

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2021

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
Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Couse opened the virtual meeting at 7:00 pm. Mr. Couse commended Mrs. Stracher, Mrs. Hinsch and Mrs. Macri on their work on the newsletter “Thrive”.

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 January 6, 2021 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.

One comment was emailed to the Board regarding mask protocol and hybrid learning.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:
 - a. New equity committee met
 - b. School Business Official position posted
 - c. Dutchess County Department of Health meeting regarding the vaccine
 - d. Virtual Capital Conference attendance

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-6:

1. To approve the minutes from November 18, 2020, December 2, 2020 and December 16, 2020.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
 - Claims Auditor’s Reports and Cash Disbursements

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- Revenue Report (November 2020)
- Appropriations Report (November 2020)
- Cafeteria Report (November 2020)
- Treasurer's Report (November 2020)
- COVID-19 Report (November 2020)

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 travel abroad proposal per the memorandum from Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal.

5. To discard 1,846 non-fiction book titles per the memorandum from Craig Morton, School Media Specialist.

6. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Dr. Handler, Superintendent of Schools, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health ("DBCH"), as presented to the Board at this meeting, upon approval of the District's legal counsel.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-117)

NEW BUSINESS - BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual to the 2020-21 substitute list, pending completion of all requirements:

- Paige Scott - Teacher, Teaching Assistant and Teacher Aide

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-118)

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public commented on mask protocol, student success and hybrid program.

A board member inquired on procedures for COVID, encourage everyone to take COVID seriously and discussed the events that happened at the Capitol building.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-119)

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Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk