

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**November 16, 2020**

A Workshop Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, November 16, 2020, in the Pine River Middle/High School Media Center.

**I. Roll Call**

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

*Members present:* Merrylie Cameron, Kim Dean, Kevin Delancey (attended remotely), Katy Draper, Jim Peterson, and Tom Shook.

*Members absent:* Terry Koetje

*Administrators/Directors present:* Matt Lukshaitis, Emily Adema, Josie Hill, Brent Ruppert and Rob Sibary.

*Admin/Directors absent:* Heidi Hayes

**II. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the agenda as amended adding a Superintendent's report as letter D of the agenda.

*Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.*

**III. Communications and Public Comment**

No members of the public were present in person or remotely for this workshop meeting.

**IV. Old Business-N/A**

**V. New Business**

**A. Insurance Benefits for 2021 (for teacher, support staff, central office and administrator contracts for calendar year 2021.)**

Motion by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the amendment to raise the Board contribution towards the cost of the insurance plans for the purpose of health insurance through 44North to \$18, 058 (family), \$13, 847 (double) and \$6, 612 (single) in order to establish new teacher, support staff and administrator/central office master contract language as negotiated.

*Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.*

**B. Flex Custodian Position**

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the hiring of Mr. Anthony Ruetz, Flex Custodian, effective 11/30/2020, at a custodian step as recommended by the transportation director and superintendent.

*Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.*

### **C. Chromebook Purchases**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the purchase of 400 Chromebooks for a quoted price of \$127, 600.00 from Trinity3 Technology as recommended by the IT Director and superintendent.

*Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.*

### **D. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Lukshaitis gave a brief update regarding the MDHHS emergency order that goes into effect on 11/18/2020. After meeting with admin and the union leaders it was decided to keep K-7 students in person and move only 8-12 to remote learning. Food service during remote learning was also discussed with it being decided that service for remote students would be provided weekly available for pick-up covering the full week of meals each week.

### **VII. Other**

Board member, Merrylie Cameron, thanked Mr. Lukshaitis, Administration, teachers and support staff for all of their efforts navigating school during a pandemic.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. after Mr. Shook made the motion.

I hereby certify the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Workshop Meeting held on the 16th day of November, 2020, and that said proposed minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 14th day of December, 2020.

  
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Secretary, Board of Education