

**PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Barker Road Middle School

A RECEPTION celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Teacher's Center was held at 6:30 p.m. where friends and family members attended to celebrate the occasion.

The REGULAR MEETING of the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education began at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Barker Road Middle School on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Thomas, K. McCluski, T. Aroesty, V. Baum, I. Narotsky, R. Sanchez-Kazacos, P. Sullivan

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: M. Pero, J. Cimmerer, D. Kenney, M. Leone, P. Vaughan-Brogan M. Ward, N. Wayman, 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.*

1. Mrs. Thomas called the 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 Mr. Aroesty 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. Mr. Pero and Mr. Kenney presented the 2019/2020 proposed budget. The presentation began with Mr. Pero stating the purpose to present the 2019/2020 proposed budget to the Board of Education and noted that official Board action will be required. He thanked the Central Office Team, the District Planning Team, LeeAnne Reister, Director of Finance and her staff, as well as Darrin Kenney, Assistant Superintendent for Business, for all of their efforts and their on-going work with the budget. Mr. Kenney thanked LeeAnne Reister for her hard work, and noted that this year was challenging due to ESSA requirements. Mr. Kenney then reviewed in detail the 2019/2020 proposed budget. The Board was asked to adopt the Superintendent's proposed budget as their own, to be presented to the taxpayers to vote on. May 13<sup>th</sup>, a public budget hearing is scheduled and the Board of Education election and budget vote will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

4. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mrs. McCluski and carried, regarding the following resolutions: **APPROVED:**  
**2019/2020**  
**BUDGET**  
Vote: Unanimously carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District does hereby adopt and support as a corporate body the Superintendent's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget in the total amount of \$136,689,421 as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District approves the Property Tax Report Card and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to electronically submit to the New York State Commissioner of Education within 24 hours, as per law.

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5. Principal's Report: Mrs. Thomas welcomed Mrs. Shana Cutaia, Barker Road Middle School principal. Mrs. Cutaia acknowledged the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Teacher's Center and expressed gratitude for her mentor when she was hired as a new teacher. She said it was wonderful seeing the former directors and to be a part of this celebration. Mrs. Cutaia went on to present the activities taking place at Barker Road Middle School.

Mrs. Cutaia honored and recognized Mrs. Teresa Seeler, Barker Road Middle School Asst. principal on her contributions made over the years and on her upcoming retirement.

Mrs. Thomas thanked Mrs. Cutaia for her comprehensive report. Mrs. Thomas also thanked Mrs. Seeler for all her years of service and impact on so many lives.

Mrs. Seeler thanked everyone for the support to staff and students over the years, and she noted that Pittsford is a wonderful place in which to work.

6. Mrs. Julie Barker, current Teacher Center director, thanked everyone for celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pittsford's Teacher Center. Mrs. Wanda Ward and Mrs. Ruth Hollis, previous Teacher Center directors, attended the special gathering and Board presentation. Mrs. Barker shared the history of the Teacher Center and noted that in 1978, Mrs. Ward, founding director, established not only the district's Teacher Center, but that it was also the first center of its kind in New York State.

Mrs. Thomas thanked everyone who has helped the Teacher Center become what it is today.

Mr. Dwayne Cerbone, Pittsford District Teachers Association (PDTA) president and Mrs. Stephanie Warchol, Pittsford District Teachers Association vice president, celebrated and recognized the accomplishments of the Teacher Center. PDTA unanimously voted to rename their study grant in honor of Mrs. Wanda Ward; it will now be the Wanda Ward Honorary Study Grant. PDTA will also be purchasing a banner that will be displayed outside the center.

7. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mrs. Baum and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of its April 1, 2019, meeting.  
Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:**  
**MINUTES**  
**4/1/19**

8. Public Comment: Resident Tim O'Neil thanked the Board for the proposed budget, which includes bringing back gymnastics to Pittsford. Mr. Pero noted how collaborative the process has been, and working with Mr. O'Neil through creative problem solving and being a true partner helped to make this happen.

Residents Jessie Keating, Kim Melvin, Tanisha Johnson, Mark Diggory, Catherine Doyle and student Alyssa Coleman all spoke on their feelings of racism.

Mr. Pero responded by saying, "I genuinely thank you for caring, I thank you for being here and thank you for sharing what you shared". Mr. Pero said there needs to be kindness, respect and dignity for every single student without exception. He noted that the expectation from everyone is that kids go through their day feeling dignified, valued, respected and loved. Mr. Pero listed a large number of issues, concerns and worries that kids come to us with, and noted that each one needs attention. Mr. Pero said that he is seeing and hearing progress, growth and positive changes are happening, but acknowledged that it isn't happening fast enough. Mr. Pero said that racism won't be tolerated under any circumstances and that progress and improvements will continue to be made. He noted that the Board along with input from kids plan to work on the wording in the code of conduct as part of those ongoing improvements. He asked for a partnership to help make things better.

