

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools  
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk  
Michael Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent  
Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal  
Chris Boyd, Assistant Principal  
Larry Anthony, Director of Food Service

**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 April 7, 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>

**Dutchess BOCES Student of Distinction for March**

Employees from Dutchess County BOCES joined our virtual meeting to congratulate Jacob Shackleton for being the BOCES Student of Distinction for March 2021. The Board, Administration and BOCES congratulated Jacob for his hard work.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mrs. Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal and Mr. Chris Boyd, Stissing Assistant Principal presented to the Board on the status of Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School. They highlighted pre-pandemic / pandemic scores, interventions and supports, student survey, and marking period data.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mr. Michael Goldbeck gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021-22 revenue and expenditure budgets.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, continued**

2. Mr. Larry Anthony, Food Service Director presented the status of his department. He reviewed some new products that the department is using.
3. Dr. Handler updated the board on the CS Arch Initiative. The newsletter on the proposed Capital Project is being mailed out soon. The video on the project is up on the website.

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4. Dr. Handler commented on the current status of the district. He noted that it is nice to have the students back to four days a week.

**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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-9:

1. To approve the minutes from March 17, 2021.
2. To approve the following financial reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Treasurer's Report (February 2021)
  - Cafeteria Report (February 2021)
  - Appropriations Status Report (February 2021)
  - Revenue Status Report (February 2021)
  - COVID-19 Report (February 2021)
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 following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education engages the services of Barclay Damon, LLP, as bond counsel to the District in connection with a proposed capital project, in accordance with their proposal dated March 2021, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which proposal is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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5. 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. Teaching Assistant, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area.
6. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby abolish one (1) F.T.E. non-instructional position as follows: One (1.0) F.T.E. Teacher Aide
7. To modify the 2021 Summer School Proposal to include three teacher aides.
8. To accept a donation of a drafting table from Constance Sayre.
9. To approve 2021-2022 School Calendar

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

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following motions:

1. To accept the resignation from Megan LaCourse from the position of teacher aide, pending her appointment to the position of teaching assistant, effective April 15, 2021.
2. To appoint Megan LaCourse to the position of Teaching Assistant, with a four year probationary term in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, effective April 16, 2021 through April 15, 2025, step 1 per the PPF contract, pro-rated for time of service.

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

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Justin Seeley from the position of ELA teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

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

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following employees from part-time to full-time, effective April 9, 2021:

Cynthia Palmasi-Krimmer, Teacher Aide

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

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from George Angier, Custodial Worker, effective June 1, 2021 for the purpose of retirement.

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

The Board thanked Mr. Angier for his many years of service to the district and wished him well on his retirement.

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. griffin seconded a motion to acknowledge a request for an extended sick leave per the attached memorandum.

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

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend motion #2020/21-163 to change the date from February 10, 2021 to February 28, 2021.

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

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

There was a discussion on when the meetings would return to in-person rather than remote via zoom.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment of a specific person at 8:50 p.m.

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

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 9:10 p.m.

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

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Couse, Clerk Pro Tem