



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263**

MEETING MINUTES OF Wednesday, September 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 6:31 PM by Robert Schiferle, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT (11)

Robert Schiferle, Chair
Katie Bachelder, Vice Chair
Jeremy Everson, Secretary
Carol Richardson, Select Board Rep.
Justin Clough, School Board Rep.
John Christakos
Fred Hast
Larry Konopka
Ammy Ramsey
Helen Schiff
Randy Severance

Leadership for this meeting follows the past season's appointments

MEMBERS ABSENT (0)

None

GUESTS PRESENT

Bryan Lane, SAU Superintendent
Adam Gauthier, School Board Chairperson

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED:

- *Pittsfield School District Public Hearing (powerpoint)*
- *"Two Options Available for School Districts..."*

Agenda Item 1: School Funding Discussion

Documents Referenced:

- *Pittsfield School District Public Hearing (powerpoint)*
- *“Two Options Available for School Districts...”*

Discussion: Bryan Lane introduced himself. He then introduced the adequacy funds now available to the schools.

- Due to Covid-19 the State of NH and the Federal Gov’t have made funds available to the schools to offset certain expenses and cover lunches for all students.
- \$358,696.76 has become available.
- The voters of Pittsfield have two options:
 - Vote to expend the funds and add to the school budgets
 - Vote to apply the revenue as a credit during the local tax rate setting process
- The Proposal to consider using the funds toward the operational budget of the school district includes the following matters:
 - The DOE has stated that \$239,527 would be recurring and we can expect this in the future
 - There is no Library Media Specialist at the school now, thus the proposal to fill the position
 - The Teacher and Staff positions proposed would be funded with monies expected to recur from the State of NH
- The School Board has not voted on these figures yet, but B. Lane presented these documents to the board at the last meeting
- There will be a Public Hearing on this matter at the High School, in the Cafeteria, tomorrow, September 9, at 5:30 pm.
- There will be a voting session in two weeks to consider these options.
- If the voters elect to apply the revenue to lower the tax rate, the decrease in the tax rate would equate to \$1.04 less

Agenda Item 2: Committee Organizational Matters

A motion was made to appoint the board leadership as it was last year.

- Motion to Approve: F. Hast
- Motion to 2nd: H. Schiff
- 2 (yes) – 9 (no) – 0 (abstentions)

A motion was made to appoint K. Bachelder as Chairwoman, B. Schiferle as Vice Chairman, and J. Everson as Secretary.

- Motion to Approve: L. Konopka
- Motion 2nd: C. Richardson
- 10 (yes) – 0 (no) – 1 (abstentions)

Motion Passed

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, starting at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by: Jeremy Everson, Secretary

Approved:

Katie Bachelder, Chair

Date