

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
James Griffin  
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 welcomed our volunteers to volunteer recognition night. The meeting was paused at 7:02 pm to have a small reception with light refreshments. The meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Couse asked for a moment of silence for Jack Pulver who recently passed away. Mr. Pulver was a long-time supporter of the FFA. The Board sends their condolences to the Pulver family.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Audit Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss reports from our external and internal auditors.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:
  - a. New light fixtures for Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School;
  - b. Discussed the possibility of providing free breakfast for all students;
  - c. Rave reviews for the FFA Banquet;
  - d. Status of solar panels;
  - e. Administrators' monthly reports;
  - f. Discussed the book dedication for our retirees.
2. The Guidance department and Mr. Brian Timm discussed the upcoming School Counseling Plan.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 15:

1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from May 1, 2019, May 8, 2019 and May 22, 2019.

2. To approve the following Financial Reports:  
-Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements (Warrants)

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.

4. To approve the following transportation agreements between the district and the Town of Ancram Summer Camp for the following dates: 7/18/19, 7/25/19, 8/2/19, and 8/8/19.

5. To acknowledge the appropriation of \$180,162 from the 2018-19 fund balance to purchase buses per the memorandum from Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance.

6. To approve the attached proposal from James Glynn in regards to the completion of the Pre-K Effectiveness Study.

7. To approve the attached Agreement between Abilities First, Inc and the district to provide program and services for student(s) with special needs for the 2019-20 school year including Summer 2019 with an estimated cost of \$55,035.

8. To approve the agreement between Therapeutic Horizons and the district for the purpose of physical therapy services at an approximate cost of \$80,000 for the 2019-20 school year.

9. To approve the attached Agreement between Taconic Occupational Therapy and the district to provide occupational therapy for a particular student for the Summer 2019 and 2019-20 school year with an estimated cost of \$6,700.

10. To approve the agreement between the district and the Astor Services for Children and Families to provide program and services to student(s) with special needs for the 2019-20 school year and Summer 2019 at an approximate cost of \$51,875.

11. To approve the attached Agreement between The Devereux Foundation and the district to provide educational services for student(s) for the 2019-20 school year including Summer 2019 with an estimated cost of \$59,625.

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12. To approve the attached Agreement between the Anderson Center for Autism and the district to provide program and services to a particular student with special needs for the 2019-20 school year including Summer 2019 with an estimated cost of \$161,063.22.

13. To approve the attached Agreement between Amy Foley-Maeder, OT and the district to provide occupational therapy for the 2019-20 school year including Summer 2019 with an estimated cost of \$82,000.

14. To approve the attached Agreement between Patrick Kelly, SLP and the district to provide speech therapy for the 2019-2020 school year including Summer 2019 with an estimated cost of \$12,800.

15. Be It Resolved, the Pine Plains Central School District's Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Martin Handler to sign the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program contract on behalf of the District.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-293)**

**NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent 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 Brittany Cruickshank, who possesses a Provisional School Social Worker Certification, to the position of school social worker, in the school social worker tenure area, to serve a four year probationary term, effective September 4, 2019 through September 3, 2023, at an annual salary of \$66,889, for the 2019-20 school year.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-294)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent 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 Amber Rennie, who possesses a Provisional School Social Worker Certification, to the position of school social worker, in the school social worker tenure area, to serve a four year probationary term, effective September 4, 2019 through September 3, 2023, at an annual salary of \$65,116, for the 2019-20 school year.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-295)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to grant Edwin Clum, 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 June 20, 2019 - June 26, 2019.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-296)**

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Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Audrey Kemp from the position of Cook, effective June 30, 2019, and to appoint Audrey Kemp to the Cook Manager position for a twenty six week probationary period, effective July 1, 2019 at a step 7 of the SRP 2019-20 salary schedule at a rate of \$22.56 per hour.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-297)**

Dr. Handler remarked that Mrs. Kemp's work performance has been outstanding.

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Drew Weaver from the provisional position of Supervisor of Transportation, effective June 30, 2019 and to reinstate Drew Weaver to a Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2019 at Step 8 per the SRP 2019-20 salary schedule.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-298)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Ross from the position of Head Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2019 and to appoint Lauren Ross to the Provisional Supervisor of Transportation at a salary of \$60,000 for the 2019-20 school year.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-299)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the attached list of temporary custodial workers for 2019 Summer at the rate of \$13.00 per hour (July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019) per the memorandum from Mike Remsburg, Assistant Director of School Facilities:

- Carol Duntz
- Zane Fabrizio
- Christy Hall
- Justin Kemp
- Wanda Lopez
- Cody McCarthy
- Melissa Michetti
- Jeanne Stroly
- Pam Tompkins
- Janice Weise

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-300)**

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

- Justin Cooper, uncertified teacher
- Brian Minholz, uncertified teacher

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-301)**

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**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**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 7:55 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-302)**

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 8:15 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-303)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2018/19-304)**

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Couse, Clerk Pro Tem