

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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, absent

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.

Mrs. Arent noted that there was a need to change the order of the agenda.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution regarding changing the order of the agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a change in the order of the agenda for this meeting, to allow for the following resolution to be voted upon at this time:

BE IT RESOLVED, that consistent with federal, state and local guidance, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District hereby requires all individuals at public gatherings within school buildings, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks, unless medically unable to tolerate masks as substantiated by documentation from the individual's healthcare provider. This resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-77)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution regarding mandating masks during public gatherings in school buildings:

BE IT RESOLVED, that consistent with federal, state and local guidance, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District hereby requires all individuals at public gatherings within school buildings, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks, unless medically unable to tolerate masks as substantiated by documentation from the individual's healthcare provider. This resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-78)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public spoke on the following topics:
-Pro-Mask / Anti-Mask comments

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- Mask issues (mask breaks)
- Support of the Re-entry plan for the fall
- Remote learning
- Pro-Vaccination / Anti-Vaccination comments

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel, discussed the staffing needs of her department and reviewed her report regarding the students needing services.

There was a conversation from the Board and Administration regarding staffing going forward and the financial impacts.

Dr. Handler reviewed that the reports submitted by administration, discussed the upcoming election for the NYSSBA Area 9 Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 6.

1. To approve the meeting minutes from August 4, 2021 and August 9, 2021.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports: -Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
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 approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Red Hook Central School District (hereinafter "Red Hook"), the Rhinebeck Central School District (hereinafter "Rhinebeck"), and the Pine Plains Central School District (hereinafter "Pine Plains") are parties to a Shared Personnel Agreement for the 2018-2019 fiscal/school year (and as extended through the 2021-2022 year) for the purpose of sharing food service administration and supervision services; and, WHEREAS, the parties mutually desire to extend said agreement for the 2021-2022 fiscal/school year under the same basic terms and conditions as defined in the Shared Personnel Agreement for the 2018-2019 (and as extended through the 2020-2021 year)
5. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that it is in the interest of the School District to lease certain space at the Cold Spring Elementary School to the Anderson Center for Autism, which space is not needed currently for School District purposes; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute a five (5) year Lease Agreement dated August

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18, 2021, to be effective from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026, between the School District and Anderson Central for Autism, for certain space at the Cold Spring Elementary School, at the rates as set forth in said Agreement. A copy of said Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

6. To approve the Facilities Use Charges for the 2021-22 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-79)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached teaching assistant proposal per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services. The proposal created a full-time teaching assistant position while abolishing a .6 FTE teaching assistant position and 1.0 FTE teacher aide position.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-80)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to appoint a tenure-track teacher: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Marleily Vargas, who possesses a Spanish 7-12 certification, to a three-year probationary term as a Spanish Teacher in 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 #2021/22-81)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Bianca Gibbons-Morales as a long term leave substitute for the position of Special Education teacher (replaces Brockway/Rizzo) effective September 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022 at a salary of \$59,188 prorated for the time of service (Step 1, Column A of the 2021-22 PPFE Salary Schedule).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-82)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation of Angela Johnson from the position of Teacher Aide pending her appointment to Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2021.
2. To appoint Angela Johnson to the position of Teaching Assistant, with a four-year probationary term in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025, step 1 per the PPFE contract.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-83)

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation of Pamela Benziger from the position of Teacher Aide pending her appointment to Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2021.
2. To appoint Pamela Benziger to the position of Teaching Assistant, with a four-year probationary term in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025, step 1 per the PPF contract.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-84)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following employees from part-time to full-time, effective September 1, 2021:

-Joanne Spada, Teacher Aide

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-85)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Vanessa Stoner from the position of Sr. Food Service Helper, effective August 17, 2021.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-86)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as a mentor at a stipend of \$1,000.00 per the memorandum from Dr. Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the 2021-22 school year:

-Allison Beaudet

-Kristen Fischetti

-Elizabeth Murray

-Jessica Wisniewski

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-87)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual to the substitute list for the 2021-22 school year:

-Emma Doerrier, Certified Teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-88)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

A member of the public spoke on the following topics:

- Masks
- Previously discussed topics in the first comment session

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.

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-89)

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-90)

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2021/22-91)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk