

PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
 Tuesday, December 10, 2024
 Barker Road Middle School
 (Link to Public Viewing on Website)

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, December 10, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Scott, S. Pelusio, D. Berk, K. Huels, E. Kay, R. Sanchez-Kazacos.
 BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Casey
 LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: M. Pero, J. Cimmerer, S. Clark, H. Clayton, S. Cutaia, M. Vespi, E. Woods.

At 6:03 p.m., the Board immediately convened into an Executive Session.

1. 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 approves calling an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person, where no official business would be conducted. **APPROVED: EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 Vote: Unanimously carried by those present
2. Motion was made by Mr. Berk, seconded by Mrs. Kay and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the adjournment of its Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. **APPROVED: ADJOURNMENT**
 Vote: Unanimously carried by those present
3. Mrs. Scott called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Pelusio and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the agenda for this evening's meeting. **APPROVED: AGENDA**
 Vote: Unanimously carried by those present
5. Public Hearing: Real Property Tax Law § 466-a (updated First Responders Law).
6. Principal's Report: Principal, Ms. Sarah Jacob, presented on the activities taking place at Barker Road Middle School.
7. Motion was made by Mr. Berk, seconded by Mrs. Kay and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its November 12, 2024, Regular meeting. **APPROVED: MINUTES 11/12/24**
 Vote: Unanimously carried by those present
8. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Huels and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its December 3, 2024, Special meeting. **APPROVED: MINUTES 12/3/24**
 Vote: Unanimously carried by those present
9. Board Reports: Mrs. Scott noted the MCSBA meeting dates as well as other dates to remember. Mrs. Huels reported on the Information Exchange meeting. Mrs. Kay reported on the District Operations meeting. Mrs. Pelusio reported on the Legislative meeting.

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10. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mr. Berk and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2024.

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

**ACCEPTED:
TREASURER'S
REPORT**

11. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mr. Berk and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education at its regular meeting held on December 10, 2024, does hereby approve the resolution as presented.

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

**APPROVED:
VOLUNTEER FIRST
RESPONDER PROPERTY
TAX LAW §466-a**

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §466-a provides for a partial exemption from taxation on real property owned by qualified volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers of up to ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property if so determined by a governing body of a city, village, town, school district, fire district or county, after a public hearing, subject to the conditions set forth in RPTL §466-a; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsford Central School District (the "School District") currently offers such exemption pursuant to RTPL §466-k and desires to continue offering such exemption pursuant to RPTL §466-a; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District, having held a public hearing in accordance with RPTL §466-a, has determined that continuation of a partial tax exemption on real property used as the primary residence of, and owned by, qualified volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers is appropriate and beneficial to the residents of the School District being served by such volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, as follows:

Section 1. Grant of Exemption. Residential real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the School District to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth in this Resolution.

Section 2. Eligibility. Such exemption shall not be granted unless:

A. The applicant resides in the School District, which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

B. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;

C. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Resolution; and

D. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two (2) years. The applicant must submit such certification together with the tax exemption application.

Section 3. Grant of lifetime exemption. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire

department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the School District.

Section 4. Administration of Exemption. Each incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department within the District shall file a notice annually with the Assessor of each Town in Monroe County where the District is located, certifying its enrolled members with two (2) or more years of service, and listing the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member together with the enrolled member's residence address. The certification shall provide the required information as of the taxable status date for each year (i.e., March 1). The respective assessors of the Towns of Pittsford, Brighton, Mendon, Perinton and Penfield, are hereby designated to receive the applications filed for such exemption.

Section 5. Application. Application for such exemption shall be filed with the Assessor on or before the taxable status date of each year on a form as prescribed by New York State. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant for exemption to annex the certification required pursuant to RPTL §466-a, Subdivision 2(d) to the application for exemption to be filed with the Assessor unless such applicant is included on a current certified roll of qualified applicants filed with the Assessor by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service.

Section 6. No diminution of benefits. No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this Resolution shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked or otherwise acted upon by this Board of Education.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and was thereupon duly adopted.

12. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, 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:
Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

**APPROVED:
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF REPORT**

A. Change of Status - Probationary to Tenure

Name: Jennifer Clausen
Position: SHS Mathematic
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Probationary Period: 01/03/2022 - 01/02/2025
Certification: Permanent

B. Appointment - Supervisory & Technical

Name: Daron Lowell
Position: Computer Applications Specialist
Type of Position: Temporary
Salary: \$18,830.00
Effective Date: 10/02/2024 - 01/03/2025

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C. Resignation for Retirement – Administrator – see attached

First Name	Last Name	Location	Position	Yrs. In District	Retirement Date
Jeffrey	Cimmerer	BRMS-E	Chief Information Officer	26	06/30/2025

D. Resignation for Retirement – Supervisory & Technical – see attached

First Name	Last Name	Location	Position	Yrs. In District	Retirement Date
Gail	Lacek	BRMS-E	Inclusion Case Manager	23	06/30/2025

E. Resignation – Administrator – see attached

Sarah Jacobs

F. Resignation – School Nurse – see attached

Karlie Borrell

G. Resignation - Building Substitute - see attached

Ryan Pierce

H. Fall Coaching Salaries – see attached

I. Appointment of Substitutes

Katelyn Anise
Joseph DiTucci
Susan Gartland
Beth Garver
Barbara Kline
Garrison Knapp
Ann Marie Mortimer: Cert. French
Swapnalata Pillalamarri
Susan Gartland
Bradley Pollard
Kathy Wanamaker-Sleight
Cheryl Barcomb
Paige Winks
Michelle Wagner
DaShawn Blocker
Luke Loveys
Christopher Barker
Beth Garver
Stephen Maratino
Susan Walz

13. 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 by those present

**APPROVED:
SUPPORT
STAFF REPORT**

CLERICAL

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Maria Romeo	Registrar	SHS	37.5/wk.	12/09/2024	\$35,802.00

CLERICAL

<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Adil El-Mouji	School Aide	MCE	4 yrs.	12/03/2024

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Jose Zayas	Cleaner	CRMS	40 wk.	11/18/2024	\$35,490.00

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Jeffrey Sacchitella	Cleaner	BRMS	8 months	11/09/2024
Michael Kier	Maintenance Grounds	TMF	2 yrs.	12/06/2024

FOOD SERVICE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Madeline Meadows	Food Service Worker	SHS	20/wk.	11/19/2024	\$16.05/hr.

FOOD SERVICE

<u>TERMINATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Alexander Thomas	Food Service Worker	CRMS	never worked	12/10/2024

14. Motion was made by Mr. Berk, seconded by Mrs. Pelusio and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the creation of a Transportation Assistant position as presented.

Vote: Motion carried by those present; one member opposed

**APPROVED:
TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANT**

15. Motion was made by Mr. Berk, seconded by Mrs. Pelusio and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the creation of an Assistant Director of School Food Services position as presented.

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

**APPROVED:
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF FOOD SERVICES**

16. Motion was made by Mrs. Huels, seconded by Mrs. Kay and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the creation of a Benefits Specialist position as presented.

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

**APPROVED:
BENEFITS
SPECIALIST**

17. Special Education Report: Ms. Woods noted that the recommendations are under the Consent Agenda.

18. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Pero spoke on the budget deficit, efficiency efforts, attrition, savings, advocating for fair funding and a call to action for legislative support. He also shared positive news about the district's students, noting that they are performing well academically and behaviorally. Mr. Pero noted that substitute administrators have commented on how well-behaved and well-mannered the students are. He ended by wishing holiday wishes to everyone.

19. 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 approves the following items per the Consent Agenda:

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

**APPROVED:
CONSENT
AGENDA**

54.

Bid Award:

BOCES 2 Cooperative Electricity Energy Cooperative of America \$2,300,000.00 (Est. 2025 Budget)

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

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

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

20. Old Business: Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos thanked folks around the table for the questions and further explanation of planning effects on the budget related to staffing of positions.

21. Public Comment: one person addressed the Board of Education.

22. Motion was made by Mrs. Pelusio, seconded by Mrs. Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried **APPROVED:** regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves **ADJOURNMENT** the adjournment of its Regular Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Vote: Unanimously carried by those present

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Carpenter
School District Clerk