from the Board of Education:

“On February 14th, school safety was again called to the center of attention in our country due to the tragic loss of 17 lives in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. In the past few weeks, every school in the nation has been on heightened alert. Since the tragic event in Parkland, FL, the Pittsford Central School District administrative leadership, BOE, and staff have been reviewing safety protocol in our schools. From the BOE perspective, without a doubt, our top priority is the safety of our students and staff. We are continually reviewing our policies to ensure we are taking the steps necessary to protect anyone who lawfully enters District property each day. To that end, the era in which the majority of adults grew up was vastly different from the world we raise our students in today. As a BOE, we have a vested interest in ensuring our policies guide our District as societal nuances change.

In the wake of February 14th, our District has been steadfast and transparent in our communication to the PCSD community regarding school safety, social-emotional supports in our schools, increased sheriff presence, and potential student demonstrations. We commend how our district, in particular Superintendent Pero, has approached receiving feedback from our parents, staff and most importantly, our students with respect to the aforementioned topics. PCSD has encouraged all stakeholder groups, with a particular emphasis on students, to offer suggestions on how to potentially work together to observe the lives lost on March 14th. It is our hope a student led observance will be respectful in honoring the victims in a safe, inclusive, apolitical and unified manner, while adhering to board policies.”

3. 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 minutes of its February 12, 2018, meeting.

Vote: Unanimously carried

APPROVED:
MINUTES
2/12/18

4. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mr. Aroesty and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its February 27, 2018, meeting.

Vote: Unanimously carried

APPROVED:
MINUTES
2/27/18

5. Mrs. Meredith Graham, parent, noted that it is great news that the FDK bills are moving forward. Asked for reassurance that if funding is received, are we ready to go this fall? Mr. Pero said, yes we are ready to go with FDK if adequate funding is in the Governor’s budget.

6. Mrs. Baum reported out on her recent Albany trip, noting meetings were held with Senator Funke, Senator Robach, Assemblyman Morelle, and Jamie Frank, Assistant Secretary for Education and others. The news about the passage of the safety and common sense gun bills slightly overshadowed the budget, tax cap and FDK conversations.

7. Mr. Pero reported out on the Town/Village/School District Leadership Team meeting today highlighting the following Town activities: options for a green energy plan where public support will be needed is being considered; there is the possibility of replacing street lamps with LED lights; pressure has been put on for moving along with the East Avenue sidewalk project; and the Spiegel Center renovations are underway. The Village noted that paving will be taking place on Sutherland Street, South Street and Jefferson Road; a consultant has been hired for zoning and moratorium work; and the huge Copper Beach tree between Thirsty's and Pontillo's is diseased beyond repair and a new design for that area will be underway.

8. It was announced that an additional Budget Work Session will take place on March 26 at 6:00 p.m.

9. Mr. Kenney finished the undistributed budget presentation at this time.

10. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mr. Aroesty 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: **APPROVED:**
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF REPORT
Vote: Unanimously carried

A. Appointment – Teacher

Name: Emily Contino
Position: MCE Grade 1
Type of Position: Regular Sub
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: N/A
Certification: Initial
Salary: \$45,528
Effective Date: February 16, 2018 – June 30, 2018

B. Resignation – Teacher

Renee Zegarelli

C. Coaching Appointments - REVISED

This report in its entirety is duly made a part of these minutes and is kept in a supplemental file for this meeting.

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, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, approves the following Support Staff Report: **APPROVED:**
SUPPORT
STAFF REPORT
Vote: Unanimously carried

RETIREMENTS

<u>CLERICAL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH</u> <u>OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Marjorie Shalvoy	Off Clk 3	MHS	13 yrs	6/23/18

APPOINTMENTS

<u>CLERICAL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Barbara Maltese	Off Clk 3	MHS	7.5/day	3/12/18	\$21,263

RESIGNATIONS

<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH</u> <u>OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pamela Revard	Bus Attend.	BG	2.5 yrs	3/9/18

12. Mr. Leone noted the first reading of a tenure recommendation which will be brought back for action at the next Board meeting.

13. Mr. Leone gave a brief update on the Mendon High School principal search noting that the large group committee was charged with doing interviews with several candidates. The group has identified the finalists and will be sending forth a strong group to be interviewed by Mr. Pero. Site visits and staff presentations will take place after that. Mr. Leone noted that there was a good national presence of applicants.

14. Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Aroesty and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves calling an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person where no official business will take place.

APPROVED:
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Vote: Unanimously carried

15. Mr. Pero noted the first reading of Policy #3185 – Website Accessibility, which will go before the Board for action at its next meeting.

16. Mr. Pero summarized activities that have and are taking place with regard to the National School Walkout on March 14 created by the Women’s March Youth Empower Team. He emphasized that it is disheartening and unfair to assume that students who sign up for a walkout have the experience to organize an event during school hours when there is much to consider; most importantly student safety, which is Superintendent Pero’s number one priority. Also noted is the importance of considering all students’ feelings about participating or not participating and whether or not to walkout. Mr. Pero said he has had many phone calls and emails about this and has met with leaders, parents, students, administrators and staff. The plan at this time is for elementary students to have a typical day; middle schools will remember the 17 students with 17 acts of kindness; Mendon High School students, who wish, will be allowed to walkout during third period passing; Sutherland High School students will be meeting for 17 minutes in the auditorium after third period if they choose to. This is an authentic experience for students and the hope is that they feel comfortable doing what they plan to do. Any student who wishes to walkout must have parental permission and sign out and back in. Staff will not be walking out. Parking lots will be closed during the walkout time and there will be police and security staff present. Mr. Pero has sent letters to parents and created a video message to students. A message will come out from both high school principals as well.

Mr. Pero said that this experience will more than likely lead the District to creating appropriate new policies and procedures regarding walkouts and the like. Mrs. Thomas thanked Mr. Pero for all the work done with regard to March 14.

17. Motion was made by Mrs. Narotsky, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following items per the Consent Agenda:

APPROVED:
CONSENT
AGENDA

Vote: Unanimously carried

Bid award:

Disposal of School District Outdated Textbooks

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

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

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

Policy Approval:

#3185 – Website Accessibility

64.

18. Mrs. Susan Gould, parent, thanked Mr. Pero for work done on the walkout and asked Mrs. Baum how to access information about the recent bills that were passed. Mrs. Gould also asked about early learner funding, Urban Suburban enrollment, the reentry to school for students who choose to participate in the walk out and the possibility of a student/parent forum.

Mary Sue Dehn, parent, asked for clarification about SHS choices for the walkout.

Mrs. Becky Cincebox, parent, thanked everyone for their work on the walkout and asked about the process of the day at MHS during the walkout.

Mrs. Cheryl Rohrer, thanked Mr. Pero for this work on the walkout and referred to the Woman's organization and possible political implications.

Mrs. Vicki Booth, parent, thanked Mr. Pero for his letter regarding the walkout, noted her appreciation for bringing students into conversations and asked about speaker topics at MHS.

Mrs. Kendra Evans, parent, thanked Mr. Pero for including students in conversations and noted that it is good to be taking a civic approach and also putting a process in place for this kind of activity.

19. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. McCluski and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves recessing its Regular Meeting to enter into an Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. **APPROVED:**
RECESS
Vote: Unanimously carried

20. 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 adjournment of its Executive Session and Regular Meeting at 9:06 p.m. **APPROVED:**
ADJOURNMENT
Vote: Unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted,



Veronica M. Walker
School District Clerk