

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, May 19, 2021, in person, at the Pine River MS/HS Media Center located at 17445 Pine River Rd. Leroy, MI 49655.

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

Members absent: 0

Administrators/Directors present: 5-Matt Lukshaitis, Heidi Hayes, Brent Ruppert, and Josie Hill.

Administrators/Directors absent: 2-Jeff Hattendorf and Rob Sibary

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

III. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Lukshaitis presented/discussed the following to the Board:

- Summer School dates and plans
- LOA that is on agenda for further discussion
- MDHHS Updated Gatherings and Face Mask Order new masking exemptions and MIOSHA rules
- Bond Construction updates
- Upcoming Non-Homestead Tax Millage timeline
- Last day of school events
- Etc.

V. President's Report

Mr. Peterson updated the board on the following:

- Thanked the HS Principal, Building and Grounds Supervisor and the rest of the staff who set up, assisted and participated in the 2021 HS Graduation ceremony.
- Thanked the Board for their flexibility with the changed dates for both the May and June Board meetings.

VI. Principals/Directors/Student Representative Updates

- **Heidi Hayes**

- Provided updates for the K-3 building including:

- ✓ Theme for K-3 Summer School will be Olympics style
 - ✓ Summer School will consist of both academic and project based learning
 - ✓ Field Trips have been approved and will be happening soon
 - ✓ Walking field trips also planned to visit local library and get ice cream from local ice cream shop
 - ✓ Kindergarten Round-Up occurred last week with over 50 new kindergarten students attending.
 - ✓ Currently over 60 students are enrolled in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year.

- **Brent Ruppert**

- Provided a brief update on high school happenings including:

- ✓ All state testing has been completed
 - ✓ All Sports Day had a great turn-out and was a success
 - ✓ Thanked all the staff who assisted, worked and attended the 2021 HS Graduation
 - ✓ Senior Awards and Graduation were recorded and will be made available to the school's FaceBook page once final edits are completed.
 - ✓ Track regionals are scheduled for next week
 - ✓ Baseball pre-districts are June 1st. Softball districts are June 5th.
 - ✓ Bond construction at the MS/HS is scheduled to begin June 7th.

- **Josie Hill**

- Provided a brief update on school finances including:

- ✓ Supplemental budgets for 2020-2021 are still in legislature discussions, same for 2021-2022 budget
 - ✓ ESSER II funding is expected to be released soon
 - ✓ ESSER III application will be available in approximately 6-8 weeks

VII. Communications and Public Comment-ECOLP and General Comments

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

- A member of the PREA Union thanked the Board and Administration Team for all of the efforts this school effectively maintaining school operations during a pandemic.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Kulpa 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 April 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

IX. Old Business

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

Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

2. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to adopt Thrun Law School District Policies 2203 and 5708 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion Approved.

X. New Business

A. Personnel-Resignations and Retirements

1. JV Boys Basketball Coach Resignation

Motion by Ms. Marks, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the immediate resignation of Mr. Cody Wagatha as JV Boys Basketball Coach, as recommended by the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion Approved.

2. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Resignation

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve the immediate resignation of Mr. Derek Kanouse, as recommended by the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

3. Instructional Paraprofessional Retirement

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the retirement of Ms. Ella MacLean, who has been with the district for six years, effective June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

B. 2021-Summer School Hires: K-3, 4-7, 8-12, Food Service and Transportation

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Ms. Marks to approve the following personnel for the 2021 K-3 Summer School Program: Angela Johnson, Teresa Powell, Andrea McCreedy, and Phillip Ragatzki as teaching staff, at a teaching rate of \$35/hour and Mindy Denike, Andrew Denike, Jill Kanouse, Sarah Delancey and Casandra Foster as Instructional Paraprofessionals at a support staff rate of \$25/hour as recommended by the Elementary Principal and Superintendent.

