

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, October 12, 2020, at Pine River Middle/High School Media Center.

I. ROLL CALL

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members present: 6-Merryllie Cameron, Kevin Delancey, Katy Draper, Terry Koetje, Jim Peterson, Tom Shook (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)

Members Absent: Kim Dean

Administrators/Directors present: Matt Lukshaitis, Josie Hill, Heidi Hayes, Emily Adema, Rob Sibary

Administrators/Directors absent: Brent Ruppert

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes 5, Nays – 0, Motion carried. (Mr. Shook was not present yet when voting took place)

III. PRESENTATION

Scott Hunter of Baird, Cotter and Bishop presented results for the 2019-2020 audit

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr., Lukshaitis provided updates from the ISD-wide superintendents meeting he attended including: discussion of snow days counting or not counting due to the online instruction platform that is available for the 2020-2021 school year, policy changes in Pupil Accounting including all students (face-to-face and virtual) are classified as pandemic learners for the 2020-2021 school and must adhere to the pandemic learning guidelines, and MDHHS authority since supreme court ruling and advisement of legal guidance to adhere to the MDHHS Emergency Orders. Mr. Lukshaitis also provided percentages of students enrolled in face-to-face (86%) and virtual (14 %) learning.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Peterson gave an acknowledge to the Cecil Birch Invitational home cross country meet and the great turn out of teams/spectators.

VI. PRINCIPALS/DIRECTORS UPDATES

Rob Sibary updated the board on how the students moving from virtual learning to face-to-face effects bus routes but have been able to maintain flexibility and work through the changes.

Heidi Hayes updated the board on happenings at the K-3 building including upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences (scheduled for Wednesday October 14 and Thursday

October 15, 2020.) Discussed interventions in place to meet requirements for Read by Grade 3 law and creation of help desk for K-3 students using grant dollars to fund it.

Emily Adema discussed happenings at the 4-7 building including praising all staff for their work this school year, NWEA testing that is taking place, peer observations in the classrooms, PRIDE drawing held virtually and social emotional learning lessons being taught by Middle School Success Worker, Mr. Brian Jackson.

Josie Hill reported the bonds sold at a 1.2% interest rate. Business office is currently in the midst of financial reporting, annual audit, FIP report, etc. Discussed aspects of state budget that include a flat foundation and a \$65 per pupil increase for the 2020-2021 school year.

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT-Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan

No public comment was made regarding the ECoLP

VIII. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT-General

Three community members present for this board meeting spoke out against the usage of masks in the classrooms and during athletics. Mr. Peterson reminded each community member that MDHHS has legal governance and has implemented mask mandates in spite of supreme court ruling. Also reminded community members of MHSAA guidelines that mandate the usage of masks during athletic practices and events for athletes, coaching staff, referees and spectators.

One community member addressed the board asking questions regarding how the supreme court ruling changes the Return to Learn school plan as well as why no homecoming parade was planned this year. Mr. Lukshaitis explained the differences and explained the school's reasoning in not implementing a homecoming parade due to the MDHHS emergency order that limits outdoor gatherings.

Mr. Peterson called for a five (5) minute recess at 6:50 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Koetje, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the consent agenda, including the General Fund invoices, PR expenditure worksheet and meeting minutes from the 9/14/2020 Regular board meeting, as presented.

Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

X. OLD BUSINESS-Reauthorization of Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the reauthorization of Pine River Area Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning plan.

Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Thrun Policy Book**-Board Members received the entire policy book electronically. No questions were raised at the meeting. Board members were invited to email Mr. Lukshaitis individually if any questions arose prior to second reading at another board meeting.

B. Personnel-

1. Teacher Resignation

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the immediate resignation of Mrs. Kandis Land, elementary teacher, effective September 25, 2020, as recommended by the elementary principal and the superintendent.

Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

2. Custodian Hire

Motion by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Koetje to approve the hiring of Mr. Jordan LaDouce, full-time custodian, at a custodian step 1, effective September 23, 2020, as recommended by the maintenance director and superintendent.

Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

3. Flex Custodian Hire

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the hiring of Ms. Michelle Schneider, flex custodian, at a custodian step 1, effective September 23, 2020, as recommended by the maintenance director and superintendent.

Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

C. 2020 School Building and Sites Bond Resolution

Motion by Mr. Koetje, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approve/adopt the 2020 School Building and Sites Bonds Resolution including its attachments for the purpose of the issuance of school bonds as recommended by the superintendent.

Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

D. MDHHS-MHSAA Mas Resolution

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to adopt the MDHHS-MHSAA Mask Resolution as stated here:

WHEREAS, the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education desires to support all middle school and high school student-athletes at Pine River and in other school districts across the state of Michigan in the safest environment possible for each sport; and,

WHEREAS, our district's coaches, administration, and parents have expressed a similar desire to support all middle school and high school athletes at Pine River and throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that adequate access to oxygen and a maximal air supply while breathing during athletic practice and competition is better for student-athlete's functional health than that access to oxygen and air supply while wearing a mask; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is the ruling body concerning organized middle school and high school sports in Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has replaced the governor's orders and directed through Executive Order that student-athletes continue to wear masks; and,

WHEREAS, the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education feels middle school and high school student-athletes who are forced to wear face masks or facial coverings during competition are subject to possible harm, injury, an otherwise adverse medical condition, or at least a physical disadvantage as a result of adhering to the MHSAA and MDHHS face masks and facial coverings edicts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Pine River Area Schools Board of Education urges the MHSAA and MDHHS to formally eliminate any and all requirements for face masks or facial coverings during competition for all middle school and high school student-athletes in any and all sports effective immediately, for now, and in the future.

Ayes 5, Nays – 1, Motion carried. (Mr. Shook voted nay)


XII. OTHER-No other business was discussed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. after a motion was made by Mr. Shook.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 12th day of October, 2020, and that said proposed minutes have been approved and made available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 9th day of October, 2020.



Secretary, Board of Education