

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2021-22 Budget**

Mr. Goldbeck, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, presented the 2021-22 Budget.

No questions / comments from the public were submitted.

**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 May 5, 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>

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Questions from the community on the following topics:

1. Vaccination information dissemination
2. Status of in-person meetings

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Policy Committee meeting on May 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Compensation Committee meeting on June 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
2. Stissing's poll for parents on choices for graduation guests
3. Grange hosting "Meet the Candidate Night:" on Facebook Live

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4. Custodial / Facilities request for summer work

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-5:

1. To approve the following financial reports:

- Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
- Treasurer's Report (March 2021)
- Cafeteria Report (March 2021)
- Appropriations Status Report (March 2021)
- Revenue Status Report (March 2021)
- COVID-19 Report (March 2021)

2. To approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$58,447.84.

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 attached Somers Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for four resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$695.36 per student and one student at a pro-rated rate of \$530.56, for a total of \$3,312.00 for the 2020-21 school year.

5. To approve the creation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders' Club per the memorandum from Michael Cooper, Health / Physical Education Teacher.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-178)**

**NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS/FINANCE**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District hereby opposes the charter school application of the Little Water Preparatory School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall, in consultation with legal counsel, prepare a letter of opposition to the Little Water Preparatory School to be submitted to the Charter Schools Institute of the State University of New York.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-179)**

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**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Michael W. Remsburger, Assistant Director of Facilities for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2021.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-180)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Justin Cooper from the position of teaching assistant, effective June 30, 2021.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-181)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment of a specific person at 7:57 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-182)**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 9:10 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-183)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the request from Barbara Morrison for an extended sick leave per the SRP contract, effective May 6, 2021 per the documentation from her physician.

**VOTE: Motion failed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-184)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

There was a discussion the participation in grades 3-8 ELA / Math testing.

**ADJOURN**

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-185)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk