

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson  
Joseph Kiernan (absent)  
Jean Stapf

**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.

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 20, 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.dcboces.org/Watch/a7G4RrYe>

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was held remotely. Comments were accepted via email and the meeting was livestreamed. No comments were sent in.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:

- a. Status of Buildings
  - i. High number of staff being quarantined / isolation until possible covid cases are vetted.
- b. Administrators' Monthly Reports
- c. Fire Safety report – No deficiencies were found by the inspector! Congratulations to the entire Facilities and Operations Department.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mr. Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, gave an overview of the budget process. He reviewed the 2020-21 budget, discussed the tax levy limit, the outlook for 2021-22 school year. He also touched on the factors that impact budget development and the schedule for budget planning.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-8:

1. To approve the minutes from January 6, 2021.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Extra-Classroom 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 attached Wappingers Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for two (2) resident students attending non-public school at a rate of \$813.72 per student, for a total of \$1,627.44 for the 2020-21 school year.
5. To accept the Corrective Action plan as described in the Pine Plains Central School District Audit Report Management Letter for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
6. To approve the Charter and By-Laws for the following Extra-Curricular Clubs:
  - Class of 2027
  - Class of 2026
  - Class of 2025
  - Class of 2024
  - Class of 2023
  - Class of 2022
  - Class of 2021
  - Digital Photography
  - FFA
  - GSA
  - Key Club
  - Literary Magazine
  - Math Honor Society
  - National Honor Society
  - Yearbook - HS
  - SADD / SUCCESS
  - Student Council
  - Varsity Club
  - VEX Robotics
7. To approve the following resolution in regards to a tax certiorari:  
**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Settlement

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The Beverly Kerzner Property v. Town of Gallatin & 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 Judgment.

8. To approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education President is hereby authorized, along with the Superintendent of Schools, to sign the Certification Form for the submission of the 2020-21 school year Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver Application for the District's Section 3012-d APPR Plan to the State Education Department. A copy of said application shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-120)**

**NEW BUSINESS - BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to rescind a portion of Motion #2020/21-58 that appointed Nelson Zayas to the position of LEGO Curiosity Club / Robotics (SS).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-121)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve a request from Leah O'Connor for an unpaid leave of absence from the position of typist effective February 8, 2021 and ending on or about April 12, 2021.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-122)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve a request from Judy Harpp for an unpaid leave of absence from the position of school monitor effective February 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2021.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-123)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve an Unpaid Child Rearing Leave for Kerri Lyman, secondary English teacher, effective on or about April 12, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2021 according to the PPFE, Inc. Agreement, Article 6.3.1 - 6.3.9.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-124)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to appoint the following individual to the 2020-21 Substitute List, pending completion of all requirements:

-Elizabeth Coletti, Substitute Teacher

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-125)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment of a particular person at 7:55 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-126)**

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 8:33 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-127)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-128)**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem