

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Handler polled the Board as to setting a night to discuss goals for the 2021-22 school year. It was the consensus to have the Goals meeting on 10/20/21 at 6:00 pm.
2. Discussed the increase in the number of students receiving home instruction via home-schooling.
3. Discussed the Healthy Kids before / after-care, the program left the district in the lurch by not being able to staff with no notice.
4. Vaccinations and Testing for staff
5. Shared that the modified sports program does not have high participation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Arent canvassed the Board on their vote for the Board of Directors of the New York State School Boards Association Election:

Anne Arent – John Redman
Amie Fredericks – John Redman
Fred Couse – John Redman
James Griffin – John Redman
Heidi Johnson – John Redman
Jean Stapf – John Redman
Joseph Kiernan – John Redman

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The Board Clerk will submit the ballot to Mary Methany, Executive Assistant by September 30, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To approve the following Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2021.
2. to approve the following Financial Reports: -Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements - Warrants - Treasurer's Report (June 2021) - Appropriations Status Report (June 2021) - Revenue Status Report (June 2021) - Extra-Classroom Report (July 2021 and August 2021)
3. to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$238,316.88.
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 second reading the following policies based on the recommendation of the Policy Committee:
 - Policy #1530 - SMOKING, VAPING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES
 - Policy #4000 - STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES
 - Policy #5460 - CHILD ABUSE, MALTREATMENT OR NEGLECT IN A DOMESTIC SETTING
 - Policy #8112 - HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
 - Policy #8505 - "CHARGING" SCHOOL MEALS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST SHAMING
 - Policy #2245 - EX OFFICIO STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 - Policy #5420 - STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
 - Policy #8110 - SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY
 - Policy #8220 - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION
 - Policy #8635 - PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR STUDENT DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY
 - Policy #6830 - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
6. To approve the attached contract between the District and CSArch for architectural services for the 2021 District Wide Capital Project and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign said contract. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve a Settlement and Release Agreement with regard to student No. 920021; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute such Agreement on behalf of the District.

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7. To approve the following resolution:

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an Extension and Amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement between the District, the County of Dutchess and the Sheriff of Dutchess County dated September 15, 2021, as previously amended, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-102)

NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Homework Help Enrichment Proposal, for one year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-103)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Alicia Oliveri from the position of food service helper, effective June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-104)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Stacy Savoury to the position of food service helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective September 13, 2021 at Step 5 per the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule. (replaces Vanessa Stoner)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-105)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Amber Fletcher to the position of part-time Teacher Aide, a non-competitive class civil service position for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 30, 2021 at Step 3 per the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-106)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to rescind the appointment of Samantha Mason from the position of Varsity Cross Country Coach due to low enrollment in the sport.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-107)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to modify the appointment of Andrew Anderson from Assistant Football Coach to Volunteer Football Coach per the memorandum from Robert Scott.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-108)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to grant Judy Harpp, School Monitor an unpaid leave from September 7, 2021 through January 31, 2022.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-109)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint Brittany Schaniel to the position of food service helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective September 16, 2021 at Step 2 per the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule. (replaces Phyllis Burnett)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-110)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Jenna Sucato to the position of substitute teacher, four-year degree for the 2021-22 school year, pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-111)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as extra-curricular advisors for the 2021-22 school year stipend per the PPF E Contract:

- Alec Sisco - Music and Vocal Co-Director
- Amanda Procopio - Music and Vocal Co-Director

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-112)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

Members of the public spoke on the following topics:

- Personal opinions of the Board regarding videotaping classrooms, masks, vaccinations
- Mask breaks
- COVID statistics
- Email correspondence between the superintendent and a community member
- Consistency of information in regards to quarantining and isolation
- Masks during band
- Student information sheet asking pronoun preference
- Comments on outside classes in regards to safety
- Fines for not wearing masks

Board Comments

There was a request for the principals to report on learning loss at one of the upcoming meetings.

Dr. Handler apologized, with deep regret, for his comment about a community member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the discussion of matters pertaining to the employment of a particular individual at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-113)

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:48 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-114)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-115)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem