

**Pine River Area Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, August 9, 2021, at the Pine River Middle/High School Media Center.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: 7-Mrs. Kim Dean, Mr. Kevin Delancey, Mrs. Katy Draper, Mr. Rob Kulpa, Mr. Jim Peterson, Mr. Tom Shook, Mrs. Heather Smith (formerly Marks-name was changed in July 2021.)

Members Absent: None

Administrators/Directors Present: Matthew Lukshaitis, Josie Hill, Jeff Hattendorf, Heidi Hayes, Brent Ruppert and Rob Sibary

Directors Absent: N/A

II. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the agenda as amended adding School of Choice item under XJ.

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Board members signed thank you cards for the Osceola County Community Foundation and General Mills (Yoplait) for award grants to various school needs.

IV. PRESENTATION

Josie Hill updated the Board regarding current budget and a Capital Fund Project proposal that was voted on later in the meeting.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Lukshaitis updated the Board regarding beginning the SY 21-22 on time, an HVAC presentation that may occur at next board meeting or workshop, discussions at ISD-wide superintendents meeting, and talk of a third grade math law.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Peterson welcomed everyone to the meeting, welcomed the Board back from summer break and announced dates for the upcoming Open House activities to kick off the new school year.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

One community member/parent addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 protocol mandates and school funding, online schooling and curriculum.

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One staff member addressed the Board to thank them.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

IX. OLD BUSINESS-*No old business was on the agenda for this meeting*

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Personnel-Resignations/Retirements*

1. Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the immediate resignation of Mr. Eric Martin as the assistant soccer coach, as recommended by the Athletic Director and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

2. Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the immediate resignation of Mrs. Kaylynn Hastings as the Elementary School Improvement Chair, as recommended by the Elementary Principal and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

3. Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the immediate resignation of Mr. John Benoit, Special Education Teacher, as recommended by the High School Principal and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

4. Motion by Mr. Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the resignation of Mrs. Jodie Dery, AM/PM Bus Driver, effective August 23, 2021, as recommended by the Transportation Director and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

B. *Personnel-New Hires*

1. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve hiring of Ms. Deborah Light as a K-12 Special Education Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, at an MA III step 20, as recommended by the hiring committee and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried,

2. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve hiring of Mrs. Karla Sterly as a High School Math Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, at an MA III step 20, as recommended by the hiring committee and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried,

3. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the hiring of Miss Malorie Bosscher as a Marching Band Assistant, effective for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate per Schedule B of the master contract as recommended by the Band Director and the Superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried
4. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean, to approve hiring Ms. Michaela MCQuestion as the K-5 Art Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year at the Board-approved long term sub rate, as recommended by the hiring committee and the Superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried
5. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve hiring Miss Erin Cubbler as the K-5 Physical Education Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year at a BA I step 1, as recommended by the hiring committee and the Superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried
6. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve hiring Mrs. Sharon Wheeler as the Varsity Cheer Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season, at a coaching step 1, as recommended by the Athletic Director and the Superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

C. *2021-2022 Handbooks*

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Kulpa, to approve the 2021-2022 Staff Handbook and the 2021-2022 K-3 Student Handbook and the High School (8-12) Student Handbook as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

D. *Establish \$150,000 Capital Projects Fund*

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Smith to move from the General Fund and establish a \$150,000 Capitals Project Fund as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

E. *Approve the 2021 Tax Rate Request-L4029*

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the 2021 L4029 Tax Rate as recommended by the Business Office Manager and Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

F. *Approve 2021-2022 Evaluation Parameters*

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the 2021-2022 Evaluation parameters as presented and recommended by the District Improvement Team and the Superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

G. Middle School (4-7 Building) Trimester Schedule Approval

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kulpa, to change the middle school building from a semester schedule to a trimester schedule for the purpose of allowing core classes to operate all year while opening up greater opportunities for elective classes as recommended by the Middle School Principal and the Superintendent.

Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

H. 2021-2022 Curriculum Guide Book

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the 2021-2022 high school curriculum guide book as recommended by the superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

I. Establish an August 23, 2021 Board Workshop

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve setting a Board workshop for August 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Media Center.

Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

XI. OTHER

No other items were discussed at this meeting

XII. ADJOURNMENT: President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. after Mr. Shook motioned for adjournment.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 9th day of August, 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 13th day of September, 2021.



Secretary, Board of Education