

# PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TUITION STUDY COMMITTEE

## APPROVED MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Heidi Asdot  
Susan Bradley  
James Cobern  
Ross Morse  
Mary Paradise  
Robert Schiferle  
Leslie Vogt  
John Graziano Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Members of the Public  
Gail Allard  
Cara Peterson  
Jenn Codispoti  
Lisa  
Tawnya Blanchard  
Roode  
Jessica Drouin  
Adam Gauthier  
Shawnda Hopkins  
Donna Keeley  
Mary Hatab  
Matt White  
Jody Cunningham  
Carrie Johnson

On a motion made by Mary Paradise seconded by Bob Schiferle the meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

Several questions were proposed :

What are the benefits of a better education, How do we define it ?

What would be the renovation costs to remodel ?

We are the shared positions between the middle school and high school ?

What do other schools have to offer?  
What schools are interested in accepting our students ?  
What happens to students who are already out of district placements ?  
What about Average Daily Membership ?  
What about enrollments ?  
What about busing and transportation ?  
What do we gain versus what we lose ?  
What about the impact of class sizes ?  
What are our present course offerings ?

A discussion ensued that talked about the need to identify and compare the differences among schools

The point was made that perhaps this study could be completed this year, but any change would potentially take 2 to 3 years to complete.

The point was made that the Tuition Study Committee is a committee that will make a recommendation, but has no authority to make decisions.

Sub groups were formed.

Budget/ Facilities  
Ross + Bob

Pittsfield Course Offerings  
Heidi + Susan

District Contracts  
Jim + Mary

Offerings provided by receiving schools  
Hedi, leslie + John

It was suggested that we add 3 to 5 minutes of public input to our agenda.

Jenn Codispoti thanked the committee for doing this work. She commented, We need to look at the opportunities and value of going outside the district. Value, opportunities, and impact is a good way to tell the story. We are not necessarily looking at apples to apples, For example, languages, co curricular, and graduation dates. Milestones should be included in this report.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday November, 12 at 4:30 pm

On a motion made by Mary Paradise seconded by Heidi Asdot the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

