

**PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, October 14, 2019 at Pine River Middle/High School Media Center.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

Members present: 7- Merrylie Cameron, Kim Dean, Kevin Delancey, Katy Draper, Terry Koetje, Jim Peterson, Tom Shook

Administrators/Directors present: Matt Lukshaitis, Emily Adema, Heidi Hayes, Josie Hill, Brent Ruppert and Rob Sibary.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

*Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The following items were discussed during the Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Lukshaitis reported a lot happening at the local and state levels regarding public education.
- Mr. Lukshaitis announced an upcoming 31N grant meeting and discussed a list of cuts in the Governor's proposed budget that would include a \$56,000 loss to PRAS (isolated districts cut).

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Peterson reported to the Board on the following topics:

- MASB Annual Leadership Conference scheduled in November
- The board workshop on 10/1/2019 with Architect Tony Esson to discuss proposed building needs for May 2020 bond proposal was productive.

**V. DIRECTORS/PRINCIPALS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (no student rep at this meeting)**

- **Brent Ruppert updated the Board on the following topics:**
  - ◊ Middle/High school curriculum teams have continued to work on curriculum mapping project to ensure alignment of instruction and assessment with curriculum standards.
  - ◊ Special Education staff worked on utilizing text to speech feature of chrome books
  - ◊ Preliminary CTC count for PR is around 80

- ⊖ School improvement strategies are being modeled and taught to staff to help with new 5-year school improvement plan
  - ⊖ AdviseMI counselor Moriah Miltgen started on first day of school to help students with college planning , scholarships, exposure to colleges, and FAFSA
  - ⊖ Green and White Day is being planned periodically throughout the first semester to help with mentoring, completing EDPS, class meetings, address/discuss vaping and other issues
  
- **Emily Adema updated the Board on the following topics:**
  - ⊖ Total enrollment at the 4-7 building is 333, down 21 since June but up 6 from last month.
  - ⊖ NJHS induction ceremony is scheduled for 10/23/2019, 5:30pm in the MS/HS media center.
  - ⊖ There is an increased amount of student work being showcased in the MS hallways. Staff are encouraged to look around and make note of the displays.
  - ⊖ The 4-7 building has begun its Career Prep Academy year at the CTC.
  - ⊖ Special Education stats were provided to the board also
  
- **Heidi Hayes updated the Board on the following topics:**
  - ⊖ Provided SIT updates and PT Conference dates
  - ⊖ PBIS information was provided
  - ⊖ K-1, 2-3 information nights went well
  - ⊖ Mon's Morning is scheduled for Friday 10/25/2019
  - ⊖ Total enrollment for K-3 building is 299
  
- **Josie Hill discussed funding updates including:**
  - ⊖ 2018-2019 Special Education and Transportation reports have been submitted to ISD.
  - ⊖ Scott Hunter, auditor at Baird, Cotter and Bishop PC will be attending the November 11, 2019 BOE Regular Meeting to present audit information.
  - ⊖ October 2<sup>nd</sup> was Pupil Count Day.
  - ⊖ An amended budget for Pine River is in progress
  
- **Rob Sibary shared with the Board:**
  - ⊖ A few trees were removed at the beginning of the cross country course
  - ⊖ Suggested a larger sign that is more visible on the road/at the entrance of the cross country course due to complaints from attendees at the most recent home invitational.
  - ⊖ One bad draw with football water well resulted in the removal of the fountain, use of water bottles and suspension of drinking the water for a week. 3 good draws within a 24 hour span made the water safe to drink again.
  - ⊖ New bus with cameras has been ordered

## **VI. COMMUNICATION and PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A parent/community member thanked the board for opportunities to speak at various board meetings the past few months but also expressed their opinion that issues reported should have been addressed earlier.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve General Fund and Lunch Fund Invoices
- B. Approve Pine River Expenditure Worksheet
- C. Approve minutes 9/9/19 regular meeting, 9/24/19 special meeting and closed session and 10/1/19 workshop.

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the consent of agenda presented.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS** – Second reading of NEOLA Policy Update 5611. Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approve proposed changes.

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

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. New Personnel**

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the hiring of Mr. Tony Moore as the JV baseball coach, at a coaching step I, as recommended by the athletic director and the superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the hiring of Mr. Cody Wagatha as the JV boys basketball coach at a coaching step I, as recommended by the athletic director and the superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the hiring of Mr. Devin Ruppert as assistant varsity baseball coach as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mr. Koetje, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approve the hiring of Mrs. Ashley Larr-Verdi as assistant varsity softball coach at a coaching step I, as recommended by the athletic director and the superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the hiring of Mr. Devin Ruppert as the assistant varsity boys basketball coach at a coaching step 1, as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the hiring of Miss Jamie Justin as the assistant varsity girls basketball coach at a coaching step I, as recommended by the athletic director and superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the hiring of Mrs. Kristina Holmes as the HS Cashier at a cook step I, as recommended by the food service director and superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Koetje to approve the hiring of Mr. Matt Johnson as marching band second assistant, per scheduled B contract, as recommended by the band director and superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

**B. Resignation**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to accept the resignation of Mr. Scott Benson as 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach effective immediately, as recommended by the athletic director and superintendent.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

**C.** Motion by Mr. Koetje, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve a treasury meeting with the State of Michigan to formally proceed with a proposed \$3.915 million bond for remediation, renovations and new construction for our elementary, middle and high school buildings and grounds.

*Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.*

**D. BOE Delegate and Alternate for MASB Annual Leadership Conference elections**

Motion by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Koetje to nominate and select Mr. Tom Shook as the delegate at the MASB Annual Leadership Conference.

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

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to nominate and select Mrs. Merrylie Cameron as the alternate (in the absence of the delegate) at the MASB Annual Leadership Conference.

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

**E. First Reading of NEOLA 34-1**

No board discussion occurred for this reading.


X. OTHER-No other agenda items were presented

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. after a motion was made by Mr. Shook.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

