

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, absent
Jean Stapf
Joseph Kiernan, arrived 7:04 pm, left 7:06 pm connection issues

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.

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 on October 7, 2020 will be closed to the public. The meeting will be accessible to the public, via video conferencing. The video will be recorded and minutes of the meeting will be made available at a later date.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting was held remotely on Google Meet.

Parents emailed the Board of Education on the following topics in regards to the transition from full remote to hybrid for Grades Pre-K – Grade 5:

1. Guidelines on typical childhood sicknesses (cold, flu, allergies)
2. Transportation times and capacity
3. Model for students that continue to stay in full-remote
4. Changes to the Special Education schedule
5. Privacy concerns for students in full-remote if classes are recorded.
6. Mask requirements
7. Asynchronous vs synchronous teaching

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 7:04 pm.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the 2019-20 Year-End Audit. Mr. Victor Churchill, reported to the board the findings of the report.

Mr. Kiernan departed at 7:06 pm due to connectivity issues.

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the Annual Financial Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2020 of the Pine Plains Central School District and the Extra-Classroom Activity Fund performed by Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs P.C.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-66)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mr. Scott shared that Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School was awarded the 2019-20 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction. Only four districts in Section IX received this award.
2. Dr. Handler and Brian Timm discussed the Reopening plan – to reopen in hybrid for grades Pre-K - 5
 - a. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to support this transition.
3. The Board reviewed the changes made to the Board of Education goals. The new goals will be adopted at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Mr. Goldbeck discussed the 2019-20 Fund Balance report, Reserves Plan and the new COVID-19 expenditure report.
5. Dr. Handler shared the current tax collection report prepared by Mrs. Joan Taylor, District Tax Collector.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to amend the attached 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Calendar.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-66)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 4.

1. To approve minutes from regular meetings July 15, 2020 and August 12, 2020.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
 - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - b. Treasurer's Report (July and August)
 - c. Appropriation Status (July and August)
 - d. Revenue Status (July and August)
 - e. Acknowledge Budget Transfer in the amount of \$49,614.89
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 agreement between St. James Tutoring, Inc. and the district to provide tutoring to students for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$52.00 per hour.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-67)

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NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the unappropriated unreserved fund balance of the Pine Plains Central School District at the close of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is increased by \$77,000, due to a year-end transfer of unused funds in the Capital Fund;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the following transfer of funds: \$77,000, from unexpended appropriations in the 2019-2020 General Fund to the Capital Reserve - DWRRC 2019.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-68)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation of Corey Hoffman from the position of teacher aide pending her appointment to the position of full-time health aide, effective October 13, 2020.
2. To appoint Corey Hoffman to the position of health aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective October 13, 2020 at a salary of \$16.19/hr., step 3 of the SRP 2019-20 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-69)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Nia Carey to the position of health aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective October 13, 2020 at a salary of \$16.19/hr., step 3 of the SRP 2019-20 salary schedule

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-70)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve approve an unpaid leave for employee #1409, effective September 23, 2020 and ending on or about February 1, 2021

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-71)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to grant Employee #2877 an extended sick leave, according to Article XIV (2) (a) (b) (i-v) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel effective September 30, 2020 through October 20, 2020, pending documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-72)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Chelsey Hurley from the position of teacher aide, effective October 21, 2020.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-73)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Lisa Baldwin to the following extra-curricular advisor positions:

- Music and Vocal Director - \$3,500.00
- Theatre Arts Director - \$3,500.00

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- Theatre Arts Choreographer - \$2,000.00

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-74)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as winter / spring coaches for the 2020-21 school, pending completion of all requirements at the rate of per the 2020-21 PPF contract.

- Justin Cooper, Boys Head Basketball Coach
- Steven Huber, Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- Samantha Mason, Girls Basketball Head Coach
- Brooke Hapeman, Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- Michael Cooper, Winter Track Head Coach
- Michael Cooper, Spring Track Head Coach
- Les Funk, Softball Head Coach
- Brooke Hapeman, Softball Assistant Coach
- Steven Huber, Baseball Head Coach
- Justin Seeley, Baseball Assistant Coach
- Jeremy Weber, Baseball Assistant Coach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-85)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

1. None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the negotiations at 8:05 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-76)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-77)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-78)

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem