

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2014 – Lothrop School Gymnasium

### Select Board Members Present:

Melanie Clerihew  
Clarence Greeno  
Eric Pearsons

### Also Present:

Matthew Harvey, Moderator  
Helen McKinlay, Town Clerk  
Jean Parker, Asst Town Clerk  
Kelly Giard, Recording Secretary  
Approximately 105 guests

Select Board Vice Chairman Thomas “Hank” Pelkey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Moderator Jim Carvey resigned prior to the meeting due to some health issues.

Motion by John Haverstock and seconded by Margaret “Peg” Flory to nominate Matthew Harvey as Moderator. Motion passed unanimously.

Boy Scout Troop 110 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Terry Poor and seconded by Sue Markowski to suspend Article 1 and proceed with the School District meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Harvey read the following warning:

*The legal voters of the Pittsford Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Lothrop School Gymnasium on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.*

**Article 1.** Moderator Harvey read the following article: *“To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.”*

Melanie Clerihew explained that the School Board received 2 resignations in January and has been acting as a 3-member board since. The members of the School Board were introduced and a little history of each family was given. Ms. Clerihew also introduced Principal Sara Raabe and Superintendent John Castle.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Article 2.** Moderator Harvey read the following article: *“To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the expenses of the Pittsford Town School District.”*

Motion by Dave Markowski and seconded by Myra Poor to approve the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Article 3.** Moderator Harvey read the following article: *“To have presented by the Board of School Directors of the Pittsford Town School District its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.”*

Motion by Joseph Gagnon and seconded by Sue Markowski to approve.

Ms. Clerihew explained that the enrollment is decreasing; therefore there is a decline in funding dollars from the State. Currently, there are 232 students enrolled; 211 equalized pupil ratio; pre-school allocation is 60%; High School is 103%; and the K-6 graders are 100% ratio allocations.

There were no budgetary questions from the voters.

The motion passed unanimously with 1 nay vote.

**Article 4.** Moderator Harvey read the following article: *“To transact any other business proper to be done when met”*

Motion by Terry Poor and seconded by Melissa Disorda to approve.

A slideshow presentation was shown to the voters showing some of the activities that the students participate in throughout the year.

Anita Paynter expressed thanks to the board members for functioning in the capacity with the resignations and recommended that an open investigation be considered with regard to possible misrepresentation with regard to past members and principal.

Ms. Clerihew invited any resident to the School District meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 4, 2014 in order to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the Municipal Office Building.

**Article 5.** Moderator Harvey read the following article:

- a. *A Pittsford School District Director for a term of two (2) years – Bonnie Bourne*
- b. *A Pittsford School District Director for a term of three (3) years – Eric Pearsons*
- c. *A Pittsford School District Director for an unexpired one (1) year of a three (3) year term – Tony Alback, Melissa Disorda and Sue Markowski*
- d. *A Pittsford School District Director for an unexpired two (2) years of a three (3) year term – Clarence Greeno*

- e. *A School Director for Otter Valley Union High School District #8 for a term of three (3) years – Jim Rademacher*


**Article 6.** Moderator Harvey read the following warning: *“Shall the voters of the Pittsford Town School District appropriate the sum of Three Million Seven Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars and no cents (\$3,708,711.00) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.*

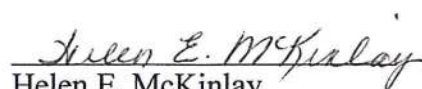
Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kelly Giard, Recording Secretary

  
Matthew Harvey, Moderator

  
Ernest Clerihew, Board of Civil Authority

  
Helen E. McKinlay,  
Town Clerk & Treasurer