

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
*James Griffin, absent*  
Heidi Johnson  
*Joseph Kiernan, absent*  
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. He mentioned that the Board gathered at 6:30 pm to tour the Middle School Gymnasium.

Mr. Couse recognized the 2018-19 Musical Honors Group participants. He presented each member with a certificate for their hard work. He then paused the meeting at 7:10 pm to have a brief celebration. The meeting resumed at 7:19 pm.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, reviewed the draft version of the proposed 2019-20 budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments from the public.

Dr. Handler recognized the passing of Janette Finkle, retired employee, with a moment of silence.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Richard McKibben gave an overview of the 2019 Fire Safety Report. Dr. Handler commended the custodial and maintenance staff for their diligence in keeping the buildings safe as there were only three minor violations.
2. Dr. Handler shared the outcome of the 6:30 pm tour of the building.
  - a. Dr. Handler polled the board on the topic of the Gymnasium Floor project. It was the consensus of the Board to delay this project by one year.
  - b. Dr. Handler mentioned that while on the tour, the Board had the opportunity to view the piano that was donated to the district. Once the piano is appraised the donation will be put on an agenda to be accepted.

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3. Dr. Handler shared with the Board of Education that the first day of state testing being conducted via computer based testing was disastrous. The district would not be conducting a second day of computer based testing.
4. Dr. Handler gave updates on the Energy Performance and Auditorium projects.
5. Dr. Handler discussed a request to reinstate the LEGO 1<sup>st</sup> VEX Challenge Coach position.

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to reinstate the LEGO 1<sup>st</sup> VEX Challenge Coach position and appoint Nicholas Dean to the position per the 2018-19 PPFE advisor schedule, pro-rated.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-239)**

6. Dr. Handler shared with the Board that the district received the new SRO contract for the 2019-20 school year, noting a substantial increase in the fee. He informed the Board that he would look into why there was such an increase and look into other options for school security.
7. Dr. Handler discussed Mr. Scott's proposal to merge field hockey with Rhinebeck Central School District. It was the consensus of the Board to merge.
8. Dr. Handler shared the monthly administrators' reports with the Board.
9. Dr. Handler invited the Board to attend the Annual Transportation Appreciation Breakfast on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am – 9:00 am.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 10:

1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from March 20, 2019.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
  - a. Appropriation Report (February 2019)
  - b. Revenue Report (February 2019)
  - c. Cafeteria Report (February 2019)
  - d. Treasurer's Report (February 2019)
  - e. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
3. To acknowledge budget transfer #59 in the amount of \$26,883.22.
4. 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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5. To accept as a first reading and adoption of the following policy based on the recommendation of the Superintendent:  
- #5152 – Admission of Non-Resident Students
6. To accept as a second reading and adoption of the policy based on the recommendation of the policy committee:  
-#1900 – Parent and Family Engagement
7. To approve the following overnight field trip:  
-FFA State Convention, Syracuse, NY, May 2-4, 2019, S. Rhoades
8. To approve the attached Arlington Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for fourteen (14) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$804.38 per student, for a total of \$11,261.32 for the 2018-19 school year.
9. To approve the attached Kingston City School District's contract for health and welfare services for four (4) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$989.00 per student, for a total of \$3,956.00 for the 2018-19 school year.
10. To approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Board of Education establish the following Standard Work Day for Pine Plains Central School District employees whose titles are reported to Employees' Retirement System (ERS), as required by the NYS and Local Retirement System, effective July 1, 2018:

8.0 Hr/Day Positions

- Account Clerk
- Assistant Director of School Facilities & Operations
- Automotive Mechanic
- Clerk 12 Month
- Custodial Worker
- Custodial Worker - Summer
- Custodian
- Director of Facilities II
- Head Bus Driver
- Maintenance Worker
- Microcomputer Network Specialist
- Microcomputer System Director
- Payroll Clerk
- Personnel Assistant
- School Courier/Custodial Worker
- Secretary to the Superintendent
- Supervisor of Transportation
- Typist 10 Month
- Typist 12 Month

7.0 Hr/Day Positions

- Assistant Cook

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Athletic Trainer  
Cook  
School Monitor (JR/SR High)

6.0 Hr/Day Positions  
Bus Driver  
Bus Driver/Custodial Worker  
Bus Driver Summer  
Food Service Helper  
LPN  
RN  
School Monitor  
School Monitor Summer  
Senior Food Service Helper  
Teacher Aide  
Teacher Aide - Summer

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-240)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign an employment related agreement regarding Employee No. 2884 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-241)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve a request from Meghan Rizzo, special education teacher, for an unpaid child rearing leave from approximately on October 2, 2019 through January 2, 2020.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-242)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Robin Bruno from the position of typist, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 29, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-243)**

The Board publically thanked Mrs. Bruno for her many years of service and wished her well on her retirement.

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Alyse Michels from the position of bus driver, effective April 12, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-244)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to grant Marrison Rose, Bus Driver, an extended sick leave, according to Article XIV (2) (a) (b) (i-v) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel effective March 26, 2019 and ending on or about April 4, 2019, per her physician's documentation.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-245)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to extend the request from Jessica Beckingham, School Monitor for an unpaid sick leave until April 3, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-246)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the employment status of Brian Walsh, maintenance worker, from probationary to permanent after successfully completing his twenty-six week probationary period, effective April 19, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-247)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to change the employment status of Thomas Miller, bus driver, from probationary to permanent after successfully completing his twenty-six week probationary period, effective April 23, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-248)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Christa Brenner as the Unified Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year at a stipend of \$2,000.00.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-249)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) to the 2018-19 substitute list, pending completion of all requirements:

- Amanda Rockefeller, Typist
- Nicole Cooper, Long-term School Monitor

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-250)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

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**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.  
**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-251)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk