

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Remote Attendance Only
February 8, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, February 8, 2021 with remote attendance only per current MDHHS Emergency Order.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members present: 7 (attended via Google meet)- Kim Dean, Kevin Delancey, Katy Draper, Robert Kulpa, Heather Marks, Jim Peterson, Tom Shook

Administrators/Directors present: (attended via Google meet)-Matt Lukshaitis, Emily Adema, Heidi Hayes, Josie Hill, Brent Ruppert and Rob Sibary.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

III. Superintendent's Report

- ⊖ Mr. Lukshaitis presented information from the virtual superintendents meeting held earlier in the day that included:
 - Update on winter athletics including start date of today and rapid antigen testing requirements for the MS and HS wrestling teams.
 - Rapid antigen testing kits will be sent to the ISD for distribution to local school districts.
 - Brief discussion of state superintendent, Dr. Rice's recommendation of extending the current school year to the end of June or beginning of July.

IV. President's Report

- ⊖ Mr. Peterson thanked the elementary principal, staff and students for their What is a School Board video that was created and sent out in January as part of School Board Appreciation month.

V. Principals/Directors/Student Representative Updates

- **Brent Ruppert**
 - ⊖ Provided updates for the 8-12 building including thanking Ms. Ella MacLean, NHS Advisor for creating a virtual NHS induction for this year.
 - ⊖ Provided an updated on the number of HS staff/students currently or who recently had been under a COVID related quarantine.

- ⊖ SnowFest/Spirit Week are being planned with events scheduled to begin next week.
- **Heidi Hayes**
 - ⊖ Provided updates for the K-3 building including a shout-out to the PRPTG for their fundraising efforts through a pandemic school year.
 - ⊖ Also reported the EL had over 90% face to face attendance the week both the middle school and high school were under intermittent remote learning.
- **Rob Sibary**
 - ⊖ Provided a brief update on the boys varsity locker room fire clean-up, repairs including lockers being removed last week in preparation for the replacement lockers.
- **Emily Adema**
 - ⊖ Provided updates for the 4-7 building including positive student attendance on Google meets during the 4-7 intermittent remote learning last week.
 - ⊖ Friends of the Middle School, the 4-7 parent-teacher group, will be bringing popcorn Fridays back beginning February 19, 2021.
 - ⊖ Also provided updates on NWEA testing and how results are being communicated to parents.
- **Josie Hill**
 - ⊖ Provided a brief financial update including the House reportedly has a supplemental fiscal bill with language that will limit MDHHS powers. This bill has not passed through either entities of legislature yet.

VI. Communications and Public Comment/Call for Comment on Proposed Balanced Calendar

No public comment we made at this meeting.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Ms. Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. This would include approving:

- January 18, 2021 Organizational Meeting Minutes
- January 27, 2021 Board Workshop Minutes
- General Fund and lunch invoices
- PR Expenditure Worksheet

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

IX. Old Business

- A. Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the reauthorization of Pine River's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan as recommended by the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

- B. Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Ms. Marks to adopt the Thrun Law School District policies 2501, 2501A and 2502 as well as forms 2501A-1, 2501A-2, 2501A-3 and 2501A-4 as they pertain to Electronic Board of Education Meetings as recommended by the superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

IX. New Business

A. Bus Lease and Purchase Proposal

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Draper, to approve the leasing of four (4) 2021 buses at an approximate cost of \$16, 520 per bus or \$66, 080 total per year for three years and purchase two (2) 2019 currently leased buses at an approximate cost of \$57, 200 each or a combined total of \$114, 400 as recommended by the transportation director and superintendent.

Roll Call Vote-Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion Approved.

B. In-Person Board Meetings Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Ms. Marks to adopt the MASA/MASB recommended resolution to allow in-person board meetings as recommended by the superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion Approved.

C. Personnel (New Hires)

1. Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve hiring Mr. Maverick Martin as the Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 season, at a coaching step 3, years 6, as recommended by the athletic director and superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion Approved.

2. Bus Driver/Custodian

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve hiring of Mr. Rylie Mosher, Bus Driver/Custodian, effective February 8, 2021, at a driver step 3/custodian step 1, as recommended by the transportation director and superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

3. MS Boys Track Coach

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve hiring Mr. Andrew Eichelberger as the Middle School Boys Track Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 season at a coaching step 5, years 10, as recommended by the athletic director and superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

4. MS Girls Track Coach

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve hiring Mr. Brian Jackson as the Middle School Girls Track Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 season at a coaching step 1, as recommended by the athletic director and superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

D. Renewal of Edgenuity, Edmentum Study Island and NWEA

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean, to approve renewal of the Edgenuity for one year for the purpose of credit recovery, at an approximate cost of \$24,195, the renewal of Edmentum Study Island through June 30, 2021 for the purpose of credit recovery, at an approximate cost of \$4,891, and the purchase of NWEA licenses for K-12 interim testing in math, ELA and science at an approximate cost of \$13,278 for a combined total approximate cost of \$42,364 as recommended by the High School Principal and Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

E. Approval of Amended Budget for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented and recommended by the business office manager and superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

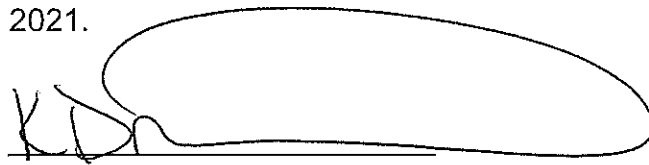
X: Other-No other topics were discussed at this meeting

XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. after Mr. Shook made a motion.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 8th day of February 2021, 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 8th day of March 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Draper', is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary, Board of Education