

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson, arrived at 7:15 pm  
Joseph Kiernan  
Jean Stapf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2019-20 Code of Conduct and District Safety Plan**

Dr. Handler reviewed the minimal changes to the documents. No comments by the public.

Mr. Couse closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm and continued to the regular meeting.

**OPEN MEETING**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded the motion to ratify the results of the Annual Meeting and Election held on May 21, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-283)**

**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 the following topics:
  - a. Pine Plains Free Library promotion of student writers.
  - b. Phil Amelio softball / baseball tournament
  - c. Lions' Club Scholarship
  - d. His attendance at the Breakfast for the MHAL Scholar-Athletes and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Honors Breakfast.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 6:

1. To accept the following financial documents:

- Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
- Treasurer's Report (April 2019)
- Cafeteria Report (April 2019)
- Budget Status (April 2019) - Revenue Status Report (April 2019)
- Budget Transfer #62 in the amount of \$156,890.57
- Extra-Classroom Activity Report (April 2019)

2. 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.

3. To approve the 2019 Summer Curriculum grants totaling \$27,300 per the memorandum from Brian Timm, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

4. To declare the following items as surplus per the memoranda from Richard McKibben, Director of Facilities: -Telephone System -Chorus / Band Risers -Cash registers

5. To declare the following items as surplus per the memorandum from Richard Harlin, Director of Technology: -Computer parts

6. To amend the Salary and Benefits Agreement for the 2018-19 school year per the attached agreement in regards to accrued vacation days for the following employees:  
-Laura Rafferty, District Treasurer  
-Aileen Waltke, Payroll Clerk

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-284)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to create the Mindfulness Club per the memorandum from Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal at a stipend of \$841 for the 2019-20 school year.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-285)**

**NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to change Maria Hutman's employment status as a typist from probationary to permanent after successfully

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completing her twenty-six week probationary period, effective June 2, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-286)**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael Cooper to a four year probationary term as a Physical Education and Health teacher in the Physical Education and Health tenure areas, effective September 3, 2019 and terminating on August 31, 2023. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at a salary of \$57,451 for the 2019-20 school year, Column A, Step 1 (new position).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-287)**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kaitlyn Niznik to a four year probationary term as an Art teacher in the Art tenure area, effective September 3, 2019 and terminating on August 31, 2023. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at a salary of \$59,179 for the 2019-20 school year, Column A, Step 2 (replaces Culbreth).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-288)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Brandon Racano from the position of part-time food service helper effective May 8, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-289)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

Ms. Johnson arrived, 7:15 pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a personnel contractual matter at 7:15 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-290)**

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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 7:45 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-291)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-292)**

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Couse, Clerk Pro Tem