

PITMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY 20, 2020 7:00 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:30 P.M. – PUBLIC MEETING (Virtual Per Governor's Executive Order)

ADDENDUM

FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Uyehara, Walker, Savage

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Savage, Koniecki, Powell

45. Suggested motion - "That the Pitman Board of Education approves the following resolution:

Pitman Board of Education Resolution Requesting In-Person Graduation

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County High School Superintendents, including Pitman Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Patrick McAleer, have authored a letter dated May 12, 2020 to The Honorable Steven M. Sweeney, President of the New Jersey Senate, and The Honorable Craig J. Coughlin, Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, requesting that high school seniors be permitted to participate in some form of an in-person graduation ceremony.

WHEREAS, the Pitman Board of Education ("the Board"), supports Governor Murphy and the State Legislature for putting the health and well-being of New Jersey citizens first; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it can execute a sensible plan for graduating its senior students, outside, six-feet apart, without violating social distancing provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has total confidence that the graduating seniors can and will abide by the CDC's recommendations to aggressively practice social distancing measures throughout the graduation ceremony, and that the District's Administration will ensure that all safety precautions are strictly adhered to;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to hold a safe, in-person graduation in order to appropriately honor the senior members of the Class of 2020 in a dignified manner to provide closure to their high school educations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pitman Board of Education joins the Gloucester County High School Superintendents in respectfully requesting that high school seniors be permitted to participate in some form of an in-person graduation ceremony while adhering to all safety recommendations and social distancing measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to The Honorable Phillip D. Murphy, Governor of New Jersey, Senate President Sweeney, and Assembly Speaker Coughlin."

Dated: May 20, 2020

COMMUNICATION & POLICY COMMITTEE – Powell, Wilson-Doherty, Pappalardo