

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Arent, President, Absent
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President
Fred Couse
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 7:03 pm
Jean Stapf
Joseph Kiernan, Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools
Monica LaClair, Assistant Superintendent
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk
Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent
Gian Staff, Cold Spring Principal

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting virtually held was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Fredericks. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked for a moment of silence for the tragic passing of Chaplain Lawrence Pariseau.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None submitted

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

There was a brief discussion regarding the development of the 2021-22 Board of Education Goals. The Board would like to create a Board Student Representative. This will have to be voted on by the community at the next vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mr. Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal, reported on the status of Cold Spring.
2. Dr. Handler reviewed a proposal from Jeremy Weber for a new intramural extracurricular program at Seymour Smith.

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the Intramural club for Seymour Smith as presented at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-130)

3. Dr. Handler shared the 2021-22 Tax Collection report, citing that we were at 90% tax collected.
4. Dr. Handler reviewed the submitted administrators' reports.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board had a conversation on whether or not to return to in-person meetings. It was the consensus of the Board to return to in-person on 11/17/21.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 9.

1. To approve the following Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2021.
2. to approve the following Financial Reports:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Extra-Classroom Report (September 2021)
3. 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.
4. To accept the Corrective Action Plan to the Management Letter for the Independent Audit for year ended June 30, 2021.
5. To approve the following SEQRA resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District (the "Board") is considering a capital project to upgrade fire panel at Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the anticipated components, phases and aspects of the Project; and
WHEREAS, the Project consists of upgrades involving replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind, on the same site; and/or routine activities of educational institutions; and
WHEREAS, the Project qualifies as a Type II action as defined in the Regulations promulgated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and known as the State Environmental Quality Review.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the proposed Project, as described above, is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2).
6. To accept, with gratitude, a donation from the Stissing Theatre Guild in the amount of \$2,870 for the purpose of paying the royalties for the Spring Show and increase the 2021-2022 budget by the same amount (A2705/A2110-400-9).
7. To declare the attached list of books and audio-visual equipment as obsolete per the recommendation from Craig Morton, Library Media Specialist.
8. To approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Pine Plains CSD wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and
WHEREAS, the Pine Plains CSD is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law* and
WHEREAS, the Pine Plains CSD has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Pine Plains CSD by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for

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their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Pine Plains CSD hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Pine Plains CSD are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission. To approve the following resolution: BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the District and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, regarding a COVID-19 screening testing program, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

9. To approve the attached Special Education Plan.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-131)

NEW BUSINESS – BUSINESS AND FINANCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve an Unpaid Child Rearing Leave for Renee Rundall, elementary teacher, effective on or about April 1, 2022 and ending on or about June 30, 2022 according to the PPF, Inc. Agreement, Article 6.3.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-132)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to extend the appointment of Bianca Gibbons-Morales as a long term leave substitute for the position of Special Education / Elementary teacher (replaces Brockway/Rizzo/Rundall) effective April 2, 2022 through June 30, 2022 at a salary of \$59,188 pro-rated for the time of service (Step 1, Column A of the 2021-22 PPF Salary Schedule).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-133)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve EE#230841 request for an extended sick leave according to Article XIV (2 - 2.2.5) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel beginning September 18, 2021 per the documentation from the employee's physician.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-134)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the request from Rebecca Skinner for a leave of absence from the position of Bus Driver, effective October 1, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-135)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to amend Motion #2021/22-106 to change the start date from September 30, 2021 to October 5, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-136)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as winter coaches for the 2021-22 school year, pending completion of all requirements, stipend per the PPF E Agreement:

- Michael Cooper, Head Coach, Winter Track
- Stephanie Rhoades, Assistant Coach, Winter Track
- Samantha Mason, Head Coach, Girls Basketball
- Brooke Hapeman, Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball
- Erin Doyle, Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball
- Zachary Lydon, Head Coach, Boys Basketball
- Alec Sisco, Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-137)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Alexis Thompson to the position of Homework Help & Enrichment Club Advisor at the rate per the PPF E contract.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-138)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution regarding an Issuance of Memo: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the issuance of a Memo dated October 20, 2021 to Employee No. 102021, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-139)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf 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 8:01 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-140)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

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ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:59 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-141)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-142)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem