

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Arent, President
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President
Fred Couse
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, 7:03 pm
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. September 2, 2021 at 7:30 the District is hosting a reopening Zoom Webinar, where parents will have the opportunity to email in questions in regards to the start of school
2. Discussed masking and vaccination mandates from the Governor.
3. Low enrollment in athletics, deadline to sign up for modified sports is 9/13/21

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 8.

1. To approve the following Financial Reports: -Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
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 accept, with appreciation, a donation from The Special Olympics New York, Inc. in the amount of \$750 for the Unified Basketball Program and to increase the 2021-2022 budget accordingly.

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4. To accept as first 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
5. 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.
6. To discard a desk and 47 chairs per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Cold Spring Principal.
7. To approve the following resolution per the attached memorandum from Monica LaClair, Assistant Superintendent for Business: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Pine Plains Central School District hereby authorizes the establishment of a Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$508,830. The money held in the reserve fund shall not exceed the amount which might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments or claims out of tax certiorari proceedings. Any monies deposited in the reserve fund which are not expended for tax certiorari proceedings in the year such monies are deposited, must be returned to the fund balance on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit.
8. To approve the following resolution per the attached memorandum from Monica LaClair, Assistant Superintendent for Business: WHEREAS the unappropriated unreserved fund balance of the Pine Plains Central School District at the close of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is expected to be approximately \$6,691,277; BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the following transfer of funds: \$4,249,077 from unexpended appropriations in the 2020-2021 General Fund to the Capital Reserve – DWRRC 2021; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the following appropriations of unassigned

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(unreserved) fund balance: \$1,075,100 in fund balance to be designated to the tax levy.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-92)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to change the appointment dates of the following employees: -Matthew Cade, Auto Mechanic: August 23, 2021 to August 30, 2021 -Pamela Benziger, Teaching Assistant from September 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021 -Angela Johnson, Teaching Assistant from September 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021 the Foreign Language tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 and terminating on August 31, 2024. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least two years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at a salary of \$84,895 (Step 11, Masters +30), pending documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-93)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Candace VanAnden to the position of Bus Driver, a non-competitive civil service class position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 7, 2021 at Step 8 per the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-94)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Alexis Thompson to the position of Teacher Aide, a non-competitive civil service class position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 7, 2021 at Step 3 per the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule. (replaces Wolfmann)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-95)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to to appoint Jennifer Bartolomeo to the position of part-time Teacher Aide, a non-competitive civil service class position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 7, 2021 at Step 1 per the SRP 2021-22 salary schedule. (replaces A. Couse)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-96)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as extra-curricular advisors for the 2021-22 school year, pending completion of all requirements, per the PPFE contract Stipend Schedule:

- Teresa Gasparini, Theatre Arts Director
- Teresa Gasparini, Theatre Arts Choreographer
- Kaitlyn Niznik, Art Show Exhibits Co-Coordinator
- Austin Kadle, Art Show Exhibits Co-Coordinator

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-97)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as a substitute for the 2021-22 school year: -Leonard Barton, Custodial Worker

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-98)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

Member of the public spoke on the following topics:

- Critical Race Theory
- Cameras in classrooms
- Masks / Masks breaks
- Homeschool procedures
- COVID Statistics in the county vs area
- Purifiers for classrooms
- Purpose of the Board of Education
- Quotes from CS Lewis in relation to the fear of getting sick

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to take a short recess at 8:41 pm due to a disruptive and contentious audience member.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-99)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to reconvene after the recess at 8:43 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-100)

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-101)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk