

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools
Michael Goldbeck, Asst. Superintendent
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Couse opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mae Mitchell, PPCSD / CTI student was awarded the Dutchess BOCES Student of Distinction award and Dr. Hooley, District Superintendent of DC BOCES, Mr. Mitchell Shron, Principal CTI and Mr. White were in attendance for the recognition. Mr. Shron introduced the student and commented on her creativity in the classroom. Ms. Mitchell was presented with a certificate from BOCES.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation on the expenses and revenue summary. The report will be posted on the district's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

Dr. Handler commented on the give back days necessary due to only using two emergency closing days. He was going to suggest May 21st and May 23rd. This conversation will show up later in his report.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Couse polled the Board on possible dates for the Compensation Committee and Audit Committee to meet. It was the consensus of the committees to meet on May 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the Compensation Committee and May 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the Audit Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:
 - a. Status of the Energy Performance Project
 - b. Update on the Capital Project (Auditorium Project)

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- c. Possible security services
2. Dr. Handler informed the board of a need to change the 2019-2020 School District Calendar.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the 2019-2020 School calendar as presented during this board meeting. A copy of said calendar will be on file with the district clerk.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-226)

3. Dr. Handler discussed the possible days to give back to the students for the two unused snow days.
4. Dr. Handler informed the board of a need to modify the 2018-19 Board of Education calendar.

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the 2018-2019 Board of Education Meeting Calendar as presented during this board meeting. A copy of said calendar will be on file with the district clerk.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-227)

5. Dr. Handler discussed the status of the Middle School Gymnasium Project. There was a lengthy conversation on the need to plan to complete this project. The Board requested a walk-through of the gymnasium at the next meeting so they could see the actual deficiencies in the gym.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 9:

1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from March 6, 2019.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Extra-Classroom Report (February 2019)
3. To approve the attached recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and authorize the funds to implement special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations noting that these are confidential.

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4. To approve the attached Millbrook Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for twenty-five (25) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$937.86 per student, for a total of \$23,446.50 for the 2018-2019 school year.
5. To declare a lift that is used to adjust lights and other aerial work in the auditorium as surplus per the memorandum from Richard McKibben, Director of School Facilities.
6. To approve the 2019 Summer School Proposal.
7. To accept as a first reading of the following policies based on the recommendation of the policy committee:
#1900 - Parent and Family Engagement
8. To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board, for economic considerations and the efficiency of the program, has determined it would be appropriate to abolish two (2) instructional positions in the Pine Plains Central School District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following instructional position: One (1.0) F.T.E. Teaching Assistant position, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area; One (0.6) F.T.E. Art position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to notify the affected individuals of the abolition of the above-described positions effective July 1, 2019, whereupon said individuals shall be placed on the respective tenure area recall lists for a period of seven (7) years, pursuant to Section 2510(3) of Education Law.

9. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby create Two (2) F.T.E. instructional positions as follows:

-One (1.0) F.T.E. Physical Education / Health position, in the Physical Education and Health tenure areas

-One (1.0) F.T.E. Social Worker position, in the Social Worker tenure area.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-228)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions for 2019-20 Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following propositions be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 21, 2019:

1. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

SHALL the Pine Plains Central School District establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the “District-wide Renovations, Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund - 2019”, which shall be for the purpose of paying for all or part of the renovation, reconstruction and construction of District buildings, including planning costs, site work, renovation, reconstruction and construction costs and associated costs; the ultimate amount of such fund shall be \$5,000,000, to be transferred from unassigned appropriations in the general fund to the “District-wide Renovations, Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund” over a period five (5) years?

2. BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase three (3) 35-passenger or larger school bus, including cameras and necessary equipment, at a maximum estimated cost of \$60,054 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$180,162; and that the sum of \$180,162, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish these propositions in the designated newspapers four (4) times prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-229)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Stephanie Ronca, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2019.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-230)

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to extend the request from Jessica Beckingham, School Monitor for an unpaid sick leave until March 22, 2019.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-231)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Barbara Schmitt-Miller from the position of part-time teacher aide, effective March 31, 2019.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-232)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Brandon Racano to the position of part-time food service helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period effective, March 25, 2019 at a salary of \$13.28 (Step 1 of the SRP Salary Schedule).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-233)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following individuals from probationary to permanent, after successfully completing the 26-week probationary period: -Susan Prezzano, School Monitor, effective April 3, 2019.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-234)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the 2018-19 Substitute List, pending completion of all requirements:

- Luann Wendover, Home Tutor
- Alicia Oliveri, Food Service Helper
- Sarah Sartorini, Teacher Aide, Clerical,

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-235)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Handler discussed the changing of the mail order prescription plan from Express Scripts to IngenioRx effective July 1, 2019.

He also mentioned that Julie Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal and Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal would be participating in a parent outreach to speak about the upcoming standardized testing and encouraging parents not to opt-out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the discussion of matters pertaining to a personnel issue and contractual issue at 8:02 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-236)

The District Clerk was excused and Mr. Couse was declared Clerk Pro Tem.

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Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-237)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-238)

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Couse, Clerk Pro Tem