

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Fred Couse, President (Absent)*  
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 May 20, 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.dcbooces.org/Watch/a7G4RrYe>

Any public questions or comments could have been emailed to [j.tomaine@ppcsd.org](mailto:j.tomaine@ppcsd.org)

Mrs. Arent opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were sent in.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Handler updated the Board on the following topics:
  - a. Annual Meeting and Election
2. Mr. Starr shared with the Board the upcoming events taking place at Cold Spring Early Learning Center.
3. Ms. Roberts detailed the events happening at Seymour. She also shared that the parents were looking for other learning options.
4. Mrs. Babcock discussed the ELL proposal. She gave her two secretaries kudos for the extra effort during the pandemic.

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5. Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:
  - a. Graduation ideas for Class of 2020;
  - b. Creating a Re-Entry Committee for the fall opening of school;
  - c. Internet access available to students;
  - d. Status of Summer School;
  - e. Providing internet access to families in need of assistance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. To approve the following financial documents:
  - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements - Warrants.
2. To approve the attached Kindergarten proposal per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal, at an approximate cost of \$5,636.
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 attached Hyde Park Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for six (6) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$973.64 per student, for a total of \$5,841.842 for the 2019-2020 school year.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-223)**

**NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc., dated May 15, 2020, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

*Aye: Anne Arent, Amie Fredericks, Fred Couse, Jean Stapf Abstain: James Griffin*

**VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2019/20-224)**

**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Renee Shea to the position of typist, a competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective June 1, 2020 at a rate of \$18.57 per hour (Step 3 of the 2019-20 SRP Salary Schedule).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-225)**

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following workers for the June 9, 2020 Annual Meeting and Election Ballot Count and authorize the District Clerk to make any substitutes, if necessary:

- a. Linda Rosato, Chairperson
- b. Frank Nannetti, Vote Teller
- c. Patricia Nannetti, Vote Teller
- d. Rose Diaz, Vote Teller
- e. Helene Sellerberg, Vote Teller
- f. Debbie Demchuk, Vote Teller
- g. Jean Osofsky, Vote Teller
- h. Joan Taylor, Vote Teller
- i. Anne Noone, Vote Teller
- j. Abigail Audenino, Vote Teller, Volunteer
- k. Patricia Audenino, Vote Teller, Volunteer
- l. Laura Rafferty, Vote Teller, Volunteer
- m. Maria Hutman, Vote Teller, Volunteer

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-226)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as fall coaches for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all requirements, per the 2020-21 Coaches Stipend Schedule:

Football:

Head Coach- Rob Scott,  
Asst Coach - Michael Cooper,  
Asst Coach - Steve Huber  
Asst Coach -,Travis MacDonald  
Asst Coach - Jeremy Weber

Boys Soccer:

Head Coach - Steve Sandman  
Modified Coach - Marco Reyes

Girls Soccer:

Head Coach - James Wiley  
Asst Coach - John Blackburn

Cross Country:

Head Coach - Stephanie Rhoades

Volleyball:

Co-Head Coaches - Erin Doyle and Corrina Burton  
Modified Coach - Larry Strickland

Field Hockey:

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Head Coach - Deb Beam

Modified Coach - Kerri Seidel

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-227)**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Ms. Heidi Johnson commented that there cannot be enough communication during this pandemic.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a personnel / contractual matter at 8:48 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-228)**

The District Clerk was excused and Mrs. Arent was declared Clerk Pro Tem.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 9:15 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-229)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2019/20-230)**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem