

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President
Anne Arent, Vice-President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 7:02 pm
Joseph Kiernan, arrived 7:07 pm
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School by Mr. Couse. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was a public hearing on the District's Code of Conduct and District Safety Plan. There were no comments or questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eight community members spoke on the following topics:

- Mask breaks
- Guidelines for mask usage (indoors and outdoors)
- Pressure on vaccinations from staff / administration
- 5th grade graduation ceremony
- Remote Wednesdays
- Political views infiltrating the classroom
- Critical Race Theory

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Discussed regulations on mask use for students / faculty
2. Vaccinations
3. Testing for COVID-19

OLD BUSINESS

None

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes for the April 21, 2021 regular meeting;
2. To approve the following financial reports:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Treasurer's Report (April 2021)
 - Cafeteria Report (April 2021)
 - Appropriations Report (April 2021)
 - Revenue Status Report (April 2021)
 - COVID-19 Expenditures Report (April 2021)
3. To approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$181,951.84;
4. 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.
5. To accept as the first reading of the following policies at the recommendation of the policy committee:
 - a. Policy 8131: Pandemic Planning
 - b. Policy 8130: School Safety Plans
 - c. Policy 0100: Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
 - d. Policy 0115: Student Harassment, Bullying Prevention and Intervention
6. To accept as the first reading and adoption of the following policy at the recommendation of the policy committee:
 - a. Policy 6705: Federal Funds Purchasing
7. Whereas, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for 2020-21 100K Project which bids were opened publicly on Friday, May 28, 2021, at 2PM, all of which were over budget;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all of the bids for the 2020-21 100K Project.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-208)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Thomas Hill from the position of Auto Mechanic, effective July 31, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-209)

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Karen Falco from the position of Teacher Aide, effective May 26, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-210)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation of Valerie Fumasoli from the position of part-time school monitor pending her appointment to the position of teacher aide, effective June 2, 2021.
2. To appoint Valerie Fumasoli to the position of teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position for a 26-week probationary period effective June 3, 2021 (replaces K. Falco) at a rate of 19.48 step 9 per the 2020-21 SRP salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-211)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to provisionally appoint Christopher Wyant to the position of Head Custodian, a competitive class civil service position at a rate of \$25.62/hr., Step 10 of the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule, effective July 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-212)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Vanessa Stoner to the position of Senior Food Service Helper, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective April 9, 2021 at Step 6, \$17.12 per hour per the SRP 2020-21 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-213)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Cheryl Zubradt to the position of teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position for a 26-week probationary period effective September 7, 2021 (replaces L. Couse) at a rate of \$17.17/hr. Step 4 of the 2021-22 SRP salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-214)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals for 2021 Summer School, pending completion of all requirements:

- a. Tonya Sauca- Special Education Teacher, \$100.00 per day
- b. Emily Elsasser - Special Education Teacher, \$100.00 per day
- c. Kerri Siedel – Elementary Summer School Teacher*, \$125.00 per day
- d. Nicole Gerringer – Elementary Summer School Teacher. \$100.00 per day
- e. Ariana Wright – Elementary Summer School Teacher*, \$125.00 per day
- f. Sarah Wood - Elementary Summer School Teacher, \$100.00 per day
- g. Jennifer McCord – Teacher Assistant, \$15.00/hr.
- h. Jeanne Strolly – Teacher Assistant, \$15.00/hr.
- i. Christi Lanberg-Palomba – Teacher Assistant, \$15.00/hr.
- j. Denise Weaver – Teacher Aide*, \$15.00/hr.
- k. Nicholas Morrissey – Teacher Aide, \$12.50/hr.
- l. Cheryl Zubradt – Teacher Aide, \$12.50/hr.
- m. Corey Hoffman – Teacher Aide, \$12.50/hr.

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n. Jennifer Funk – Secretary/Nurse, \$150.00 per day

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-215)

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 through June 21, 2021 per documentation from her physician.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-216)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individual as a substitute for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

-Derek Slater, Custodial Worker

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-217)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Arent seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the discussion of matters pertaining to a contractual issue at 8:03 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-218)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:40 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-219)

Mrs. Arent moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-220)

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Respectfully submitted,

Chip Couse, Clerk Pro Tem