

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Arent, President  
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President  
Fred Couse  
James Griffin (Zoom)  
Heidi Johnson, absent  
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 library of the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School by Mrs. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Griffin is zooming from the following address:

Tokyo 2020 International Main Press Center  
Tokyo Big Sight  
3-chōme-11 Ariake,  
Koto City, Tokyo 135-0063  
Japan

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A community member spoke on the following topic:

- Lead testing results

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Handler discussed the following topics:

1. COVID-19
2. Local government advocating for students
3. Summer school
4. Lack of state guidance on the reopening of schools for the fall
5. Administrators' monthly reports
6. Issues recording the July 7, 2021 meeting

Dr. Timm reported on how the funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA Act) could be dispersed. The district is still reviewing the

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possibilities. He also shared information on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) and how the district could utilize the \$1,085,798 grant.

Dr. Handler presented a proposal from Ms. Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal. She proposed to transform her full-time teacher aide vacancy in to a full-time teaching assistant and to change her remaining part-time support position in to a full-time teacher aide position to fully staff her building.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept the proposal and create the two positions per the memorandum from Julie Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-55)**

A Board member commented on the District that achieved designation as the Anderson Center for Autism's first "Autism Informed School" through our Autism Supportive Programs. Mrs. Babcock and Dr. Timm were thanked for their collaboration.

Also, a question was posed regarding the utilized free breakfast and lunch services this summer. Approximately 80 households are taking advantage of the program.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 4.

1. To approve the regular meeting minutes from the June 2, 2021, June 21, 2021, July 7, 2021 – Reorg. and July 7, 2021 Board of Education meetings.
2. To approve the following financial documents:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Extra-Classroom Report (June 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 surplus equipment per the attached memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-56)**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to grant Stephanie Brockway, Reading / Special Education Teacher, an extended sick leave, according to Article 6.1.2.2.1 - 6.1.2.2.5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc. effective on or about September 7, 2021 pending documentation.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-57)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Katherine Mainiero to the position of teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty six week

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probationary period, effective September 7, 2021 at a rate of \$16.20, Step 2 per the SRP 2021-22 Salary Schedule.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-58)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to amend a portion of motion #2020/21-223 to adjust the salary of Frank Karalak for the 2021-22 school year to \$60,320 per the memorandum from Julia W. Tomaine, Personnel Assistant.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-59)**

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**REORGANIZATION**

Mrs. Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk administered the Oath of Office for Vice-President to Mrs. Amie Fredericks for a one (1) year term commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**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 the employment of a particular individual at 7:40 p.m.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-60)**

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 7:48 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-61)**

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-62)**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem

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