

PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Barker Road Middle School

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The REGULAR MEETING of the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education began at 7:00 p.m. in the McCluski Room, Barker Road Middle School on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Scott, J. Casey, D. Berk, K. Huels, E. Kay, S. Pelusio, R. Sanchez-Kazacos

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: M. Pero, J. Cimmerer, S. Clark, S. Cutaia, M. Ward, E. Woods.

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.*

Mrs. Scott began this evening with a moment of silence for three of our Sutherland H.S. staff members, whose children passed unexpectedly last week. She asked to please keep Paul and Jess LeVan in our thoughts and prayers as they lost their newborn daughter, Margaret Natalie. Mrs. Scott also asked to keep Janet Realbuto (and family) in our thoughts and prayers, as she lost her son Ryan Realbuto, a 2019 Mendon H.S. graduate.

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

2. Motion was made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the agenda for this meeting. **APPROVED: AGENDA**

Vote: Unanimously carried

3. Principal's Report: Principal, Ms. Sarah Jacob, presented to the Board on the activities taking place at Barker Road Middle School.

4. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Huels and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its January 9, 2024, Regular meeting. **APPROVED: MINUTES 1/9/24**

Vote: Unanimously carried

5. Board Reports: Mrs. Scott noted the MCSBA meeting dates as well as other dates to remember.

6. Motion was made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mrs. Pelusio and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2023. **ACCEPTED: TREASURER'S REPORT**

Vote: Unanimously carried

7. Motion was made by Mr. Berk, seconded by Mrs. Huels and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Quarterly Extraclassroom Activities Report as presented. **APPROVED: QUARTERLY EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Vote: Unanimously carried

8. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mr. Berk and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establishes the non-resident tuition rates for the 2023-24 school year and until new rates are published as follows: **APPROVED: NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES**

Vote: Unanimously carried

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Tuition charge for regular education students based on net cost per student:

Grade K-6	\$15,023
Grades 7-12	\$17,050

Tuition Charge for students receiving special education services:

Grade 1-6	\$51,458
Grades 7-12	\$53,485

Mr. Pero on behalf of Mr. Vespi noted the professional service contract report, for informational purposes only.

9. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mrs. Huels 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- Certificated Staff

Name: Janet Wright
Position: JRE .1 Physical Education
Type of Position: Regular Substitute
Tenure Area: N/A
Probationary Period: N/A
Certification: Permanent
Salary: \$9,000.00
Effective Date: 01/16/2024

Name: Katharine Mott
Position: JRE Behavior Specialist
Type of Position: Regular Substitute
Tenure Area: N/A
Probationary Period: N/A
Certification: Provisional
Salary: \$27,576.00
Effective Date: 01/30/2024

B. Appointment – School Related Professional - Auxiliary

Name: Catherine Rizk
Position: Duplicating Machine Operator
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$34,650.00
Effective Date: 1/16/2024

C. Appointment- School Related Professional

Name: LaCynthia Bellamy
Position: MHS Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$22,780.00
Effective Date: 1/16/2024

D. Resignation for Retirement - Teachers

It was noted that this group of 13 professional educators has dedicated 301.9 full-time years of service to Pittsford CSD.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yrs. In District</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Mary	Humphreys	CRMS	Grade 6	22	06/30/2024
Bernice	Osinski	BRMS	English	24.6	06/30/2024
Barbara	Valente	MHS	Special Education	25	06/30/2024
Brian	Regan	SHS	Library Media Specialist	15	06/28/2024
Eva	Regan	MCE	Instrumental Music	27.7	06/30/2024
Susan	Lochner	BRMS	Science	29	06/30/2024
Dana	Brown	BRMS	Special Education	22	06/30/2024
Julie	Barker	DO	Social Studies/Dir. of Teacher Ctr.	29	06/30/2024
Tinarose	DiPaulo	BRMS	Mathematics	19.2	06/30/2024
Teresa	Lattuca	TRE	Nurse Teacher	21	06/30/2024
Letitia	Romas	MHS	Business	24	06/30/2024
Kathleen	Yaeger	MCE	Special Education	16.4	06/30/2024
Peter	Pratt	MHS	Industrial Arts	27	06/30/2024

