

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OPEN MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT based upon notices and health advisories issued by the Federal, State and Local officials and pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 of the Governor of the State of New York, dated March 12, 2020, relating to the COVID-19 emergency, the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education Regular Meeting that took place tonight on April 28, 2020 was closed to the public. The meeting was accessible to the public, via video conferencing. The video will be recorded and a transcript of the meeting will be made available at a later date.

<https://media.dcboces.org/Watch/a7G4RrYe>

Any public questions or comments could have been emailed to j.tomaine@ppcsd.org

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance reviewed the 2020-2021 school budget in its entirety. He presented the information via a powerpoint, available on the district website.

Board questions and comments followed.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adopt the 2020-2021 School District Budget in the amount of \$33,525,450 an increase of \$596,572 or 1.81%, to be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting at a date to be determined.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-205)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution in regards to the 2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card as presented to the Board at this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is directed to

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submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-206)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were sent in.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Please note there will be an Audit Committee meeting prior to the May 6, 2020 Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Handler polled the Board if they would be willing to reimburse the drivers for mileage volunteering to deliver meals during the COVID-19 quarantine.

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the payment of mileage for volunteers delivering food.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-207)

2. **COVID-19** – There was a discussion regarding the submittal of the Continuity Education Plan to NYSED.
3. **Reopening of School** – The district is waiting on the Governor’s decision on reopening of schools and if there would be a traditional summer school. Also, the district is waiting to hear information on whether the meals will continue through the summer.
4. Dr. Handler reported that he is meeting with other school officials through Zoom meetings, Anne Arent, Chip Couse, Brian Timm and Dr. Handler will be having a phone conference with Regent Wills and he is attending the House of Delegates meeting remotely.
5. Dr. Timm and Mrs. Grieb discussed:
 - a. Social Workers, Guidance, School Psychologists and Astor Employees are working hard in their outreach to our students.
 - b. PPS is busy with the CSE meetings, about 8 virtual meetings a day.
 - c. Kudos were given to Julie Roberts and Brian Timm for the Cold Spring and Seymour Smith Literacy week. It was a well put together group effort.
 - d. Updates on Stissing Mountain Jr. / Sr. High School

Mr. Kiernan commented about the importance of mental and physical health for our staff during this pandemic.

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District casts its one vote to **approve** the Board of Cooperative Educational Services' Administrative Budget in the amount of \$4,626,362 and further authorizes the District Clerk to certify that a Board resolution has been adopted and to complete the Ballot by placing an "X" next to the approval or disapproval indicating how the vote has been cast and by completing the certification contained on the ballot.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-208)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: The Trustees or Board of Education of each component school district, by resolution, may cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled and only one vote for each candidate. A maximum of three (3) votes may be cast in this election. No more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services at one time, except as provided in Education Law § 1950 (2-a). The Pine Plains Central School District Board of Educations casts its vote for the following individuals:

Thomas Hurley

District of Residence: Millbrook

Michael Riehl

District of Residence: Beacon

Gully Stanford

District of Residence: Hyde Park

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-209)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the consent items agenda #1 – 4:

1. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from April 1, 2020.
2. To accept as first reading on the recommendation of the policy committee the following policies:
 - #5100 Student Attendance
 - #8130 Safety Plans and Teams
 - #8131 Pandemic Planning
3. To approve the attached Pre K proposal per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal.
4. To approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby create one (1) F.T.E. instructional positions as follows: one (1) full-time Teaching Assistant

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-210)

PERSONNEL

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 Austin Kadle, who possesses a Visual Arts, Initial Certificate to a four year probationary term as an Art teacher in the Art tenure area, effective September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2024. 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 \$62,585, Masters Step 2 of the PPFE 2019-20 Salary Schedule. (Replaces G. Baker)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-211)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf 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 Samantha Mason, who will possess an Early Education B-2, Initial Certificate to a four year probationary term as an Elementary teacher in the Elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2024. 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, Bachelors Step 1 of the PPFE 2019-20 Salary Schedule, pending completion of all requirements. (Replaces L. Cantey)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-212)

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 Carla Newsome, who will possess a Music, Initial Certificate to a four year probationary term as a Music teacher in the Music tenure area, effective September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2024. 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, Bachelors Step 2 of the PPFE 2019-20 Salary Schedule, pending completion of all requirements. (Replaces W. Newell)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-213)

Mr. Kiernan 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 Alec Sisco, who will possess a Music, Initial Certificate to a four year probationary term as a Music teacher in the Music tenure area, effective September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2024. 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

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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 \$61,711, Bachelors Step 3 of the PPFE 2019-20 Salary Schedule, pending completion of all requirements. (Replaces J. Deveau)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-214)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf 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 James Wiley, who possesses a Biology 7-12, Professional Certificate to a three year probationary term as a Biology teacher in the Secondary Science tenure area, effective September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2023. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least two 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 \$72,273, Masters Step 7 of the PPFE 2019-20 Salary Schedule, pending completion of all requirements. (Replaces R. Starzyk)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-215)

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Heidi Johnson commented that there cannot be enough communication during this pandemic. She suggested reaching out to the community and parents with more than the current information being provided.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-216)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine