

**Pine River Area Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2021**

*A regular meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, October 11, 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 (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Administrators/Directors Present: Matthew Lukshaitis, Josie Hill, Jeff Hattendorf, Heidi Hayes, Brent Ruppert, Rob Sibary, Aaron Schab, Cody Wagatha

Directors Absent: N/A

**II. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the agenda as presented. *Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried Mrs. Smith was not present when this vote occurred.*

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Lukshaitis updated the Board regarding the following:

- ESSER II and ESSER III funding
- WMISD representative to meet with admin regarding assessments
- LOA with Marion Public Schools to transport one of their students to AM CTC
- Announcement of PTC dates and fall break on 10/15/2021
- Meeting with law enforcement regarding social media challenges (i.e. TikTok devious licks)

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Peterson announced the superintendent's evaluation process will begin at November's Regular board meeting. Also announced that plans will be made for a possible Board retreat in January 2022.

**V. PRINCIPALS'/DIRECTORS' UPDATES**

Principal Hayes, Principal Hattendorf and Principal Ruppert all provided the Board with building updates including testing, current events, parent-teacher conferences, and athletics. Rob Sibary provided the Board with bond construction updates including delays on bus garage remodel and completion of locker rooms. Josie Hill updated the Board on financials and announced a presentation for an amended budget proposal will be presented at November's Board meeting.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

One parent/community member addressed the Board regarding various questions covering curriculum, teacher observations, critical race theory, etc. This parent/community member also thanked the Board for making masks optional and for having a homecoming dance this school year.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Shook, to approve the consent agenda (Capital Project Funds Accounts Payable, PR Expenditure Worksheet, General Fund and Lunch Fund Accounts Payable and Regular meeting board minutes from September 13, 2021) as presented.

*Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

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

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. *Personnel-Resignations/Retirements***

1. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to accept the resignation of Mrs. Krista LaDouce, instructional paraprofessional, effective October 15, 2021, as recommended by the middle school principal.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

2. Motion by Mrs. Draper seconded by Mr. Kulpa to accept the resignation of Mr. Anthony Ruetz, flex custodian, effective October 16, 2021, as recommended by the transportation/operations director and the superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

3. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to accept the retirement of Mr. Mike Larr, K-5 Physical Education Teacher, effective October 31, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**B. *Personnel-New Hires***

1. Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve hiring Mr. Adam Kurtinaitis, instructional paraprofessional, effective October 4, 2021, at an instructional paraprofessional step 2, as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

2. Motion by Mrs. Dean seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve hiring Mr. Devin Ruppert as the 8th grade boys basketball coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season at a coaching step 2, as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried,*

**C. RFP for Snowplowing Services 2021-2024**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Delancey, to approve submitting requests for proposal for the purpose of securing snowplowing/snow removal services for the 2021-2024 seasons, to the school's website and local newspaper on October 12, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**D. 2021-2023 Registrar Contract**

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve renewing the contract for Ms. Kim Miller, district registrar, from 2021-2023, as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**E. JUUL Litigation Resolution and Contract**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to enter into contract with Frantz Law Group for the purpose of JUUL litigation and the adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:**

1. In 2019, several California public schools sued Juul Labs, Inc. and other producers of vaping products in a California federal court, specifically Case No. 3:19-md-2913-WHO in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California ("Lawsuit").

2. The Lawsuit seeks monetary damages and injunctive relieve associated with defendants marketing vaping products to students.

3. Schools in the Lawsuit are being represented by Frantz Law Group, APLC, a California professional law Corporation ("Frantz").

4. Thrun Law Firm, P.C. referred the School to Frantz for the Lawsuit.

5. The Board believes it is in the School's best interests to join the Lawsuit on the terms specified in the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract.

6. The Board believes it is the School's best interests to authorize and direct the superintendent to sign the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the School and to take such other action as necessary to obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the School in the Lawsuit, subject to review by the School's legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board decides to join the Lawsuit on the terms specified in the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract.
2. The Board authorizes and directs the superintendent to sign the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the School and to take such other action as necessary to obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the School in the Lawsuit, subject to review by the School's legal counsel.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**F. willSub Pay Rate Increase**

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve raising willSub substitute teaching pay rates to \$111 daily rate, \$66 half day rate, \$134 long term (10-60 consecutive days) and \$139 per day for Administrator Sub rate as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**G. Van Purchase**

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve purchasing a 2022 Ford Transit 10-passenger van from Babb Ford at a quoted approximate price of \$38,236.95 as recommended by the transportation director and superintendent.

*Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**H. District Remote Learning Plans for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the elementary and MS/HS remote learning plans for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes 7, Nays-0, Motion carried*

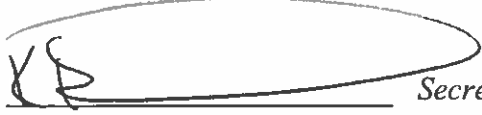
**X. OTHER**

No other items were discussed at this meeting

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 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 11th day of October, 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 November, 2021.*

A handwritten signature, possibly reading "Y.S.", is written over a horizontal line.

*Secretary, Board of Education*

