

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

Non-Public Session Minutes

January 23, 2018

Members Present: Mike Wolfe, Chair
Heidi Asdot, Vice-Chair
Bea Douglas
Adam Gauthier
Ted Mitchell

Motion: On a motion by Mr. Gauthier and seconded by Ms. Douglas, the Board voted unanimously to enter into nonpublic session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

Specific Statutory Reason for Nonpublic Session: RSA 91-A:3:II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting...*

Roll call: Vote to enter nonpublic session:

Ms. Asdot	yes
Ms. Douglas	yes
Mr. Gauthier	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Wolfe	yes

Time Nonpublic Session Entered: 5:27 p.m.

Other Persons Present: Jessica Bickford, Director of Student Services
Melissa Brown, Director of Career Readiness (for second portion of session: B, below)
Jessica Drouin, parent (for first portion of session: A, below)
John Freeman, Superintendent of Schools
Jillian Gauthier, with permission of Jessica Drouin (for first portion of session: A, below)
Derek Hamilton, Dean of Operations (for first portion of session: A, below)

Description of Matters Discussed:

- A. Consideration of Manifest Educational Hardship Request. The Board considered the request of Ms. Jessica Drouin to have her daughter (L) be placed at a school outside the district due to a manifest educational hardship. Ms. Drouin had made this request to the Board at their previous meeting, but no action was taken at that time. Ms. Drouin provided an additional document in support of her request. The Board discussed the request.

On a motion by Ms. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Asdot, the Board approved the request for L's placement in a school outside the district due to manifest educational hardship for

the remainder of the current school year with transportation being the responsibility of the parent by a vote of 3-1-0 (Ms. Asdot, Ms. Douglas, and Mr. Mitchell voting in the affirmative; Mr. Wolfe voting in the negative; and Mr. Gauthier abstaining).

- B. Consideration of Manifest Educational Hardship Request. The Board considered the request of Ms. Jeanette Bowers to have her son (H) be placed at a school outside the district due to a manifest educational hardship. Ms. Bowers had made this request to the Board at their previous meeting, but no action was taken at that time. Ms. Bowers had provided documents in support of her request at a previous meeting. The Board discussed the request.

On a motion by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Ms. Douglas, the Board denied the request for H's placement in a school outside the district by a vote of 4-0-1 (Ms. Asdot, Ms. Douglas, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Wolfe voting in the affirmative; and Mr. Gauthier abstaining).

- C. Update on Student Placed at Pembroke Academy. Dr. Freeman provided the Board with information received from the administrative office at Pembroke Academy advising the district of the poor attendance record and poor academic performance of a Pittsfield student (S) who is attending Pembroke Academy due to a manifest educational hardship.

Action: Board action noted above.

Public Session Reconvened: 6:01 p.m.

Motion Made to Seal Minutes: No motion to seal minutes.

Roll Call to Seal Minutes: No motion to seal minutes.

Minutes Recorded By: John Freeman, Superintendent of Schools