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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD HS OPTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

PMHS MEDIA CENTER

Members: Molly Goggin- School Board representative; Tim Robinson- School Board representative; Erik Anderson- Superintendent's designee; Jennifer Tyrell- School district employee; Ed Bell- School district employee; Beth Colon-Pagan- School district employee; Devin Funk- Pittsfield community member; Weston Martin- Pittsfield community member; Heather Elliott- Pittsfield community member

The HS Study Committee held its sixth meeting on 7/21/2026. The meeting was called to order at 4:38pm. Heather arrived at 4:47. Tim Robinson attended via phone. Erik, Ed, and Devin were absent.

The minutes from the July 7th meeting were reviewed and approved- 5-0; Jen-1st, Molly-2nd

The 7 consolidated themes of substantive influence pertaining to Pittsfield High School feasibility are:

Consolidation of discussion into themes:

- 1) Facilities- in house and taking into consideration of other district's facilities
- 2) SPED- These costs must be considered transparently. Beth shared a chart (non-specific) showing costs associated with out of district students . What % of students presently in district may require expenditures considerably above the "base cost"?
- 3) Transportation- Additional cost and impact
- 4) Academic programming- Master schedule- AP; dual enrollment
- 5) Career and Technical Center- access to CTE programs
- 6) Extra and co-curricular activities
- 7) Student Successes- Performance data; post-secondary going outcomes

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- 1) Tabled the name discussion until the next meeting due to low numbers.
 - 2) Dr Anderson not present, DOE- iPlatform tabled until next meeting.
 - 3) Discussed if Merrimack Valley HS was ever an option for tuitioning out/merging. Discussed questions we want to present to schools, and which schools we are going to send questions to: Concord, Pembroke Academy, Coe Brown, Prospect Mtn, Merrimack Valley, Belmont HS. Discussed that Molly

and Dr Macdonald have offered to draw up an initial draft of the letter requesting information about each school, and send it to members of the committee for review prior to the next meeting, so we can get it sent to schools of interest as soon as possible.

- Reviewed the wording of the questions from the minutes of the 7/7/26 committee meeting.

4) Discussion about a community survey

- Discussed use of a QR code that can be posted throughout the community, that people can scan that will lead to a google survey
- Discussed printing off hard copies of the survey and placing them in locations in town.
- We will wait to further clarify questions for the survey until the 8/11/2026 meeting.
- Jen Tyrell is going to work on developing a rough draft of the survey.

5) Tim made a motion to adjourn, Molly seconded it. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:48PM.

Upcoming scheduled committee meetings:

Tuesday, August 11th from 4:30-6:00 (7th meeting)

Tuesday, August 25th from 4:30-6:00 (8th meeting)

Prepared by Weston Martin, LCMHC, ACS (he/him)

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