

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Hybrid Meeting
March 8, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, March 8, 2021, in person, at the Pine River MS/HS Media Center located at 17445 Pine River Rd. Leroy, MI and with the allowance of remote attendance per current MDHHS masks and gatherings order that allowed non-residential gatherings of up to 25 persons.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members present: 7 (in person)- Kim Dean, Kevin Delancey, Katy Draper, Robert Kulpa, Heather Marks, Jim Peterson, Tom Shook

Members absent: 0

Administrators/Directors present: (in person)-Matt Lukshaitis, Heidi Hayes, Josie Hill, and Rob Sibary.

Administrators/Directors absent: Mrs. Emily Adema and Mr. Brent Ruppert

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Dean 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:
 - Explored what next school year might look like in planning around COVID
 - Possible K-5 collaborative between Pine River Area Schools and 3 or 4 other local schools
 - Provided an update from HS Principal, Brent Ruppert regarding graduation plans that include exploring the option of holding an outdoor ceremony on the football field.
 - Summer School is in the planning stages (dates, location, staffing)
 - Governor's breakfast will take place this year but in a virtual format.
 - Updated board on Bond timeline with construction beginning Friday, March 26th right after school.

IV. President's Report

- ⊖ Mr. Peterson updated the board on the following:
 - Provided the board a handout titled "Eight Traits of Effective School Boards".
 - Announced a board workshop would be held on March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Welcomed new board members to their first in-person meeting of the year.

V. Principals/Directors/Student Representative Updates

- **Heidi Hayes**
 - ⊖ Provided updates for the K-3 building including March is Reading Month activities like staff tricycle races and a COVID friendly (meaning adherence to COVID guidelines) assembly for staff/students.
 - ⊖ Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled for 3/11/21
 - ⊖ Movie nights planned for grade levels
 - ⊖ Fundraising and grant writing are taking place for new playground equipment.
- **Rob Sibary**
 - ⊖ Provided a brief update on bond construction that included upcoming meetings with contractors.
- **Josie Hill**
 - ⊖ Provided a brief update regarding HB4048 being on the governor's desk but is expected to be vetoed due to specific line items in the bill that would limit the governor and MDHHS' powers.
 - ⊖ ESSER funding is coming. Districts would spend the money and then seek reimbursement.

VI. Communications and Public Comment-ECOLP and General Comments

No public comments were made regarding the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (ECOLP)

A community member/parent thanked the HS Principal, Mr. Brent Ruppert, administration and the Board in working with the senior class to devise a plan for graduation.

A student addressed the board thanking them for listening to the seniors and helping plan a graduation ceremony.

A community member/parent thanked the board for the suggested graduation plan and announced that parents are willing to help if needed.

A community member/parent thanked the board for allowing youth wrestling to host home meets this year.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- General Fund and lunch invoices
- Capital Projects Fund Accounts Payable
- PR Expenditure Worksheet
- Board Minutes from February 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

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

VIII. Old Business

- A. Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Ms. Marks 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.

IX. New Business

A. Personnel (New Hires)

1. AM/PM Bus Driver

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve hiring Mr. Kevyn Enyart as an AM/PM Bus Driver (and midday runs as needed), effective February 16, 2021, at a driver step 3, as recommended by the transportation director and superintendent.

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

2. MS Wrestling Coach

Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve hiring Mr. William Krisch as the Middle School Wrestling 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.

B. Personnel-Retirements/Resignations

1. Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to accept the retirement of Ms. Jeanne Koltvedt, Instructional Paraprofessional, Title I, effective March 26, 2021 as recommended by the superintendent.

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

2. Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Ms. Marks to accept the retirement of Mr. Scott Benson, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2021 as recommended by the superintendent.

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

3. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to accept the resignation of Shanne Martin, Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional/High School Lunch Aide, effective March 5, 2021 as recommended by the superintendent.

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

C. Creation of Half-Time (4 hours) Special Education/Buck Virtual Secretary Position

Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the creation of a .5 FTE (4 hour) secretarial position to support the Special Education Director and Buck Virtual Programming Director (and/or building principals) as recommended by the superintendent.

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

D. Thrun Law School District Policy 5507 (updated)-First Reading-No discussion or questions were made by the Board regarding this updated policy.

E. Recommendation to Lower Credit Requirements for Graduation:

This agenda item was tabled

X: Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Ms. Marks to move meeting into closed session to hold a student expulsion hearing and for the purpose of negotiations.

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

This meeting went into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

XI. Open Session

Motion by Ms. Marks, seconded by Mrs. Dean to move meeting back into open session for the purpose of approving central office and administration contracts as well as make a discipline determination for student expulsion hearing.

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

This meeting moved back into open session at 7:50 p.m.

A. Student Expulsion Decision

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Kulpa, to permanently expel SY21-023.

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

B. Administrator/Assistant Administrator Contracts 2021-2023:

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Kulpa, to approve the Administrator Contract of **Mr. Brent Ruppert as High School Principal**, the contract of **Mrs. Emily Adema as Middle School Principal** and the contract of **Mrs. Heidi Hayes as Elementary Principal** for 2021 through 2023 as recommended by the superintendent.

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

Motion by Ms. Marks, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the assistant administrator contracts of **Mr. Cody Wagatha as Middle School Assistant Principal** and **Mr. Aaron Schab as Elementary Assistant Principal** for 2021 through 2023 as recommended by the superintendent.

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

C. Central Office Contracts 2021-2023:

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa, to approve the Central Office Contract of **Mr. Rob Sibary as Transportation and Maintenance Director**, the Central Office contract of **Ms. Dawn Sizeland as Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Executive Secretary to Board of Education President**, the Central Office contract of **Ms. Michelle Adams as Food Service Coordinator** and the Central Office Contract of **Mr. Marc Dennis as the Behavioral Management, School Health and Safety Supervisor** for 2021 through 2023 as recommended by the Superintendent.

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

D. Superintendent Contract 2021-2025:

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Dean to approve the contract for **Superintendent Matthew Lukshaitis** for 2021-2025.

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


XII. Other-No other topics were discussed at this meeting

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. after Mr. Shook made the 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 March 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 12th day of April 2021.


Secretary, Board of Education