9. Mrs. Thomas reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and dates to remember.

10. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District votes to approve the proposed BOCES administrative budget in the amount of \$5,586,353 for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:  
2019/2020  
BOCES  
BUDGET**

11. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos, seconded by Mrs. McCluski and carried Regarding the following resolutions:

Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:  
BOCES BOARD  
CANDIDATES**

**SEAT#1**

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Bryan Buttram, resident of Rush-Henrietta Central School District, as a member of the Monroe #1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2019 and end June 30, 2022.

**B. BUTTRAM**

**SEAT#2**

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Laura Whitcomb, resident of the East Rochester Union Free School District, as a member of the Monroe # 1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2019 and end on June 30, 2022.

**L. WHITCOMB**

**SEAT#3**

RESOLVED: to cast one vote for the election of Nita Singh, resident of the Pittsford Central School District, as a member of the Monroe # 1 BOCES board for a term of office which will begin on July 1, 2019 and end on June 30, 2022.

**N. SINGH**

12. Motion was made by Mr. Aroesty, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2019.

Vote: Unanimously carried

**ACCEPTED:  
TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

13. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez-Kazacos and carried Regarding the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Extraclassroom Activities Report.

Vote: Unanimously carried

**APPROVED:  
3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER  
EXTRACLASSROOM  
ACTIVITIES REPORT**

14. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mr. Sullivan 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: Michael Falzoi  
Position: CRMS Assistant Principal  
Tenure Area: Assistant Principal – Jr HS  
Probationary Period: 08/31/2015 – 08/30/2019  
Certification: Permanent

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Name: Maria Hill  
 Position: DO CSE Coordinator  
 Tenure Area: CSE Coordinator  
 Probationary Period: 08/31/2015 - 08/30/2019  
 Certification: Professional

**B. Appointment - Teacher**

Name: Miranda Pusateri  
 Position: JRE - Grade 2  
 Type of Position: Regular Substitute - 2nd Semester  
 Tenure Area: Elementary  
 Probationary Period: N/A  
 Certification: Initial  
 Salary: \$44,386  
 Effective Date: January 25, 2019 - June 30, 2019

Name: Andrea Kaminski  
 Position: CRMS - Reading  
 Type of Position: Regular Substitute - 2nd Semester  
 Tenure Area: Reading  
 Probationary Period: N/A  
 Certification: Initial  
 Salary: \$47,401  
 Effective Date: January 28, 2019 - June 30, 2019

**C. Resignation for Retirement - School Related Professional - Letter Attached**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Yrs. In District</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Kathleen	Kloc	PRE	Educational Assistant	23	6/30/2019

**D. Resignation for Retirement- Technical & Supervisory - Original Letter and Amended Letter Attached**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Yrs. In District</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Karen	Houston	BR East	Purchasing Agent	22.5	10/16/2019

A special note was made that both the above long time retirees have been with Pittsford for over 20 years.

15. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mrs. Narotsky 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**

<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>BLDG</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Kathleen Kyhos	School Aide Sub			4/9/19	\$11.10/hr
Anya LaSpina	Accounts Payable Clk	BR East	7.5 hrs/day	4/24/19	\$28,275
		Ofc.			

<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>BLDG</b>	<b>YEARS OF SVC</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Daniel Rosica	School Aide	MCE		3/22/2019



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Public Comment: Resident Jennifer Cunningham noted that people would never be perfect when it comes to racism, and to not be afraid to share experiences and have conversations about race, religion and politics.

Mr. Pero thanked Mrs. Cunningham for her approach and noted that everyone needs to communicate better.


Residents Andrew Evans and Tharaha Thavakumar-Slavin also spoke on racism.

Mrs. Thomas thanked those who spoke this evening and said, “we are listening”. She noted that interest groups would be coming to the district. Mrs. Thomas again thanked everyone for taking the time to attend tonight’s meeting and said “we do hear what you are saying” and “we are listening intently to what you are saying”.

21. Motion was made by Mrs. McCluski, seconded by Mr. Sullivan 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 9:14 p.m.  
Vote: Unanimously carried **APPROVED:  
RECESS**

22. 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 9:46 p.m.  
Vote: Unanimously carried **APPROVED:  
ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Carpenter  
School District Clerk