

PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TUITION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 7 2020
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heidi Asdot
Susan Bradley
James Cobern
Ross Morse
Mary Paradise
Robert Schiferle
Leslie Vogt
Karen
John Graziano Interim Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm

The Pittsfield New Hampshire School board has charged the Interim Superintendent to form a committee in response to Article 8: School Warrant Tuition Request (by petition): Are you in favor of instructing the the Pittsfield School Board, in good faith, investigate and pursue viable options for tutoring all students grades 9 through 12 to another high schools (s) and to cease educating all high school students in Pittsfield ?

Discussion

Mary

What about the last study ? What do we have. What do we need for information ? What is clear is that we don't need a public hearing. let's not start from scratch. Let's look at past information. Over the years the budget has been decimated. Let's look at different types of agreements and get contracts from other school districts.

Ross

What is viable ? Are the children getting what they need ? We need to reach out to the people who wrote the petition. We need to dot our I's and cross our T's.

Heidi

Do we have the past work of Dr. Freeman ? What are the students getting for what they are giving up ? We need to do a comparison.

Bob

We have a town report on this issue. we need to research many options. We need to provide an updated cost and program analysis.

Leslie

I was one of the signers of the petition to get the town's people to talk about this. A public hearing may be viable. We need to talk to the authors of the petition to get their intent of what they want us to do.

James

We need to consider what we presently offer regarding class sizes and co curricular. We need to examine the costs of maintaining the current building if not using it or renovating existing facilities. We need to consider transportation and special education transportation costs. What is outcome one of our final report ?

Susan

This study has many layers to it. I can create a folder and put it in a drive where we can all use it.

Action

Bob will get the previous town report.

Mary will get the Auburn and Andover contracts.

Heidi will get the Gilford, Gilmanton, and Alton contracts.

Susan will create a drive folder for information.

John will get the Deerfield, Epsom, and Chichester contracts and will create a 2 to 3 sentence talking points for dissemination. John will get Dr. Freemans report. He will ask the School board to include a public comment section for input .

Meetings will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 4:30 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 20, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Graziano