Ayes 6, Nays-0 Motion Approved. Mr. Delancey abstained from voting

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to hire the following personnel for the 2021 4-7 Summer School Program: Janelle Hill, Tamra Smith, and Dylan Penhallurick as teaching staff at a teaching rate of \$35/hour and Ms. Lani Huber as an Instructional Paraprofessional at a support staff rate of \$25/hour as recommended by the Middle School Principal and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

Motion by Ms. Marks, seconded by Mr. Shook, to hire the following personnel for the 2021 8-12 Credit Recovery Summer School Program: Holly Lockhart, Nicole Goldammer and Rene Stieg as teaching staff at a teaching rate of \$35/hour as recommended by the High School Principal and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Delancey to hire the following Food Service personnel for the 2021 Summer School Program: Tammy Moored and Gail Pols, at a support staff rate of \$25/hour, as recommended by the Food Service Director and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to hire the following Transportation staff for the 2021 Summer School Program: Jodie Dery and Kevyn Enyart as bus drivers at a support staff rate of \$25/hour as recommended by the Transportation director and superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

C. Personnel: Additional New Hires

1. K-3 Elementary Teacher

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Ms. Marks to approve the hiring of Miss Elizabeth Whitley as a K-3 Elementary Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, at a BA I step 1 as recommended by the Interview Committee and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

2. Middle School or Elementary Teacher

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the hiring of Miss Macey Dean as a Middle School or Elementary Teacher (teaching assignment to be determined) for the 2021-2022 school year, at a BA I step 1 as recommended by the Interview Committee and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

3. K-12 Special Education Teacher

Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the hiring of Tara Batdorf as a Special Education Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, at a BA I step 3, (initial placement to be in the high school) as recommended by the Interview Committee and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

4. JV Boys Basketball Coach

Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Ms. Marks to approve the hiring of Mr. Steffan Halvorsen as the JV Boys Basketball Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season, at a coaching step 4, as recommended by the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

C. Resolution Designation District's Electoral Representative and District's Candidate Choices

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to designate Mr. Tom Shook as the Electoral Representative and Mr. Rob Kulpa as the alternate for the purpose of the June 7, 2021 Wexford-Missaukee ISD Biennial Election and for the Electoral Representative to select Mr. Harold Kibbe and Mr. Chad Brunink as the District's candidate choices.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

D. Bid Award for Lawn Care Services

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to award the Bid for Proposal for lawn services from May 20, 2021 through November 30, 2025, to James Lantagne LLC, DBA, Kater Lawn and Snow, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

E. Chromebook Purchase for Elementary

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Ms. Marks to approve the purchase of 400 Chromebooks from Tratera, for the K-3 building, at a quoted amount of \$30, 500.00 as recommended by the IT Director and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

F. WMISD Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Ms. Marks to approve the WMISD proposed 2021-2022 budget as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

G. 2021-2022 MHSAA Membership Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to adopt the 2021-2022 MHSAA Membership Resolution for the purpose of continuing MHSAA sponsored athletics at the middle school and high school competition level as recommended by the Athletic

Director and Superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

H. Letter of Agreement (LOA)-PREA

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the Letter of Agreement with Pine River Education Association written to amend Master Agreement 2019-2023, Schedule B (F) Other Reimbursements, (1)(b): strikeout the first sentence of (F)(1)(b) and replace with "The maximum Board contribution to the fund shall be \$40,000 each year." And Schedule B (F) Other Reimbursements (1)(d): strikeout the second sentence of (F)(1)(d) and replace with "The fund will be allowed to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) but not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)." as recommended by the Union President and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0 Motion Approved.

XI. Other-

Mrs. Dean complimented the 2021 graduation ceremony and noted how enjoyable it was having it outside.

Vice President Delancey also complimented the 2021 graduation ceremony. Mr. Delancey thanked the Elementary Principal for implementing field trips this year. Mr. Delancey also mentioned masking mandates asking the board to be open to discussion at a later date if needed.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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 19th day of May 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 21st day of May 2021.



Secretary, Board of Education