

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2020

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent  
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**OPEN MEETING**

Mr. Couse opened the virtual meeting at 7:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Meeting was held remotely on Google Meet. Parents / Community members submitted questions regarding the re-opening plan and the Board / Superintendent / Brian Timm / Principals answered questions as the questions were submitted. Questions included the following topics in regards to the re-entry plan:

1. Mask guidelines;
2. What the classrooms will look like in Cold Spring (i.e. toy use, shared materials);
3. Remote learning expectations for the younger grades;
4. How hybrid will be conducted.
5. Staffing if school stays remote;
6. Updates to air filtration?
7. Requested extra communication from all staff dealing with students (TA's and Aides);
8. What criteria the school is using to return completely in person.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Audit Committee will be meeting on August 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm using Google Meet.  
Policy Committee will be presenting a policy for approval tonight.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. The re-entry plan was discussed and the Superintendent, BOE, Principals and Dr. Timm fielded questions from the general public.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the following actions with regard to the reopening of school on September 9, 2020:

-The Cold Spring ELC, the Seymour Smith ILC and the Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School will reopen utilizing remote instruction in accordance with the format planned by each school

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remote learning committee.

-The five self-contained special education classes will reopen on the schedule outlined in the 2020 Reopening Plan.

-Out of district special education students will attend their programs in accordance with the reopening format adopted by the service provider.

-There will be a review of the status of instructional program every five weeks with changes being recommended to the Board of Education.

-The Board grants the authority to the superintendent to make changes in the instructional format should circumstances warrant.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-29)**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 7.

1. To approve the following Financial Reports: -Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements -Cafeteria Report
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 declare the following items as surplus, per the memoranda from Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance and Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal:  
-Refrigerator -Tables -Wall mats
4. To accept as the first reading and adoption of the following policies: # 8410 – Student Transportation #1500 – Public Use of School Facilities
5. To approve the agreement between the District and Alexandra Reilly for speech services for a homebound student for the 2020-21 school year per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services.
6. To approve the following District Plans for the 2020-21 school year:
  - a. Professional Development Plan
  - b. AIS Plan
  - c. Counseling Plan
7. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Order and Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Linda Daines v. Town of Stanford & Pine Plains Central School District: AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Order and Judgment.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-30)**

### **NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Anthony Rivera from the position of Head Bus Driver, effective August 6, 2020.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-31)**

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to appoint a tenure-track teacher:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Courtney Kaufmann, who possesses an English Language Arts 7-12 certification, to a four year probationary term as an English Teacher in the Secondary English 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 \$66,093 (Step 3, Masters).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-32)**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Joan Taylor to the position of Claims Auditor for the 2020-21 school year at a stipend of \$5,928.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-33)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept the resignation from John Blackburn from the position of assistant girls' soccer coach.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-34)**

### **PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the negotiations at 8:08 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-35)**

The District Clerk was excused and Mr. Couse was declared Clerk Pro Tem.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

### **ADJOURN**

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:25 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-36)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-37)**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem