

**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
March 10, 2016**

The Annual Pittsfield School District Meeting was held at the Pittsfield Elementary School on Thursday March 10, 2016. School District Moderator Arthur Morse called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. The Pittsfield Girl Scout Troop 10540 led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The following School Board members were in attendance: Chairman Michael Wolfe, Raymond Ramsey, Ted Mitchell, Beatrice Douglas and Linda Freese.

Moderator Morse reported the results of the March 8, 2016 School District Elections:

Two School Board Members for a three (3) year term –  
**Ted Mitchell elected** – 432 votes  
**Beatrice Douglas elected** – 460 votes

One School Board Member for a two (2) year term –  
**Ralph Odell (write in) elected** – 32 votes

One School District Clerk for a three (3) year term –  
**Erica Anthony elected** – 601 votes

Moderator Morse reviewed the rules and voting instructions for the meeting.

**ARTICLE 01 To hear reports**

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating therefore. **Recommended** by the Pittsfield School Board. (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by School Board Chairman Michael Wolfe to approve Article 01 as read, seconded by School Board Member Raymond Ramsey.

Moderator Morse opened the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

Moderator Morse called for the vote.

**Article 01 passed** by card vote.

**ARTICLE 02 School Lunch Program**

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,000 for the support of the School Lunch Program. This appropriation will be funded by a like amount of revenue from the sale of food and state and federal sources. (Estimated tax impact of this article: \$0.) **Recommended** by the Pittsfield School Board. **Recommended** by the Pittsfield Budget Committee (13 yes, 0 no). (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by School Board Member Ted Mitchell to approve Article 02 as read, seconded by School Board Member Beatrice Douglas.

Moderator Morse opened the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

Moderator Morse called for the vote.

**Article 02 passed** by card vote.

**ARTICLE 03 Receive and expend grant funds**

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the support of federal and private foundation grant-funded educational programs of the Pittsfield School District. This appropriation is contingent upon receiving revenue from federal grants and private foundations and will be expended in accordance with federal and state requirements upon approval by the New Hampshire Department of Education or private foundation requirements. (Estimated tax impact of this article: \$0.) **Recommended** by the Pittsfield School Board. **Recommended** by the Pittsfield Budget Committee (13 yes, 0 no). (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by School Board Chairman Michael Wolfe to approve Article 03 as read, seconded by School Board Member Ted Mitchell.

Moderator Morse opened the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

Moderator Morse called for the vote.

**Article 03 passed** by card vote.

#### **ARTICLE 04 Operating Budget**

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$9,846,477 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Estimated tax impact of this article: \$1.53/thousand.) **Recommended** by the Pittsfield School Board. **Recommended** by the Pittsfield Budget Committee (13 yes, 0 no). (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by Budget Committee Chairman Bob Schiferle to approve Article 04 as read, seconded by School Board Member Raymond Ramsey.

Moderator Morse opened the floor for discussion.

Dan Schroth mentioned he attended many budget committee meetings. He stated though the budget figure is up .04% from last year he believes the school did what they could and feels it should be supported. He stated he participated in a number of committees at the school and got to know the people. He felt people are speaking against the school without getting involved and learning the facts. It is hard to know what is going on without taking the time to get involved. He believes the school is doing what we want with student centered learning. He feels over the past three years they have done a tremendous job.

Eric Barbasso ask the budget cost per student. School Board Chairman Michael Wolfe responded he only had statistics supplied by the state and did not have an exact figure. Mr. Barbasso asked how many students are in the District. School Board Chairman Wolfe responded approximately 550.

Carol Dodge believed the school has failed miserably. She wants the school opened up to parents and citizens. Moderator Morse asked that she address the budget question at hand. Ms. Dodge stated she felt the budget does not reflect what the students are getting and is too high. She opposed it.

Paul Nickerson stated the voters should support the budget. He congratulated Superintendent Freeman and the School Board for bringing the school back to where it needs to be after the near loss of accreditation years ago. He stated it took money to achieve that goal. He attended the budget meetings and the school meetings. He felt the budget committee and the school board worked to review and save every penny they could. He asked the voters to support the requested budget. He asked for a unanimous vote in favor.

Matt St. George stated he calculated a figure of \$17,646.02 per student by dividing the recommended budget figure by 550 students.

Moderator Morse called for the vote.

**Article 04 passed** by card vote.

**ARTICLE 05 Transact Other Business**

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

School Board Chairman Michael Wolfe thanked the body for their support. He asked Gary Mullen and Ray Ramsey to come forward and thanked them for their service to the Board and presented them each with a gift.

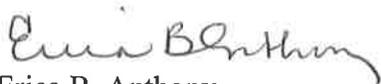
Dan Schroth thanked the school for all the changes and stated he was excited for the school.

Adam Gauthier asked if there was an update on the bio mass project. School Board Chairman Michael Wolfe stated a group has been organized to discuss different available options. They are currently having an audit done at both schools. It was found the current boilers are in better shape than first thought. They are applying for a grant for a feasibility study. The group is looking at all energy options. They will meet again in the spring after all the information is available and will advertise the meeting. Mr. Wolfe encouraged anyone interested to attend. They will then come to the town with another proposal.

Louie Houle encouraged everyone to come to the town meeting on Saturday.

Moderator Morse adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Erica B. Anthony  
School District Clerk