

PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
 Tuesday, September 8, 2026
 Barker Road Middle School

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, September 8, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Pelusio, J. Casey, D. Berk, E. Kay, J. Pizzutelli, R. Sanchez-Kazacos, R. Scott.
 LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: S. Cutaia, L. Ali, S. Clark, H. Clayton, K. Dubash, N. Wayman.
 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS: M. Ersoz (MHS), S. Kawakyu-O'Connor (SHS).

1. Mrs. Pelusio 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 Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Scott and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the agenda for this meeting.
 Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
 AGENDA**

3. Mr. Beardsley presented the Operations and Maintenance summer summary report.

4. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mr. Pizzutelli and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its August 11, 2026, Regular meeting.
 Vote: Unanimously carried with Mr. Casey abstaining as he was not in attendance.

**APPROVED:
 MINUTES
 8/11/26**

5. Board Reports: Mrs. Pelusio reported that the MCSBA meetings have begun and noted that, although the Legislative Committee has two voting members, all members are welcome to attend the meetings. She then welcomed this year's ex-officio student board members: Mesude Ersoz from Mendon H.S. and Sora Kawakyu-O'Connor from Sutherland H.S. Both student board members shared updates and highlights from their respective schools. Mrs. Pelusio then noted the upcoming dates to remember.

6. Motion was made by Mrs. Scott, seconded by Mr. Berk and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District does hereby approve the budget transfer of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$141,000) from 000-9060-800-0000 - Health Insurance to 000-1620-422-0000 - B + G Con Serv - BCS to fund the New York State-mandated Building Condition Survey.
 Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
 BUDGET TRANSFER
 REQUEST - BCS**

7. Motion was made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mrs. Kay and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the transportation costs with Transpo Bus Services LLC estimated to be Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to transport Pittsford Central School District students with special needs and students enrolled in vocational programs for the 2026-2027 School Year.
 Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
 TRANSP. CONTRACT -
 TRANSPO BUS SERV.**

8. Motion was made by Mr. Berk, seconded by Mrs. Scott and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the transportation costs with Cathay Express Transportation, Inc. estimated to be Five Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$502,320) to transport Pittsford Central School District students from September 8, 2026 to June 23, 2027.
 Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
 BUS DRIVERS -
 CATHAY EXPRESS**

9. Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mr. Berk and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following resolution as presented.

Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
CAP. CONST. PROJ.
CHANGE ORDERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District (the “Board of Education”) previously authorized its 2023 Capital Improvement Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, during the construction phase of the Project certain contract changes have been determined by the Project Architect, the Project Construction Manager, and the Superintendent of Schools to be in the best interest of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Project Architect, the Project Construction Manager, and the contractor involved have prepared, signed, and submitted documents evidencing Change Orders for the contract changes set out in the attached report which is incorporated in this Resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has signed the contract Change Orders pursuant to previously granted authority, with the understanding that all such approved Change Orders will be presented to the Board of Education for ratification and approval as soon as practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to ratify the actions of the Superintendent of Schools and approve the proposed contract Change Orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby ratifies and approves the Change Orders signed by the Superintendent as set out in the attached report and/or authorizes the President of the Board and/or the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Change Orders on behalf of the Board of Education and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the contracts as amended by the Change Orders in connection with the Project.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools to sign all New York State Education Department required certifications in connection with this resolution and take all actions necessary or convenient to satisfy all applicable filing requirements for the Change Orders.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

10. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mr. Pizzutelli and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District does hereby declare the above equipment scrap and surplus and does hereby authorize the sale and receipt of proceeds from such.

Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
SURPLUS/OBSOLETE
EQUIPMENT-FOOD SVC.**

11. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Scott 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. Change of Status – Probationary to Tenure

Name:	Michelle Barnum
Position:	JRE Grade 3
Tenure Area:	Elementary
Probationary Period:	09/01/2023 – 10/09/2026
Certification:	Professional

B. Appointment - Administrator

Name: James Bates
 Position: MHS Assistant Principal
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Assistant Principal
 Probationary Period: TBD
 Certification: Professional
 Salary: \$90,000.00
 Effective Date: TBD

C. Appointment – Certificated Staff

Name: Julie Sherman
 Position: CRMS Reading
 Type of Position: Regular Substitute
 Tenure Area: N/A
 Probationary Period: N/A
 Certification: Permanent
 Salary: \$61,552.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Abigail Braddon
 Position: PRE Special Education
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probationary Period: 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2030
 Certification: Initial
 Salary: \$59,590.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Michele Slominski
 Position: SHS Science
 Type of Position: Part Time
 Tenure Area: Science
 Probationary Period: N/A
 Certification: Permanent
 Salary: \$28,681.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Claire Rand
 Position: CRMS Psychologist
 Type of Position: Probationary
 Tenure Area: Psychologist
 Probationary Period: 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2030
 Certification: Permanent
 Salary: \$71,236.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Jeffrey Scott
 Position: BRMS Spanish
 Type of Position: Probationary

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Tenure Area: Spanish
Probationary Period: 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2029
Certification: Professional
Salary: \$71,972.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Jacob Gabbard
Position: ACE Special Education
Type of Position: Probationary
Tenure Area: Special Education
Probationary Period: 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2030
Certification: Initial
Salary: \$55,765.00
Effective Date: 09/28/2026

Name: Kaitlin Keenan
Position: MHS English
Type of Position: Probationary
Tenure Area: English
Probationary Period: 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2029
Certification: Initial
Salary: \$55,765.00
Effective Date: 09/21/2026

Name: Lilly Spitz
Position: JRE Grade 3
Type of Position: Regular Substitute
Tenure Area: N/A
Probationary Period: N/A
Certification: Initial
Salary: \$56,132.00
Effective Date: 09/22/2026

D. Appointment – Occupational/Physical Therapist

Name: Molly Spara
Position: JRE Occupational Therapist
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$67,642.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Bonnie Kompare
Position: MCE Occupational Therapist
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$73,862.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Amanda Schoenthal-Martin
Position: JRE .7/ MHS .3 Physical Therapist
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$61,750.00
Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Jana Magone
 Position: PRE .9/BRMS .1 Physical Therapist
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$65,132.00
 Effective Date: 09/08/2026

Name: Nikolle Van Stralen
 Position: TRE Occupational Therapist
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$59,050.00
 Effective Date: 09/22/2026

E. Appointment – School Related Professional

Name: Pari Faizi
 Position: JRE CSE Paraprofessional
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$20,766.24
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Melissa Borshoff
 Position: BRMS Nurse
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$49,005.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Martina Ibrahim
 Position: PRE CSE Paraprofessional
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$23,178.87
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Melissa Whitford
 Position: CRMS Nurse
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$49,005.00
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026

Name: Jeneva Champion
 Position: TRE CSE Paraprofessional
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$23,011.56
 Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Elizabeth Doyle
 Position: TRE CSE Paraprofessional
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$23,011.56
 Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Kathleen Shapiro
 Position: TRE CSE Paraprofessional

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Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$22,607.64
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Riley Kennedy
Position: PRE CSE Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$21,918.60
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Tiffany Keech
Position: MHS CSE Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$23,745.15
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Nora Sansouci
Position: PRE CSE Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$21,918.60
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Glynn Molinich
Position: SHS Supervisory Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$28,764.45
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Marlene Lampman
Position: JRE CSE Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$23,809.50
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Stephanie Devola
Position: TRE Undesignated Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$20,766.24
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Wing Yan Chan
Position: BRMS Undesignated Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$24,929.19
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Romana Forcados
Position: PRE Undesignated Paraprofessional
Type of Position: Full Time
Salary: \$24,929.19
Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Lori McGrath
 Position: MCE Undesignated Paraprofessional
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$24,929.19
 Effective Date: 9/01/2026

Name: Dorothy Russell
 Position: BRMS Undesignated Paraprofessional
 Type of Position: Full Time
 Salary: \$22,869.99
 Effective Date: 9/08/2026

F. Appointment – Building Substitute

Name: Sylvene Reister-Goggin
 Position: ACE Building Substitute
 Type of Position: 1 Year Appointment
 Salary: \$175.00 daily
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026 – 06/30/2027

Name: Matthew Hoff
 Position: SHS Building Substitute
 Type of Position: 1 Year Appointment
 Salary: \$175.00 daily
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026 – 06/30/2027

Name: Justin Robinson
 Position: MHS Building Substitute
 Type of Position: 1 Year Appointment
 Salary: \$175.00 daily
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026 – 06/30/2027

Name: Claire Patanella
 Position: BRMS Building Substitute
 Type of Position: 1 Year Appointment
 Salary: \$175.00 daily
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026-06/30/2027

Name: Kristina Powell
 Position: CRMS Building Substitute
 Type of Position: 1 Year Appointment
 Salary: \$175.00 daily
 Effective Date: 09/01/2026-06/30/2027

G. Resignation – Part Time Position Ended

Samantha Rompala
 Renee Giordano

H. Resignation - Building Substitute – see attached

Eric Zarfes

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I. Resignation – Teacher – see attached

La Toya Grady

J. Resignation – School Related Professional – see attached

Erica Frohm
Colleen Mehan
McKallah Surmont
Peter Vitello
Charles Militello

K. Appointment – Substitutes

Teacher & Para

Todd Benz
Kathleen Barry-Wagner
Yuval Green
Annemarie Inzana
Michael Kutny

Teacher

Kelly Coiro
Daniel Judd
Charles Lawrence
Rileigh LeVan
Kevin McDaniels
Primo Mussumeci
David Pellegrino
John Sacchitella
Karen Socker
Sandra Stewart

Para

Rhadika Ramesh

L. Revised Fall Coaching Salaries – see attached

M. Appointment – Volunteer Coaches – see attached

12. 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, 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>
Maria Aray	School Aide	JRE	15/wk.	9/1/2026	\$16.08/hr.
Eunjin Jun	School Aide	ACE	15/wk.	9/1/2026	\$16.08/hr.
Lisa Birch	OC III	SHS	32.5/wk.	9/1/2026	\$23,800.40
Caitlynn Moulton	School Aide	JRE	15/wk.	9/1/2026	\$16.08/hr.
Patricia Vantroost	School Aide	BRMS	9/wk.	9/1/2026	\$16.08/hr.
Michelle Shapley	OC III	PRE/JRE	37.5/wk.	9/2/2026	\$27,730.65

CLERICAL			LENGTH	
<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Katherine McCrossen	School Aide	TRE	1 yr.	06/30/2026
Pamela Rock	School Aide	TRE	12 yrs.	08/25/2026
Travis White	School Aide	JRE	1 mos.	09/01/2026
Douglas Olson	School Aide	BRMS	10 yrs.	09/01/2026
Bradley Spencer	School Aide	MCE	2 yrs.	09/01/2026
Jeanne Spencer	School Aide	BRMS	14 yrs.	09/01/2026
Erica Strawbridge	School Aide	JRE	1.5 mos.	09/01/2026
Robert Turley	School Aide	PRE	7 yrs.	09/01/2026
Ruth Jackson	School Aide	PRE	1.5 yrs.	09/01/2026

TRANSPORTATION

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
George Roy	Bus Driver	TMF	25/wk.	9/1/2026	\$30.45/hr.
Hiram Ortega	Bus Driver	TMF	25/wk.	9/1/2026	\$31.50/hr.
Cynthia Ann Tollerup	Bus Driver	TMF	25/wk.	8/17/2026	\$39,000.00

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Joshua Pullen	Cleaner	SHS	40/wk.	8/17/2026	\$17.59/hr.
Casey Carman	Cleaner	JRE	40/wk.	8/24/2026	\$17.59/hr.
Blossome Shim	Cleaner	SHS	40/wk.	8/24/2026	\$17.59/hr.
Steven DiFiore	Security Guard	MHS	TBD	9/02/2026	\$25.00/hr.
Lisa Kehoe	Cleaner	CRMS	40/wk.	9/01/2026	\$17.59/hr.
Tracy Webster	Cleaner	BRMS	40/wk.	9/08/2026	\$18.07/hr.

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	LENGTH	
			<u>OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Kelley Stevens	Part Time Cleaner	SHS	1 mos.	08/05/2026
Bryan Szczech	Cleaner	BRMS	1 yr.	08/28/2026
Raiden Krueger	Cleaner	SHS	1 yr.	08/21/2026
Christian Formicola	Cleaner	CRMS	1 mo.	08/31/2026
Nicholas Formicola	Cleaner	CRMS	1 mo.	08/31/2026
Trevor Beel	Maintenance/ Grounds	TMF	4 mos.	09/05/2026

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

<u>RETIREMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	LENGTH	
			<u>OF SVC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Mike Sypaseuth	Cleaner	MCE	16.08 yrs.	10/30/2026

FOOD SERVICE

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>BLDG</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Dianna Al Mahzam	Assistant Cook Manager	JRE	35/wk.	8/10/2026	\$20.50/hr.
Kelcy Turnquist	Food Service Worker	SHS	22.5/wk.	8/27/2026	\$18.00/hr.
Alexandria Curry	Food Service Worker	MCE	17.5/wk.	9/01/2026	\$17.50/hr.
Andrea Maccarone	Food Service Worker	BRMS	25/wk.	9/01/2026	\$21.00/hr.
Lucy Brown	Assistant Cook Manager	BRMS	37.5/wk.	7/01/2026	\$20.50/hr.
Isabelle Seebold	Food Service Worker	PRE	20/wk.	9/01/2026	\$18.00/hr.
Christopher DeFazio	Assistant Cook Manager	MHS	37.5/wk.	7/01/2026	\$21.50/hr.
Xaymara Chevalier	Food Service Worker	MHS	25/wk.	9/01/2026	\$18.50/hr.
Alin Yang	Food Service Worker	BRMS	22.5/wk.	9/02/2026	\$17.50/hr.

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FOOD SERVICE RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	BLDG	LENGTH OF SVC	DATE
Lindsay Schlicker	Food Service Worker	BRMS	resigned prior to start date	08/18/2026

13. Mr. Clark noted that a Memorandum of Agreement and the first reading of a tenure recommendation are both listed under the Consent Agenda for approval this evening.

14. Dr. Ali noted that the second readings for both the Annual Code of Conduct and the Emergency Preparedness Guide (EPG) are listed under the Consent Agenda for approval this evening.

15. Special Education Report: Dr. Ali noted that the recommendations are under the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Cutaia noted that moving forward, the Special Education report will be consolidated under the Pupil Services report to simplify the agenda, as the departments have been merged.

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

**APPROVED:
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

17. Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Cutaia highlighted the significant amount of work that takes place throughout the summer to prepare for the new school year. This included facility and capital project work, district-wide staffing and hiring, extensive professional development, and continued summer programs. She also spoke about the careful planning around transportation, scheduling, and food services that helped ensure a smooth start to the school year. She concluded by noting that preparations are underway for the October Superintendent's Conference Day, which will focus on building a shared understanding of the district's Strategic Plan and goals.

18. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Scott 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**

Bid Award:

BOCES 2 Cooperative Bus Parts	Various Vendors	\$29,593.52 (Estimated)
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MOA

The annual Code of Conduct

The districtwide Emergency Preparedness Guide (EPG)

Committee on Special Education: Amendment, Amendment Agreement No Meetings, Annual Reviews, Initial Eligibility Determination Meetings, Reevaluation Review, Reevaluation/Annual Review, Requested Reviews, Requested Review CPSE to CSE Transition Meetings, Requested Review Transfer Student, Transfer Student - Agreement No Meetings.

Sub-Committee on Special Education: Amendment Agreement No Meetings, Requested Review, Transfer Student - Agreement No Meetings.

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

19. Public Comment: one person addressed the Board this evening.

20. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Scott 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 7:41 p.m.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
RECESS**

21. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. Scott 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 8:19 p.m.
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:
ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Carpenter
School District Clerk