E. Resignation – Managerial/Confidential – see attached
Rebecca Tufano

F. Resignation – School Related Professional – see attached
Souad Bracken

10. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Kay 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>
Nicole Sudyn	Office Clerk III	CRMS/SHS	37.5 wk.	12/04/2023	\$25,880.00
Carrie Gibson	Office Clerk II	TMF	37.5 wk.	02/05/2024	\$43,894.50

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Linoshka Maysonet	Cleaner	SHS	1 month	12/18/2023

FOOD SERVICE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Kelly Waters	Food Service Worker	SHS	20 wk.	1/18/2024	\$15.25 hr.

11. Special Education Report: Ms. Woods noted that CSE and CPSE recommendations are on the Consent Agenda.

12. Motion was made by Mrs. Huels, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Sutherland robotics team field trip to Pittsburgh, PA from 2/29/24 to 3/2/24.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
SHS ROBOTICS
FIELD TRIP**

13. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mr. Berk and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the 2024/2025 Budget Guidelines as presented.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
BUDGET
GUIDELINES**

14. Mr. Pero gave an update on his (and Mr. Vespi's) recent trip to Albany to meet with NYS Assemblymember Benedetto (Chair for the Education Committee) and his staffers regarding Governor Hochul's proposed state aid runs. The governor's proposal has Pittsford slotted to receive an additional \$1000.00 instead of the \$300-\$400K in anticipated dollars from foundation aid. Governor Hochul's report indicates a 3.5% increase in aid to Pittsford; however, the majority of that aid is for programs that Pittsford isn't eligible for. This results in the state "earmarking" those funds, but when the district cannot spend those funds due to being ineligible for them, the state "takes" the funds back, essentially only giving the district an additional \$1000.00 in foundation aid over last year. Since 2007, Pittsford has repeatedly been excluded from receiving full foundation aid. Mr. Pero noted that a \$1000.00 foundation aid increase, coupled with 0% tax cap is very detrimental to the districts overall budget and will make it tougher to close the gap for next year. He also shared that in looking towards the 2025-26 budget, the district will face compounding issues from low state aid, a 0% tax cap and rising costs, with a resulting impact of approximately a 5 million dollar deficit. After 2025-26 it is expected to start flattening out

Mr. Pero shared that he would meet tomorrow with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Town officials and a couple other area school districts to discuss the April 8th solar eclipse. He noted that all area schools will be closed that day, but there are still concerns regarding traffic and congestion with the expected several hundred thousand spectators that plan to watch the event. He will follow up and provide a status report at a future date.

Mr. Pero ended with praises for the events that he recently attended. He watched our hockey teams play at Pink the Rink and our basketball teams play at Rainbow Classic; both events raised funds for great causes. He also attended the play, Little Mermaid, at Sutherland H.S., noting that it was outstanding. Mr. Pero also said we are surrounded by greatness and he noted how active and engaged the students are, and how they use their talents for worthy causes.

15. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mr. Berk 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: Amendment – Agreement No Meetings, Annual Reviews, Requested Reviews, Initial Eligibility Determination Meetings.

Sub-Committee on Special Education: Amendment – Agreement No Meetings, Annual Reviews, Reevaluation Reviews, Reevaluation/Annual Review, Requested Reviews.

Committee on Preschool Special Education: Initial Eligibility Determination Meetings, Amendments – Agreement No Meetings.

16. Old Business: Mrs. Huels noted that the next time a total solar eclipse will be in the area, will be in the year 2144.

17. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mrs. Huels and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the adjournment of its Regular Meeting at 7:32 p.m.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Carpenter
School District Clerk