

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President (Absent)
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan
Jean Stap

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 – Expense and Revenue Summary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Compensation Committee met earlier this evening at 6:00 pm in the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School. They discussed the non-represented employees' salaries and benefits for the 2020-21 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ***Fire and Building Safety Report*** – Mr. Richard McKibben, Director of School Facilities discussed the Fire Safety Inspection report.
2. ***COVID-19*** - Dr. Handler spoke about the COVID-19 issues and the need to close school. There was a discussion with the Board in regards to the educational plan for the students while not being able to attend school. BOE questions followed.
3. ***Dutchess BOCES 2020-21 Budget*** – Dr. Handler shared the summary of the tentative BOCES Administrative Budget. He polled the Board if they were able to attend the scheduled meeting on the 28th of April at 7:00 am to vote.
4. ***School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring System*** – Dr. Handler shared that Dutchess County is offering a free stopped school bus violation monitoring service. This service would assist the county in ticketing individuals for passing a stopped school bus illegally.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda #1 – 3:

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1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from March 4, 2020, as amended.
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 following Financial Reports: -Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-192)

NEW BUSINESS

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 19, 2020:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase four (4) 35-passenger or larger school bus, including cameras and necessary equipment, at a maximum estimated cost of \$62,110 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$248,440; and that the sum of \$248,440, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish these propositions in the designated newspapers four (4) times prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-193)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution regarding the amendment of the 2019-20 School District Calendar:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York has declared a State of Emergency pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there has been a declaration of both a Statewide and local State of Emergency, necessitating school closings for a period of weeks, as determined by both the Governor of New York State and the County Executive, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve maximum state aid in accordance with Education Law §3604 and Executive Orders 202.2 and 202.4, school districts must exhaust any available time, including snow days and vacation days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the 2019-2020 School District Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which amended

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calendar shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-194)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to extend the appointment of Anya Tomaseski as a long-term substitute special education teacher until June 30, 2020 at the pro-rated salary of \$57,451.00 (Step A1, per the PPF Contract.)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-195)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Lynne Cantey, from the position of Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2020.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-196)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Joseph Deveau, from the position of Music Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2020.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-197)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Una Hanaburgh from the position of Typist, effective March 23, 2020.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-198)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Lisa Shanley, part-time teacher aide, effective March 20, 2020.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-199)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-200)

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-201)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-202)

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem