

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
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

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.dcbooces.org/Watch/a7G4RrYe>

BOCES STUDENT OF DISTINCTION

Evan Matthews, CTI Student was awarded the Student of Distinction from Dutchess BOCES for his hard work and dedication as a student at DC BOCES. Mitchell Shron, BOCES Principal presented the certificate.

AWARD OF TENURE

Mr. Couse started the tenure awards with a speech on the importance of tenure and the history of it has in the district.

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Erin Curnan in the Library Media Specialist tenure area effective May 21, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-186)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Kimberly Puglisi in the Reading and Special Education tenure areas effective June 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-187)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Ryan Carney in the Guidance Counselor tenure area effective July 1, 2021.

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-188)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Erin Essery in the Art tenure area effective September 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-189)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Ryan Orton in the Secondary Social Studies tenure area effective September 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-190)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Susan Poole-DiSalvo in the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-191)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Courtney Reichelt in the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-192)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Steven Sandman in the Secondary Science tenure area effective September 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-193)

Meeting was paused to a short celebration for the tenure recipients. Cookies and juice were served. The meeting resumed at 7:29 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Anderson Center for Autism recruitment for their classroom being hosted at Cold Spring
2. District hosted vaccine clinic had 142 vaccines;
3. CDC Guidelines does not apply for Pre-K – 12;
4. Graduation – up to six tickets for guests;
5. Guidance Counselor Proposal; Mr. Couse was not in support of this proposal.

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6. Discussion of Administrators' Reports;
7. Commendation for Food Service Department for their excellent service for the budget vote;
8. Gratitude for the poll workers for their long hours for the budget vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-7:

1. To approve the following financial reports:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Extra-Classroom
2. 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.
3. To declare the attached list of musical equipment as surplus per the memorandum from Erin Marlow, Music Teacher.
4. To declare a treadmill as surplus per the memorandum from Jeremy Weber, Physical Education Teacher.
5. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby create one (1) F.T.E. non-instructional position in the non-competitive class as follows:
one (1) full-time Custodial Worker.
6. To approve the attached proposal for Pre-K screening for the 2021-22 school year per.
7. To approve an overnight field trip to Oswegatchie, Croghan, NY, S. Rhoades, 7/23/21 – 7/26/21.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-194)

NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS/FINANCE

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve and ratify the Annual Meeting and Election tallied on May 19, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-195)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Niknesha Hairston, who possesses an English Language Arts 7-12 certification, to a three year probationary term as an English Teacher in the Secondary English tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 and terminating on August 31, 2024. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least two years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at a salary of \$74,457 (Step 7, Masters).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-196)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Rebecca Spielberg, who possesses a Speech and Language Disabilities certification, to a four year probationary term as a Speech Teacher in the Speech tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 and terminating on August 31, 2025. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at a salary of \$67,084 (Step 3, Masters).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-197)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Linda Couse, Teacher Aide for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-198)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Phyllis Burnett, Food Service Worker, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-199)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the request from Linda Elem for an extended sick leave per the SRP contract, effective May 24, 2021 per the documentation from her physician.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-200)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the request from Barbara Morrison, Bus Driver for an unpaid leave of absence from May 6, 2021 until June 21, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-201)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Karen Falco to the position of Teacher Aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week

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probationary period at a rate of \$17.43, Step 5 of the 2020-21 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-202)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to appoint Cody McCarthy to the position of custodial worker, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective June 1, 2021, at a salary of \$18.72 per hour (Step 1 of the 2020-21 salary schedule).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-203)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to appoint George Miles. Jr. to the position of custodial worker, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective July 1, 2021, at a salary of \$19.00 per hour (Step 1 of the 2021-22 salary schedule).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-204)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Michael Cooper to the position of First Responders Club Advisor for the 2020-21 school year, volunteer.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-205)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Nicholas Morrissey as substitute teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-206)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-207)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk