

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson, arrived at 7:03 pm  
Joseph Kiernan, arrived at 7:03 pm  
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.

Dr. Handler introduced the principal candidate, Carolyn Fields to the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2019-20 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, reviewed the entire proposed 2019-20 school budget. He noted that this budget is the lowest budget to budget increase in the past five years. Dr. Handler shared that either Michael or himself attended the local town board meetings to discuss the budget.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Audit Committee will meet on June 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Handler discussed information regarding the upcoming legislation on stop arm bus cameras.
2. Dr. Handler discussed the impact the new time off to vote legislation will have on the district.
3. Mr. Scott, Athletic Director presented the NFHS Video program to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 3:

1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from April 23, 2019.

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2. To accept the following policies as a second reading and adoption on the recommendation of the Policy committee:

- Policy #5605 - Voter Registration for Students
- Policy #9620 - Child Abuse in an Educational Setting

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.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-275)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby appoints Carolyn Fields, possessing a School Building Leader certificate, to a four year probationary term as a Building Principal, commencing on July 1, 2019 and terminating on June 30, 2023 in the tenure area of Elementary Principal, at a salary of \$120,000 per year. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-276)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Paul Laibach to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive civil service class position effective May 2, 2019 at a rate of \$18.83 per hour for a twenty-six week probationary period (Step 1 per the 2018-19 SRP Salary Schedule).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-277)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to rescind a portion of Motion #2018/19-201 appointing Dave Owens as the Tennis Coach for the 2018-19 spring season.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-278)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as substitutes for the 2018-19 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Corey Hoffman, teacher aide, school monitor
- Anthony Sequeira, teacher aide, school monitor

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-279)**

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**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Couse noted that it was Teacher Appreciation Week and he wanted the teaching staff to know that they are all appreciated for their hard work and dedication.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of negotiations under Taylor Law at 7:50 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-280)**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:45 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-281)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-282)**

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Couse, Clerk Pro Tem