

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 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  
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 November 4, 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**

The meeting was held remotely. Comments were accepted via email and the meeting was livestreamed.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:
  - a. Snow pilot program
  - b. Architect walkthrough
  - c. Vehicle for the Supervisor of Transportation
2. Dr. Handler noted that Mrs. Taylor submitted a report on the tax collection to date.
3. Dr. Handler discussed the need to change the Board of Education meeting calendar.

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the revised Board of Education meeting calendar.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-89)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-11, removing number 7 (ratifying the SRP contract):

1. To accept the regular meeting minutes from September 16, 2020.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Warrants
  - Cafeteria Report (September 2020)
  - Appropriation Status Report (September 2020)
  - Revenue Status Report (September 2020)
  - Treasurer's Report (September 2020)
  - Extra Classroom Report (September 2020)
  - Acknowledge COVID-19 monthly report
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 2020-21 Tax Assessment Changes and Corrections Log.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District/Location Code 71313 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk and the certifications of record maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk.
6. To accept as a first reading of the following policies on the recommendation of the Policy Committee:
  - Policy #0000 - Mission Statement and Vision
  - Policy #4000 - Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines
  - Policy #4511 - Textbook Selection and Adoption
  - Policy #4513 - Library Materials Selection
  - Policy #9240 - Recruiting and Hiring
  - Policy #9700 - Professional Learning and Staff Development
  - Policy #0105 - Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity in Education
8. To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement with the Pine Plains Federation of Educators to modify APPR Guidelines.
9. To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement with the Pine Plains Federation of Educators in regards to electronic delivery of instruction.

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10. To authorize the Superintendent to sign the attached agreement with the Astor Services for Children and Families.

11. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District (the "Board") is considering a capital project to upgrade heating and air conditioning units and install security window film at the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the anticipated components, phases and aspects of the Project; and WHEREAS, the Project consists of upgrades involving replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind, on the same site; and/or routine activities of educational institutions; and WHEREAS, the Project qualifies as a Type II action as defined in the Regulations promulgated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and known as the State Environmental Quality Review. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the proposed Project, as described above, is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-90)**

**NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Pine Plains School Related Personnel to ratify the contract.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-91)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Bruce Meglio to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position at step 8 per the 2020 SRP salary schedule, effective November 23, 2020 for a twenty-six week probationary period.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-92)**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Frank Tamburrino to the position of school monitor, a labor class civil service position at step 8 per the 2020 SRP salary schedule, effective November 23, 2020 for a twenty-six week probationary period.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-92)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the negotiations at 7:20 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-93)**

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:00 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-94)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-95)**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem