

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 9, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

### AGENDA

#### **I. Call to Order**

A regular monthly meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education was held on Monday, February 9, 2026 in the CTE Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by President MaryAnn Lippert at 6:00pm.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **III. Establish Quorum**

Members present: MaryAnn Lippert, Nathan Bowden, Julie Strenn, Chris Zawislan and Rick Winters.

Administration present: Jason Knott, District Administrator; Taylor Varsho, High School Principal; Danielle Wilke, Director of Student Services; Pam Tesch, Business Services

#### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

##### **A. Change of Sequence/Removal of Item(s)**

Motion was made by Rick Winters and seconded by Chris Zawislan to approve the February 9, 2026 agenda with the following changes: X(D) Spring Co-Curricular Contracts needs to be moved to Consent Agenda G. Spring Coaching Assignments. Motion carried (5-0).

#### **V. 2024-2025 Audit Presentation**

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden to approve the 2024-2025 audit as presented. Motion carried (5-0).

#### **VI. Announcements**

None.

#### **VII. Celebrations**

#### **VIII. Public Comments (per School Board Policy 187)**

Pat Stanislawski made public comment regarding employee behavior.

Laura Oelke made a public comment regarding employee behavior.

#### **IX. Consent Agenda Items**

##### **A. Meeting Notice Certification**

##### **B. Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Minutes of January 12, 2026**

##### **C. Special Meeting Closed Minutes of January 23, 2026**

##### **D. Financial Status (January Expenses \$865,625.28; Revenues \$2,064,636.52)**

##### **E. Resignations**

1) Damien Moore – Head Track Coach

2) Michael Seymour – Director of Instructional Tech

##### **F. Hirings**

1) Rachel Jepson – Food Service

2) Jesse Krueger – Custodian

3) Jossalyn Wolff – PCCC Assistant Teacher

4) Kristina Zank-Lowell – PCCC Teacher

5) Jesse Sojka – Co-Head Track Coach

6) Seth Smazal – Co-Head Track Coach

Motion was made by Chris Zawislan and seconded by Rick Winters to approve consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried (5-0).

**IX. Information Only Items**

- A. District Administrator Update:
- B. Student Representatives Update: Sports/Clubs Update
- C. Board Goals Update
- D. Spring Co-Curricular Contracts
- E. WASB Convention Review
- F. AGR Mid-Year Update

**X. Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Salutatorian/Valedictorian  
Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Julie Strenn to approve the Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the Class of 2026. Motion carried (4-0, with Chris abstaining).
- B. Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient  
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Rick Winters that the Academic Excellence Scholarship will go to the highest GPA student that attends a WI four-year university. Motion carried (4-0, with Chris abstaining).
- C. Technical Excellence Scholarship Recipient  
Motion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Nathan Bowden to approve Rylie Sevenich, attending Mid-State Technical College for Radiography as the recipient of PHS Technical Excellent Scholarship for Class of 2026. Motion carried (5-0).
- D. January Pupil Count  
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Rick Winters to approve the count of 529 students in attendance for the January 9, 2026 pupil count. Motion carried (5-0).
- E. Rates for New Hires – Hourly and Salary Model Plan  
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden to approve the 2026/2027 teacher pay scale as presented. Motion carried (5-0). Board moved hourly model plan to March’s meeting.
- F. Hot Water Heater  
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Rick Winters that due to the high school hot water heater being a fire hazard and no available repair option, there was an emergency approval by Superintendent Jason Knott for immediate replacement. Motion carried (5-0).
- G. CTE Equipment Purchase over \$5,000 – CNC Fiber Laser  
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Rick Winters to approve the purchase of the CNC Fiber Laser Equipment. Motion carried (5-0).
- H. Spring School Board Election
  - 1. Clerk Appointed: Karen Garrels and Mark Darr
  - 2. Clerk set date/time for Board of Canvassers: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 1:00pm in the District Office. No motion needed.
- I. Second Reading/Approval of Policies
  - 1. Policy 731: Control of Keys/Access Cards/FOBS – Personnel Users
  - 2. Policy 731.4: Control of Keys/Access Cards/FOBS – Non-Personnel Users
  - 3. Policy 542.21: Retirement of Support Staff – Insurance Continuation
  - 4. Policy 536.21: Retirement of Professional Staff- Insurance ContinuationMotion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Rick Winters to approve the second reading of the stated policies. Motion carried (5-0).

**XII. Legislative Updates – Reimbursement rate.**

**XIII. Public Comments (per School Board Policy 187) – No public comments**

**XIV. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Staff Retirements
- B. Admin Contract Review
- C. Start College Now – Fall Semester
- D. Early College Credit – Fall Semester
- E. Approve Summer School Course and Teachers
- F. District Calendar

**XIV. Closed Session: The Board will consider moving into Closed Session**

**A. Per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g)** to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved and **Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(f)** to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

**B. Per Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c)** to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility - Administrative Contracts/Evaluation/Performance.

Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Julie Strenn to move into Closed Session. Motion carried by roll call vote: MaryAnn:Yes, Chris:Yes, Nathan:Yes, Julie: Yes, Rick: Yes. Motion carried.

**XV. Reconvene into Open Session**

Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Rick Winters to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried (5-0).

**XVI. Take any Action from Closed Session**

No action taken.

**XVII. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Nathan Bowden to adjourn at 8:56pm. Motion carried (5-0).

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*Julie Strenn, School Board Clerk*

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*Transcribed by Jen Zawislan, Administrative Assistant to the  
District Administrator and Board of Education*