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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD HS OPTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

SMART (Sustainable Models for Academics, Resources and Taxpayers)

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2026, 5:00 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 twelfth meeting on 10/20/2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm. Heather Elliott attended via phone. Molly Goggin arrived at 5:15. Jen Tyrell was absent.

The minutes from the October 6th meeting were reviewed and approved- 7-0

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) Survey to other district leaders- Tim will upload the most updated version of Beth's results tracking spreadsheet into Claude to see how they are incorporated into the report. The committee will discuss and edit as needed.

2) The community survey- Erik will determine how many responses were student responses. Tim will update the latest information and results into the Chat.

3) Outreach to districts re: potentially accepting Pittsfield students- Molly has heard back from some regional districts:
    a) Coe-Brown- will accept students as they accept/enroll all students-merit based Not an option to be district of record if that is the route taken
    b) Merrimack Valley- responded, but with several follow-up questions that are not able to be answered at this time
    c) Concord- Can accept all students
    d) Prospect Mtn and Pembroke have not responded

4) As discussed previously, the Final Report will include a **range** for cost per student.
    How many kids and for how much?
5) Beth/Erik will put together an estimate for SPED costs for High School and share that as part of the report.
6) Financial impact- The best this committee can do is present as follows:
    - We know this and here is what that means…
    - We don't know this and here is what that may mean…
7) Executive Summary will include both:
    - Reasons to keep the school open, with justifications
    - Reasons to tuition students out, with justifications
8) Chapters of Final Report:
    - Executive Summary- Molly and Tim
    - Background- Erik
    - Charge/Scope- Tim
    - Facilities- Ed and Weston
    - SPED- Beth and Erik
    - Academics- Molly
    - CTE- Tim
    - Extra and Co-curricular- Devin and Heather
    - Student Outcomes- Devin
    - Community Impact- Jen

9) Other pertinent discussion topics:
    - Deed research- Concord attorneys will provide deed information (approved at 10/01 Board meeting)
    - 194:3-f- *Discontinuance of Schools*-went into effect on 10/08/2026

Items for the next meeting:

- Final Report- discussion of elements of report and work session

Molly made a motion to adjourn, Weston seconded it. All in favor 8-0 The meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.

Upcoming scheduled committee meetings:

November 3rd-5:00-6:30 (13th meeting)
November 17th- 5:00-6:30 (14th meeting)

Prepared by Erik Anderson
November 2nd, 2026