

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President, *arrived 8:15 pm*
Anne Arent, Vice-President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, *arrived at 7:38 pm*
Joseph Kiernan
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Arent 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 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>

Dr. Martin Handler introduced the following guests from DC BOCES: Dr. Hooley, District BOCES Superintendent, Matthew Metzger and Gully Stanford, BOCES Board Member. Mr. Metzger presented the 2021-22 Dutchess County BOCES budget presentation to the Board of Education.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Michael Goldbeck presented a summary of the expenditure budget through a powerpoint presentation.

Board questions and comments followed.

Heidi Johnson arrived at 7:38 pm.

Dr. Handler introduced Monica LaClair to the Board of Education. She was selected for the Assistant Superintendent for Business vacancy. Mr. Michael Goldbeck is retiring after 15 years of dedicated service to the district.

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Monica LaClair, who possesses a Professional School District Business Leader Certificate, to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Business, in the Assistant Superintendent of Business tenure area, to serve a three (3) year probationary term (due

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to her prior grant of tenure in an administrative tenure area in another District in New York State), effective June 21, 2021 through June 20, 2024, with compensation at the per diem rate of \$604.17 for each business day worked from June 21, 2021 through June 30, 2021, and with a gross annual salary of \$145,000 effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an Agreement dated March 12, 2021 between the District and Ms. LaClair, governing her terms and conditions of employment as Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective as of June 21, 2021; a copy of said Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-154)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The audit committee met on March 3, 2021, minutes were submitted.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Transition to 4-day in-person model
2. Highlights from the Administrators' reports

Board questions and comments followed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Fred Couse arrived at 8:15 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-12:

1. To approve the minutes from March 3, 2021.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Extra-Classroom (February 2021)

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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 second reading and adoption of the following policy based on the recommendation of the policy committee:
#0101: Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms
5. To approve the attached Arlington Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for eleven (11) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$888.33 per student, for a total of \$9,771.63 for the 2020-2021 school year.
6. To approve the attached Rhinebeck Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for one (1) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,246.25 per student, for a total of \$1,246.25 for the 2020-2021 school year.
7. To approve the attached Millbrook Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for thirty-two (32) resident student attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,199.80 per student, for a total of \$38,393.60 for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. To approve the attached Saugerties Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for one (1) resident student attending non-public schools at a rate of \$757.34 per student, for a total of \$757.34 for the 2020-2021 school year.
9. To approve the 2021 Summer School Proposal per the attached memorandum from Dr. Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent.
10. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby create one (1) F.T.E. instructional position as follows:
One (1.0) F.T.E. Speech Teacher, in the Speech and Hearing tenure area
11. To abolish the following non-instructional civil service non-competitive class positions:
-Two (2) part-time teacher aide positions (Cold Spring)
-Two (2) part-time teacher aide positions (Seymour Smith)
12. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby create three (3) F.T.E. non-instructional position as follows:
Two (2.0) F.T.E. teacher aide
One (1.0) F.T.E. auto mechanic
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-155)

NEW BUSINESS

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution for the **Capital Reserve Fund Proposition**:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 18, 2021:

SHALL the Pine Plains Central School District establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the “District-wide Renovations, Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund - 2021”, which shall be for the purpose of paying for all or part of the renovation, reconstruction and construction of District buildings, including planning costs, site work, renovation, reconstruction and construction costs and associated costs; the ultimate amount of such fund shall be \$5,000,000, to be transferred from unassigned appropriations in the general fund to the “District-wide Renovations, Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund” over a period five (5) years?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish these propositions in the designated newspapers four (4) times prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-155)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution on the **Capital Project Proposition**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 18, 2021:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to (A) construct improvements to and reconstruct various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$7,727,992; (B) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$3,506,434 from the 2016 and 2019 Capital Reserve Funds; (C) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid and the amount expended from the 2016 and 2019 Capital Reserve Funds; and (D) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$4,221,558 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-156)

There was a question regarding the timeline for the announcement and plans of the project.

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to grant Stephanie Brockway, Reading / Special Education Teacher, an extended sick leave, according to Article 6.1.2.2.1 - 6.1.2.2.5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc. effective on or about April 5, 2021 through June 25, 2021, pending documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-157)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following employees from part-time to full-time, effective March 19, 2021:

Nicole Kluge, Teacher Aide

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-158)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from Leah O'Connor to extend her unpaid leave of absence from April 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-159)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint David Tuttle to the position of Auto Mechanic, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective April 1, 2021 at a rate of \$27.22, Step 9 per the SRP 2020-21 Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-160)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Adria Couse, part-time teacher aide, effective March 19, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-161)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Carl Ursini, part-time senior food service helper, effective March 17, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-162)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to terminate Michelle Ecker from the position of teacher aide effective February 10, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-163)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Angela Johnson to the position of teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective April 5, 2021 at a rate of \$16.92, step 4 per the SRP 2020-21 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-164)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Emily Gannon to the position of part-time teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective April 5, 2021 at a rate of \$16.43, step 3 per the SRP 2020-21 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-165)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to rescind the following coaching appointments for the 2020-21 school year per the memorandum from Robert Scott, Athletic Director:

-Stephanie Rhoades, Cross Country Coach

-Marco Reyes, Boys Soccer Coach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-166)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint the following as a coach for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all requirements, at their contractual rate:

Les Funk - Head Softball Coach

Brooke Hapeman - Asst. Softball Coach

Bernie Lonczak - Asst. Softball Coach

Steve Huber - Head Baseball Coach

Justin Seeley - Asst. Baseball Coach Baseball

Michael Cooper - Head Track Coach

Samantha Mason - Asst. Track Coach

Jeremy Weber - Asst. Track Coach

Rachel Beam - Volunteer Coach, Varsity Field Hockey.

Tom Giorgio - Volunteer Coach, Varsity Baseball

Joe Damon - Volunteer Coach, Varsity Baseball.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-167)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Rachel DeSimone as a substitute certified teacher for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of al

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-168)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-169)

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Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk