

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent
Monica LaClair, Assistant Superintendent
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dr. Handler opened the Public Hearing for the 2022-23 District-wide Safety Plan. The changes to the plan were clerical for staffing changes.

Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption. Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties.

There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:11 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The compensation committee met earlier in the evening to discuss 2022-23 substitute rates.

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution that pertains to Kristen Fischetti's appointment:

1. To accept the resignation of Kristen Fischetti from the position of Elementary Teacher pending her appointment to the position of Cold Spring Principal, effective June 30, 2022;
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby appoints Kristen Fischetti, who possesses an Initial School Building Leader Certificate, to a four year probationary term, commencing on July 1, 2022 and terminating on June 30, 2026, in the tenure area of Elementary Principal, assigned to the Cold Spring Early Learning Center, at a salary of \$115,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year. In order to be eligible for

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appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four-year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-203)

The Board to a brief break to celebrate this appointment. The Board returned at 7:15 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Each, year the Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff of the Pine Plains Central School District express our gratitude and appreciation to those employees reaching the milestone of retirement. As a tribute to their work and dedication to the district, books are purchased and donated to the district libraries in their honor. The following is the list of this year's retirees along with the books being purchased in their honor:

1. **Dr. Martin Handler**, Superintendent of Schools – Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future by, Elizabeth Kolbert
2. **Andrew Brooks**, Secondary Science Teacher – The God Equation: The Quest for a Theory of Everything by, Michio Kaku
3. **Jo Anne Harrison**, Bus Driver – Little Yellow Bus by, Erin Guendelsberger
4. **Audrey Kemp**, Cook Manager – The Recipe-A-Day Kids Cookbook: 365 Fun, Easy Treats by, Food Network Magazine, Carpenter, Maile
5. Dr. Handler discussed the tragic event that happened in Texas. He discussed our District Safety Plan.

Tonight, is the last meeting Dr. Handler will be acting as the Superintendent in a public meeting. Ms. Heidi Johnson, Board Member, shared some of the talents (i.e. hats) that Dr. Handler brought to the District. Mrs. Arent also shared the Board's gratitude for Dr. handler's many years of service.

Dr. Handler asked the Board to review the 2022-23 Board of Education Board Meeting Calendar.

Dr. Handler shared the highlights of the Administrators' monthly reports.

Dr. Timm discussed the Capital Project that has started. He reviewed possible issue with the removal of the MS bleachers.

The Board asked to see the bleachers before deciding on replacing instead of using the existing materials. The Board also question the cost impact of keeping free breakfast / lunches for students.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby set Wednesday, July 6, 2022 as the date for the Organizational Meeting for the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-204)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 19:

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. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District authorizes and directs the funding, if available, of District reserves as presented in the June 2022 Reserve Plan as of June 30, 2022
4. to approve the attached Agreement between the Abilities First, Inc. and the district to provide program and services to a particular student with special needs for the 2022-23 school year including Summer 2022 with an estimated cost of \$57,800 for the school year.
5. to approve the attached Agreement between Melissa Atkinson, Physical Therapist for the 2022-23 school year, inclusive of the extended school year session at an approximate cost of \$99,000 for the year to provide PT services to district students.
6. to approve the attached Agreement between The Devereux Foundation and the district to provide educational services for one particular student for the 2022-23 school year with an estimated cost of \$64,103 and for the Summer 2022 with an estimated cost of \$9,900.
7. to approve the attached Agreement between Amy Foley-Maeder, OT and the district to provide occupational therapy for the 2022-23 school year including Summer 2022 with an estimated cost of \$100,000.
8. to approve the attached agreement between the District and Vanderheyden Hall for the 2022-23 school year for the purpose of providing educational services for a particular student(s) at an estimated cost of \$84,229 for the school year.
9. To approve the following resolution: Be it hereby resolved by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies (QuES&tT) proposal, for the asbestos/air monitoring services related to the DWRRC 2021 project per the attached proposal. Be it further resolved that the Superintendent be authorized to sign and execute the proposal.
10. To approve the following resolution: Be it hereby resolved by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Atlantic Testing Laboratories proposal, for the for special inspections and material testing services related to the DWRRC 2021 project per the attached proposal.

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Be it further resolved that the Superintendent be authorized to sign and execute the proposal.

11. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Pine Plains Central School District is involved in a current capital project, DWRRC 2021; and WHEREAS, it can be reasonably anticipated that there will be necessary and required change in the work of the project which will result in the issuance of changes orders and/or construction change directives {hereafter collectively referred to as “change orders”} being necessary which may reflect changes in the contract sums and schedules for various prime contractors agreements.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Board hereby establishes the following approval authority for such change orders: The approval and required signatures for each change order shall be delegated by the Board to the Superintendent of Schools for any change orders less than Sixty Thousand Dollars [\$60,000]. Any change orders of Sixty Thousand Dollars [\$60,000] or greater shall be submitted to the Board for its approval with the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. Following approval of change orders by the Superintendent of Schools, the change order and background information shall be forwarded to the Board of Education prior to its next scheduled Board Meeting.

12. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to abolish certain pedagogical positions in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following pedagogical positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2022:

1.0 FTE Elementary tenure area position (attrition); and

1.0 FTE Special Education tenure area position (attrition).

13. to approve the 2022 Summer Curriculum grants totaling in the amount of \$27,900 per the memorandum from Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

14. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Pine Plains Administrators’ Association, dated June 9, 2022, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

15. 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 9, 2022, between the District and the Pine Plains Administrative Association, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement is on file with the District Clerk.

16. to approve the following resolution in regards to Juneteenth Day:

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 15, 2022, between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement is on file with the District Clerk.

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17. to accept the following bid for purchase of Vehicle #208: 2010 DODGE Grand Caravan; VIN #: 2D4RN4DE0AR462591; 211,934 MILEAGE.
Sole Bidder: Christopher Kalanges, 51 Willow Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567 - \$607.00
18. to approve the creation of the following Extra-Curricular Clubs for the 2022-23 school year per the attached proposals:
 - Lego Club - Tier 1 - CS
 - Fiber Arts Club - Tier 1 - CS
 - Student Activism Team - Tier 2 - HS
 - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) - Tier 3 - HS
 - Intramural Club - Tier 1 - SS moving to Tier 2
19. to approve the Charter and By-Laws for the following Extra-Curricular Club for the 2021-22 school year:
 - Mock Trial

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-205)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Leonard Barton to the position of custodial worker, a non-competitive class civil service position for a twenty-six week probationary period effective June 23, 2022 at Step 1 of the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule, pending completion of all requirements. (replaces D. Slater)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-206)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to to appoint the following individuals for 2022 Summer School:

Tonya Sauca - Elementary Summer School Teacher –Special Education, \$150/day
Ariana Wright – Elementary Summer School Teacher, \$150/day
Kerri Seidel – Elementary Summer School Teacher, \$150/day
Kelly Nielson – Teacher Assistant – Special Education, \$75/day
Shawn Maher –Secondary Summer School Teacher – Special Education, \$150/day
Jennifer McCord – Teacher Assistant – Special Education, \$75/day
Maria Lombardo – Elementary Summer School Teacher – Special Education, \$150/day
Christa Brenner – Teacher Assistant – Special Education, \$75/day
Cheryl Zubradt– Teacher’s Aide – Special Education, \$15/hr.
Corey Hoffman– Teacher’s Aide – Special Education, \$15/hr.
Jennifer Funk – Secretary/Nurse, \$175/day
Catherine Gomm – Elementary Summer School Teacher – Special Education, \$150/day
Haley McCord– Teacher’s Aide – Special Education, \$15/hr.
Jennifer Blackburn - Summer Steam Teacher, \$150/day
Stephanie Rhoades - Summer Steam Teacher, \$150/day
Colette Alonge Watz - Summer Steam Teacher, \$150/day
Amy Duncan - Social Worker, \$150/day

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-207)

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

- Christy Hall
- Evan McCarthy
- Pam Tompkins
- Jeanne Stroly
- Joann Fennelly
- Andrew Anderson
- Justin Miller (part-time)
- Janyls Lopez (part-time)
- Catlin Dillinger (part-time)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-208)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as substitutes for the 2021-22 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Sydney Tomaine, teacher, teaching assistant, teacher aide
- Rosina Ruano, teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-209)

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the community requested the ability to review the District's curriculum in regards to CRT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining employment of a particular person.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-210)

The District Clerk was excused and Mrs. Arent was declared Clerk Pro Tem.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:15 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-211)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-212)

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem