

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools  
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk  
Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Timm, 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 March 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**

Mr. Michael Goldbeck presented the 2021-22 budgets for Special Education, BOCES and Instructional Technology. Mr. Richard Harlin, Director of Technology and Mrs. Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services reviewed the changes to their respective budgets for the 2021-22 school year and gave a status report of their departments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Questions from the community on the following topics:

1. Budget process
2. Reopening Committee members and staffing

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. COVID-19 Vaccinations
2. Re-opening school, preparations for transitioning from two day in-person to four day.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-4:

1. To approve the minutes from February 17, 2021.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Treasurer's Report (January 2021)
  - Cafeteria Report
  - Appropriations Status Report
  - Revenue Status Report
  - COVID-19 Report
  - Acknowledge Budget Transfer in the amount of \$18,135.12
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 accept as first reading the following policy based on the recommendation of the policy committee:  
#0101: Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-148)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the employment status of Rebecca Skinner, Head Bus Driver, from probationary to permanent after successfully completing her twenty-six week probationary period, effective March 9, 2021.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 149)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve the request from Thomas Hill for an extended sick leave per the SRP contract, effective February 24, 2021 through March 24, 2021, per the documentation from his physician.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21- 150)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment of a specific person at 8:26 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-151)**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 9:00 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-152)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-153)**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem