

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Couse, President  
Anne Arent, Vice-President  
Amie Fredericks  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson  
Joseph Kiernan  
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 February 3, 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>

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Dr. Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal, Ms. Julie Roberts, Seymour Principal, Mr. Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal and Mr. Robert Scott, Athletic Director reviewed their respective budgets for the 2021-22 school year. They reported a very flat budget for the coming year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal reviewed enrollment, staffing and performance data from his building. He thanked staff, parents, administration and all of the students for the collaborative effort to maintain the hybrid model.

Mr. Robert Scott, Athletic Director, discussed the status of the athletics in regards to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Dr. Handler discussed the utilizing a full-remote day instead of using a snow day due to the number of snow days already utilized.

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Dr. Handler discussed the nomination and election for the Dutchess County BOCES Board of Education process.

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to nominate Karen Smythe for the election process for the Dutchess County BOCES Board of Education.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-129)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to nominate Richard Keller-Coffey for the election process for the Dutchess County BOCES Board of Education.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-130)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to nominate Edward McCormick for the election process for the Dutchess County BOCES Board of Education.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-131)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. To approve the minutes from January 20, 2021.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Treasurer's Report (December 2020)
  - Cafeteria Report (December 2020)
  - Appropriations Status Report (December 2020)
  - Revenue Status Report (December 2020)
  - COVID-19 Report (December 2020)
3. To acknowledge a budget transfer in the amount of \$31,694.67
4. 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.
5. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Inspection for the 2021-2022 school year of all school buildings of the Pine Plains Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of the students, teachers, and employees therein, was completed on January 14, 2021. There were no hazards found.
6. To approve the attached Kingston City School District's contract for health and welfare services for one (1) resident student attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,117.00 per student, for a total of \$1,117.00 for the 2020-21 school year.

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7. To approve the agreement between the district and Red Hook Central School District for the purpose of providing program and services for two students with special needs per the attached contract for the 2020-21 school year.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-132)**

**NEW BUSINESS - BUSINESS**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves student participation in the following “higher risk” winter sports, subject to strict adherence to the guidelines and protocols established by state and local health authorities, as well as the rules of Section IX of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association: Basketball

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-133)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the request from Thomas Hill for an extended sick leave per the SRP contract, effective February 11, 2021 to February 24, 2021, per documentation from his physician.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-134)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve an Unpaid Child Rearing Leave for Maureen Carney, elementary teacher, effective on or about March 23, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021 according to the PPF, Inc. Agreement, Article 6.3 - 6.3.9.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-135)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individual as a substitute for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

-Gabrielle Breault, teacher

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-136)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment of a particular person at 8:10 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-137)**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:45 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-138)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-139)**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem