

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President, Absent
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, Absent
Joseph Kiernan, arrived 7:03 pm
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 17, 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>

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Richard Keller-Coffey, Community Education Facilitator presented a PowerPoint presentation on child abuse prevention.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Handler discussed his rationale of calling the three-hour delay, then his decision to revert to full-remote on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. He apologized for the confusion it may have caused the community and staff.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Michael Goldbeck presented the 2021-22 budgets for Facilities & Operations and Transportation. Mr. Richard McKibben, Director of School Facilities and Mr. Mike Remsburger, Asst. Director of Facilities and Operations reviewed the highlights to the Facilities and Operations budget. Ms. Lauren Ross, Transportation Supervisor reviewed the changes to the Transportation budget.

Board questions and comments followed regarding COVID-19 expenditures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mr. Couse shared that the Board received an email from a parent concerning her desire to have school return to in-person learning as soon as possible.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Ms. Julie Roberts, Seymour Principal, reviewed the status of Seymour Smith. She reviewed student performance data from her building.

Dr. Martin Handler, Superintendent, discussed the plan to increase in person learning for all students. The Re-entry committee will be meeting to plan on how best to implement this while adhering to the CDC guidelines.

Dr. Handler also discussed how difficult it is to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccination. He commended Rachel Kashimer from the Dutchess County Executive's Office for her assistance in helping our staff schedule appointments.

Board questions and comments followed.

Dr. Handler reviewed the Administrators' monthly reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to nominate the following individuals as candidates for the DC BOCES Board of Education:

Karen Smythe
Richard Keller-Coffey
Edward McCormick
Robert Rubin

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-140)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To approve the minutes from February 3, 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.

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4. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby creates the following position:

One (1) full-time position of teacher aide, civil service position in the non-competitive class

5. To approve the following SEQRA TYPE II RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District is seeking approval for funding of a Public School Improvements Project (the "Proposed Project"), which includes renovation activities to the Cold Spring Early Learning Center building, the Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center building and the Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School building. The proposed project includes interior improvements, renovations, roof replacements, masonry reconstruction, and boiler replacement, including related equipment and ancillary or related work required in connection therewith (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, together known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the proposed Scope of Work and views the collective Scope of Work as one Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has consulted with its Architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) [maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in the structure or facility] and/or (2) [replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site] and/or (10) [routine activities of educational institutions] of the SEQRA Regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, as lead agency under SEQRA for the Proposed Action, hereby determines that the renovation, reconstruction and improvement activities to the Cold Spring Early Learning Center building, the Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center building and the Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School building, as described above, including ancillary and related work required in connection therewith is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) and/or (2) and/or (1) of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have any significant environmental impacts, and that no further review of the Proposed Action is required.

The contact person for the Pine Plains Central School District is: Dr. Martin D. Handler, Superintendent.

6. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District hereby approves the submission of the tax levy limit of

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\$24,710,043 as calculated in accordance with guidance set forth by the State Comptroller, the Commissioner of Education, and the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

7. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the proposal from Municipal Solutions, Inc. to provide fiscal adviser consultant services with respect to the District's proposed Capital Improvement Project in accordance with their proposal, dated February 8, 2021, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and authorizes the Board President to execute the proposal on behalf of the School District. A copy of such proposal shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

8. To approve the Charter and By-Laws for the following Extra-Curricular Clubs:

-Sci-fi Club

-Mindfulness Club (Stissing)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-141)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to extend the appointment of Deborah Rabasco as a long-term substitute for the position of elementary, from March 22, 2021 to June 30, 2021, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at an annual salary of \$66,093 (Step 3, Column D), prorated for the period of service and pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 142)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Kelsie McDowell as a long-term substitute for the position of English Teacher, from February 16, 2021 to June 30, 2021, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at an annual salary of \$58,313 (Step 1, Column A), prorated for the period of service and pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 143)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to rescind a portion of Motion #2019/20-227 appointing Steven Sandman from the position of Head Boys Soccer Coach for the 2020-21 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 144)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend a portion of Motion #2019/20-227 change the appointment of Marco Reyes from Assistant Coach to Head Coach for the 2020-21 school year at the approved 2020-21 PPFE stipend.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 145)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Nicholas Morrissey as a volunteer basketball and football coach for the 2020-21 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 146)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

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Joe Kiernan asked how the roofs made out with the amount of snow we have been accumulating.

Dr. Handler reminded the Board that the Stanford Grange is hosting a Chicken Marsala Dinner on February 20, 2021. See the Grange website for details.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-147)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk