

PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Barker Road Middle School

(Link to Public Viewing on Website)

The REGULAR MEETING of the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education began at 5:00 p.m. in the McCluski Room, Barker Road Middle School on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Thomas, T. Aroesty, J. Casey, S. Pelusio, R. Sanchez-Kazacos, R. Scott, P. Sullivan.

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: M. Pero, J. Cimmerer, S. Clark, S. Cutaia (5:16 pm), D. Kenney, M. Ward, N. Wayman, E. Woods (5:17 pm).

OTHERS PRESENT: *The sign-in sheets in their entirety are duly made a part of these minutes and are kept in a supplemental file for this meeting.*

1. Mrs. Thomas called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 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 agenda for this meeting with the following change: move resolution from Superintendent to SPED.

**APPROVED:
AGENDA**

Vote: Unanimously carried

3. Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Scott and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its July 13, 2021, Reorganization and Regular meetings.

**APPROVED:
MINUTES
7/13/21**

Vote: Unanimously carried

4. Board Reports: Mrs. Thomas read the MCSBA meeting dates as well as other dates to remember.

5. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Pittsford Central School District does hereby approve the Stipulation and Consent Order for the tax certiorari proceedings for Birnbaum Companies and Eight Tobey Road Corp., Petitioner.

**APPROVED:
ASSESSMENT
REVIEW**

Vote: Unanimously carried

6. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District has approved and established for purpose of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) the "standard workday" for non-certified employees per the attached schedule.

**APPROVED:
NYS ERS
STANDARD
WORK DAY**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the standard workday schedule shall remain in effect until modified and approved by the Board of Education.

Vote: Unanimously carried

7. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mr. Casey and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education at its regular meeting does hereby approve the following contracts to provide services for Pittsford Central School District students with disabilities:

**APPROVED:
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

Vote: Unanimously carried

14.

COMPANY	DATES	AMOUNT	BID INFORMATION
Transpo Bus Services	9/8/21-9/23/22	\$56,657	Extended
Rochester Medical Transportation	9/7/21-9/23/22	\$94,663	Extended
Transpo Bus Services LLC dba TBS	9/8/21-6/23/22	\$79,020	Bid opened 7/21/21

8. Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Scott and carried regarding the following resolution:
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
TAX COLLECTION
PROCESS**

2021-2022 Tax Levy Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the valuation of the property comprising Pittsford Central School District, State of New York, Counties of Monroe and Ontario, as shown on the District Assessment rolls, and certified by the respective assessors of the towns in the district be approved; THAT a sum not to exceed \$109,113,596 be levied in the form of a tax on the property set forth on the aforementioned assessment rolls; that the Board of Education has retained up to \$1,541,746 in unexpended surplus funds and, in compliance with the law, such unexpended surplus funds have been applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy; and that the warrant therefore and the rolls thereof, be executed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education; and that the receiver of taxes be authorized to collect taxes on said warrant for a period of 30 days, beginning September 1, 2021, without penalty, and for a period of 31 days thereafter with a two percent (2%) penalty, as provided by the statute.

9. Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Scott and carried regarding the following resolutions:
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
YEAR-END
TRANSFER**

Capital Reserve for Bus Purchase Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District at its regular meeting does hereby authorize the transfer of Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$956,398) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the "Capital Reserve Fund - Purchase of Buses" pursuant to its authority under a proposition approved by the voters on May 19, 2015.

Capital Reserve for Facilities Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District at its regular meeting does hereby authorize the transfer of One Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$1,928,445) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the General Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority under a proposition approved by the voters on May 18, 2021.

Capital Reserve for Instructional Technology Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District at its regular meeting does hereby authorize the transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the General Capital Instructional Technology Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority under a proposition approved by the voters on May 24, 2014.

Retirement Contribution Reserve Resolution (ERS)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District at its regular meeting does hereby authorize the transfer Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) of unappropriated fund balance from

the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority unanimously established and approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held on October 14, 2008.

Teachers' Retirement System Reserve Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District at its regular meeting does hereby authorize the transfer of Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$960,130) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the Teachers' Retirement Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority unanimously established and approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held on June 10, 2019

Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District at its regular meeting does hereby authorize the transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority unanimously established and approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held on October 14, 2008.

Insurance Reserve Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District hereby authorizes the transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the Insurance Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority unanimously approved by the Board of Education October 14, 1986.

Workers' Compensation Reserve Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District hereby authorizes the transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) of unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund as of June 30, 2021 to the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund pursuant to its authority unanimously approved by the Board of Education in on June 23, 2014.

10. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos 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 – Certificated Staff

Name:	Christopher Hays
Position:	MHS .5 Earth Science
Type of Position:	Part Time
Tenure Area:	Science
Probationary Period:	N/A
Certification:	Initial
Salary:	\$25,664.00
Effective Date:	09/01/2021

Name:	Caitlyn Schmitt
Position:	BRMS Mathematics
Type of Position:	Probationary

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Tenure Area: Mathematics
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2024
Certification: Professional
Salary: \$53,610.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Jennifer Clausen
Position: SHS .6 Mathematics
Type of Position: Part Time
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Probationary Period: N/A
Certification: Permanent
Salary: \$38,743.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Deborah Langstein
Position: MCE School Nurse Teacher
Type of Position: Probationary
Tenure Area: Nurse Teacher
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2025
Certification: N/A
Salary: \$51,148.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Robert Coatsworth
Position: CRMS Special Education
Type of Position: Probationary
Tenure Area: Special Education
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2025
Certification: Initial
Salary: \$47,593.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Julia Peralta
Position: ACE Kindergarten
Type of Position: Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2025
Certification: Initial
Salary: \$50,338.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Kimberly Winter
Position: TRE .5 Kindergarten
Type of Position: Part Time
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: N/A
Certification: Professional
Salary: \$27,171.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Jason Ford
 Position: PRE Grade 5
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Elementary
 Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2024
 Certification: Professional
 Salary: \$64,571.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Lisa Pratt
 Position: JRE Grade 3
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Elementary
 Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2024
 Certification: Permanent
 Salary: \$63,375.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Katherine Sinnott
 Position: JRE Reading
 Type of Position: Regular Substitute
 Tenure Area: Reading
 Probationary Period: N/A
 Certification: Initial
 Salary: \$51,491.13
 Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Christopher Bateman
 Position: BRMS Special Education
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2024
 Certification: Professional
 Salary: \$61,052.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Erin Moses
 Position: MHS Special Education
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2025
 Certification: Initial
 Salary: \$51,936.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2021

B. Appointment – Regular Substitute to Probationary

Name: Erin Cregan
 Position: MCE Grade 2
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Elementary
 Probationary Period: 08/31/2020 – 08/30/2024

18.

Certification: Initial
Salary: \$50,553.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

C. Appointment – School Related Professional

Name: Jill Van Ginhoven
Position: PRE CSE Assigned Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$18,069.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Wendy Littlefield
Position: MCE CSE Assigned Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$19,246.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Nora Gelb
Position: SHS Registered Nurse
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$40,179.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

Name: Kristina Otto
Position: SHS Educational Assistant
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$27,101.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2021

D. Termination – Position Ending – Regular Sub

Name: Katelyn Caitlin
Position: JRE Reading Teacher
Type of Position: Regular Sub
Effective Date: June 30, 2021

Name: Adriana Lebeau
Position: MCE Reading
Type of Position: Regular Sub
Effective Date: June 30, 2021

Name: Kristina Otto
Position: Remote English
Type of Position: Regular Sub
Effective Date: June 30, 2021

E. Resignation – School Psychologist – see attached letter
Lance Trott

F. Resignation – Teacher – see attached letter
Lindsay Dryden

G. Resignation – School Registered Nurse – see attached
Jessica Lupinetti

H. Resignation – School Related Professional – see attached
Amy Stern

I. Resignation for Retirement – Supervisory & Technical - see attached

First Name	Last Name	Location	Position	Yrs. In District	Retirement Date
Charin	Cirel-Greco	BRMS-E	Research Assistant	10.7	01/30/2022

J. Resignation for Retirement – Supervisory & Technical - see attached

First Name	Last Name	Location	Position	Yrs. In District	Retirement Date
Lisa	Craigie	BRMS	Educational Assistant	22	11/01/2021

K. Fall Coaching Appointments – see attached list

11. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Pelusio 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**

CLERICAL

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Diane Badger	School Aide	MCE	13.75 wk.	09/01/2021	\$13.20 hr.
Fareeha Zafar	School Aide	BRMS	12.5 wk.	09/01/2021	\$13.20 hr.

CLERICAL

<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maria Rodriguez	Office Clerk II	TRE	8.5 yrs.	08/13/2021

CLERICAL

<u>RETIREMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Kathleen Dimitri	Office Clerk II	BRMS-E	25.8 yrs.	10/16/2021

TRANSPORTATION

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Kelly Roberts	On-Call Bus Attendant	TMF	Per Diem	09/01/2021	\$13.75 hr.

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Dennis Cain	Security Guard	MHS	40 wk.	09/01/2021	\$30,000.00

FOOD SERVICE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Kelly Roberts	Food Service Worker	MHS	20 wk.	08/23/2021	\$13.40 hr.

12. Motion was made by Mrs. Scott, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the creation of an Equity Coordinator position.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
EQUITY
COORDINATOR**

20.

13. Student Services Report: Mr. Pero on behalf of Mrs. Cutaia noted that all items would be acted upon this evening under the Consent Agenda.

14. Special Education Report: Mr. Pero on behalf of Mrs. Woods noted the first reading of the Special Education District Plan.

15. 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 District's counsel, Harris Beach PLLC, is authorized to prepare, serve and file all appropriate papers necessary to appeal and seek review of the Decision of Impartial Hearing Officer Aaron Turetsky, dated July 13, 2021.

**APPROVED:
APPEAL IHO**

Vote: Unanimously carried

16. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mr. Casey and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves calling an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, where no official business will be conducted. This session will take place immediately after the Regular Meeting.

**APPROVED:
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Vote: Unanimously carried

17. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Pero reviewed the draft Opening/Re-Opening Proposal.

Mrs. Cutaia arrived @ 5:16 pm. and Ms. Woods arrived @ 5:17 pm.

18. Mr. Pero provided updates on the following: Summer Workshop take-a-ways, power of restorative practices, culturally responsible teaching/training and the future of our children. He also noted the upcoming curriculum community forums that the District would be hosting on August 24th and 26th.

19. Mr. Pero noted the second reading of Policy #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms that will be acted upon this evening under the Consent Agenda.

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 following items per the Consent Agenda:

**APPROVED:
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Vote: Unanimously carried

Bid Awards:

20-21 Students w/Special Needs Transportation	Transpo Bus Services LLC, dba TBS	\$79,020.00
Musical Instruments	Various Vendors	\$22,732.85

Approval: Emergency Preparedness Guide.

Approval: Code of Conduct Document.

Committee on Special Education: Amendments - Agreement No Meetings, Annual Review, Initial Eligibility Meetings, Requested Reviews, Requested Review Transfer Student, Transfer Student- Agreement No Meeting.

Sub-Committee on Special Education: Amendments - Agreement No Meetings, Annual Review.

Committee on Preschool Special Education: Annual Reviews, Amendment - Agreement No Meetings, Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting, Re-evaluation Review.

Policy Approval: #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

21. Mrs. Thomas read the protocols for public comment, also shown on the agenda.

22. Public Comment: In-person comments from residents, E. Koomen, M. Graham, T. Thavakumar, C. Joerger, K. Quinn, J. Rencia, V. Vetere, M. Shaughnessy and M. St. John commented on opening schools, mandates and masking. A. Johnson-Smith spoke on forums, E. Kay spoke on Project Challenge, J. Pietropaoli spoke on movement for younger children, M. Powers said graduation and the parade were amazing and she also spoke about a plan if schools shut down. M. Shaughnessy spoke on the Equity Coordinator position/job description. D. McGeough spoke on challenging opinions. Mrs. Thomas read public comments sent in electronically by residents J. Lynn, A. Muldoon, V. Hartman, M. Ricks, B. Meguid, K. & J. Sussman, L. Lawton (Cooper family), D. Privitera and D. Singh who wrote about schools opening, masking and protocols. Mrs. Thomas also read an entry from M. Engelbrecht regarding Universal Pre-K. Comments were addressed.

23. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mrs. Pelusio and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves recessing its Regular Meeting in order to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
RECESS**

24. Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos 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 7:00 p.m.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Carpenter
School District Clerk