

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Couse, President, absent
Anne Arent, Vice President
Amie Fredericks
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan
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 Mrs. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CS Arch gave a presentation on the upcoming Capital Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the community spoke on the following topics:

- Mask mandate
- Government overreach, let parents decide what is best for their children
- Concerns over possible COVID-19 vaccine mandate
- Social media practice
- Mask breaks
- Personal political beliefs infiltrating in the classroom

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. COVID-19 Timeline
2. Discussion of the highlights of the Administrators' Reports
3. Retiree Book Dedication

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-14:

1. To approve the following financial reports:

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- Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Treasurer's Report (May 2021)
 - Cafeteria Report (May 2021)
 - Appropriations Report (May 2021)
 - Revenue Status Report (May 2021)
 - Extra-Classroom Report
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 approve the 2020-2021 Tax Assessment Log.
 4. To approve the attached budget transfer in the amount of \$133,911.05.
 5. To accept as the second reading and adoption 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 approve the attached Agreement between the Anderson Center for Autism and the district to provide program and services to a particular student with special needs for the 2021-22 school year including Summer 2021 with an estimated cost of \$108,148.86.
 7. To approve the attached Agreement between Melissa Atkinson, Physical Therapist for the 2021-22 school year, inclusive of the extended school year session at an approximate cost of \$90,000 for the year to provide PT services to district students.
 8. to approve the attached Agreement between The Devereux Foundation and the district to provide program and services for one particular student for the Summer 2021 with an estimated cost of \$11,000.
 9. to approve the attached Agreement between Amy Foley-Maeder, OT and the district to provide occupational therapy for the 2021-22 school year including Summer 2021 with an estimated cost of \$90,000.
 10. to approve the attached Agreement between Patrick Kelly, SLP and the district to provide speech therapy for the 2021-22 school year including Summer 2021 with an estimated cost of \$3,700 for the school year.
 11. to approve the attached Agreement between Taconic Occupational Therapy and the district to provide occupational therapy for a particular student for the Summer 2021 and 2021-22 school year with an estimated cost of \$6,000.

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12. To approve the 2021 Summer Curriculum grants in the amount of \$27,900 per the memorandum from Dr. Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.
13. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement dated June 16, 2021, between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
14. to approve the attached Agreement between Astor Services for Children and Families and the district to provide program and services to students and families in the district for the 2021-22 school year including Summer 2021 with an estimated cost of \$88,374.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-221)

NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby set Wednesday, July 7, 2021 as the date for the Organizational Meeting for the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-222)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached non-represented employees' salary schedule and agreement for the 2021-2022 school year, per the recommendation by the Compensation Committee.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-223)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Christa Brenner to the position of Unified Basketball Advisor for the 2020-21 school year at the 2020-21 rate per the PPF contract.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-224)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Melissa Wolfmann from the position of Teacher Aide, effective June 26, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-225)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of David Tuttle from the position of Auto Mechanic, effective June 21, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-226)

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals for 2021 Summer School:

-Megan Bender, Elementary Teacher, \$100/day

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-227)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as temporary summer custodial staff:

-Christy Hill

-Evan McCarthy

-Pam Tompkins

-Jeanne Stroly (half day)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-228)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

Members of the community spoke on the following topics:

- What the penalty to the district would be for not complying with the state mandates
- Discussion regarding what the new school year will look like, i.e. masks, vaccines
- Doctors' notes to excuse wearing of masks
- Requesting more communication
- Discussion on the school calendar and remote Wednesdays

Board Comments

- Mrs. Arent spoke regarding what it entails to be a volunteer Board of Education member and gave a year end recap of the events the BOE dealt with during the past 18 months.

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 #2020/21-229)

The District Clerk was excused and Mrs. Arent 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 #2020/21-230)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2020/21-231)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem