

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson, *absent*  
Joseph Kiernan, arrived at 7:07 pm  
Jean Stapf, *absent*

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent  
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**OPEN MEETING**

Mr. Couse opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Budget Workshop - Instructional Technology / Special Education / BOCES

Mrs. Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel and Mr. Harlin, Director of Technology shared the changes in their respective budgets.

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 7:07 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Compensation Committee will be meeting on March 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Transportation Report – Ms. Lauren Ross, Transportation Supervisor gave an overview of the “Day in the Life of a PPCSD Bus Driver”.
2. Dutchess BOCES 2020-21 Budget – Dr. Handler asked the Board if they wanted to invite Dutchess BOCES to a meeting so that they could review the Administrative Budget with the Board before they vote on it at the end April. It was the consensus of the Board not to invite them to the meeting.
3. Administrators' Reports

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda #1 – 8:

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1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from February 19, 2020.

2. To approve the following Financial Reports:

- Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
- Treasurer's Report (January 2020)
- Cafeteria Report (January 2020)
- Appropriations Status Report (January 2020)
- Revenue Status Report (January 2020)
- Extra-Classroom Activity Report

3. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves and authorizes submission of the Property Tax Report Card for 2020-2021 to the State Education Department, as presented at this meeting.

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.

5. To approve an overnight field trip:

- FFA Camp Out, Pine Plains, NY, S. Rhoades
- Today Show, NYC, NY, S. Rhoades

6. To approve the 2020 Summer School proposal.

7. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED in the event that Gian Starr, Principal of the Cold Spring Early Learning Center ("Cold Spring") is not physically present in the school on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2019-2020 school year, the Seymour Smith Principal, Julie Roberts, be appointed "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above-referenced persons.

8. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED in the event that Tara Grieb, Principal of the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School ("High School") is not physically present in the High School on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2019-2020 school year, the Assistant Principal, Nathaniel Zacek, be appointed "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above-referenced persons.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-178)**

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**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve changing the employment status of Lauren Ross, Director of Transportation, from probationary to permanent after successfully completing her twenty-six week probationary period, effective March 16, 2020.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-179)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve changing the employment status of Anthony Rivera, Head Bus Driver, from provisional to probationary, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective March 16, 2020.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-180)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Martina Marchese from the position of special education teacher effective June 26, 2020.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-181)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to change the employment status of Jillian Blass from part-time to full-time teacher aide effective March 1, 2020 (replaces Shea).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-182)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the employment status of Chelsie Hurley, Teacher Aide, from probationary to permanent after successfully completing her twenty-six week probationary period, effective March 19, 2020.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-183)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation from Thomas Miller from the position of bus driver, effective March 12, 2020.
2. To appoint Thomas Miller to the position of School Monitor, a labor class civil service position for a twenty-six week probationary period effective March 13, 2020, at a rate of \$18.65 / hr. (Step 8 of the 2019-20 SRP Salary Schedule)

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-184)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following presentation:

1. To accept the resignation from Samantha Harrison from the position of school monitor pending her appointment to the position of Bus Driver effective February 29, 2020.
2. To appoint Samantha Harrison to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective, March 1, 2020 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at a rate of \$19.21/ hr. (Step 1 of the 2019-20 SRP salary schedule).

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**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-185)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint James Reilly to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective, March 9, 2020 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at a rate of \$19.21 / hr. (Step 1 of the 2019-20 SRP salary schedule).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-186)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Virgil Shook to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective, March 1, 2020 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at a rate of \$21.76 / hr. (Step 5 of the 2019-20 SRP salary schedule).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-187)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Maurice Georgiou to the position of school monitor, a labor class civil service position, effective, March 9, 2020 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at a rate of \$15.23 / hr. (Step 1 of the 2019-20 SRP salary schedule).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-188)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Arent praised Mr. Sandman, Biology Teacher, for hosting a potluck gathering just for students / staff to get to know each other.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-189)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:43 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-190)**

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-191)**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem