

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2021
Hybrid Meeting**

A Hybrid Workshop Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, March 22, 2021, in person and remote per current MDHHS order that allows only 25 persons in attendance at non-residential gatherings.

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, and Tom Shook.

Members absent: N/A

Administrators/Directors present: 4 (in person)-Matt Lukshaitis, Josie Hill, Rob Sibary, Brent Ruppert

Admin/Directors absent: 2-Heidi Hayes and Emily Adema.

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. Presentations

Josie Hill presented information on ESSERS (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief) II and III funding including breakdowns of proposed plans/budget in spending the money in areas that meet the criteria

Matt Lukshaitis and Brent Ruppert presented information to the Board regarding the 2021-2022 master schedule that would include an additional teacher in the middle school in order to offer more electives in both the middle and high schools.

Brent Ruppert presented details to the Board regarding students who are currently failing and the reasons behind the request to lower graduation credit requirements from 26 to 24 for the classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

III. Communications and Public Comment

A community member/parent addressed the Board expressing their frustration in decisions over the past two weeks of keeping school face-to-face amidst a COVID "outbreak" in the district.

A school employee/member of the teachers union addressed the Board asking them to consider extending EPSLA/EFMLEA after April 1, 2021 through the end of the school year.

A community member/parent addressed the Board advocating for the class of 2021 asking the Board and administration what their end of year plans are for this graduating class and how it will compare to the class of 2019 specifically regarding prom, senior awards and graduation. Also asked the Board to "push-back" on the newest MDHHS order that requires weekly COVID testing of all spring athletes.

IV. Old Business-

Recommendation to Lower HS Credits for the Graduating Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025

Again this agenda item was tabled. The HS principal offered to bring more data at the end of the school year in order to determine the need for graduating classes 2022-2025.

V. New Business

A. Personnel

Motion by Ms. Marks, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to accept the resignation of Mrs. Emily Adema, Middle School Principal and Special Education Director, effective April 23, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

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

B. New Position

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to create a temporary position, Special Education Supervisor/Compliance Coordinator, to ensure dates and meetings are planned and monitored and the district finishes the school year in compliance with applicable special education laws of the state and nation, at a cost of \$3000, position to be active March 23, to June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

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

C. Half-Time (4-hour position) Special Education/Buck Virtual Secretary Hire:

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve hiring Mrs. Audrey Krantz, effective April 5, 2021, as the half-time Special Education/Buck Virtual Secretary at a secretary step 1, as recommended by the superintendent.

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

D. SY 2021-2022 Academic Calendar-First Reading took place

E. 2021-2022 Course Guide

Motion by Ms. Marks, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the 2021-2022 Course Guide as recommended by the superintendent.

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

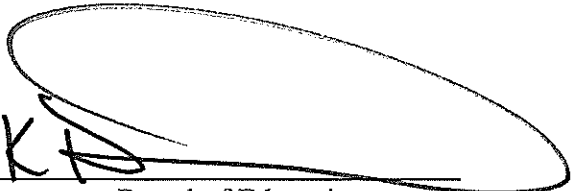
VI. Other

Board member, Kevin Delancey, addressed the board regarding the ongoing MDHHS orders and asking the Board to think about when will enough be enough and when will the Board decide to "push back."

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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 22nd day of March, 2021, 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 12th day of April, 2021.



Secretary, Board of Education

