

**Pine River Area Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2020**

*A regular meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, March 9, 2020 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: 6-Mrs. Merrylie Cameron, Mrs. Kim Dean, Mr. Kevin Delancey, Mrs. Katy Draper, Mr. Jim Peterson and Mr. Tom Shook

Members Absent: 1-Terry Koetje

Administrators/Directors Present: Mrs. Emily Adema, Mrs. Heidi Hayes, Mr. Matthew Lukshaitis, Mr. Brent Ruppert and Mr. Rob Sibary

Directors Absent: Mrs. Josie Hill, Mr. Brent Ruppert

**II. PRESENTATIONS:** High School counselor Mrs. Becky Curtis presented information on the proposed Osceola Youth Advisor Council (OYAC)'s Be Nice Program.

**III. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

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

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Lukshaitis presented information from the ISD superintendent's meeting including updates on Michigan Merit Curriculum, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, post-labor start date for 2020-2021 school year and updates on COVID-19.

**V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Peterson congratulated Pine River Varsity Wrestler who won the state championship at Ford Field. Also announced upcoming Construction Risk Management interviews scheduled for later this week.

**VI. PRINCIPALS/DIRECTORS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES:**

- Mrs. Emily Adema presented updated regarding the 4-7 middle school building including FMS carnival scheduled for 4/3/2020, March is reading

month plans for the IdidaREAD event similar to the Iditarod, Career Day and state testing scheduled for April.

- Mrs. Heidi Hayes presented updates regarding the K-3 building/students including Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for 3/16/2020, report cards are being sent home on Friday, March is reading Month plans and PRPTG Penny Wars fund raiser.
- Mr. Rob Sibary presented updates in the maintenance and transportation departments include the hiring of a new driver, plans for spring sports starting this week and passes expected to be available again next week.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for public comment

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approved the consent agenda as presented.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS-Second reading/approval of the Board of Education's goals for SY 2019-2020 and SY 2020-20201.**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the Board of Education's goals for SY 2019-2020 and SY 2020-2021.

*Ayes 6, Nays-0, Motion carried*

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### *A. Approval of New Personnel*

1. Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Shook to approve the hiring of Ms. Randi Benthem as the K-3 Literacy and Math Instructional Paraprofessional, effective 3/16/2020, at an Instructional Parapro step 3, as recommended by the interview committee and the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

2. Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approve the hiring of Mr. Aaron Nichols as the special education/general education Instructional Paraprofessional, effective 3/10/2020, at an Instructional Paraprofessional step 1, as recommended by the special education director and the superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

3. Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the hiring of Mr. Rylie Mosher as an AM/PM Bus Driver, as recommended by the transportation director and superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

4. Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mr. Shook to accept the immediate resignation of Mr. Keith Calkins as a special education teacher, effective March 6, 2020, as recommended by the superintendent.

*B. Creation of New Assistant Principal Positions at the Elementary and Middle School Buildings*

1. Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the creation of an Elementary Assistant Principal position, effective 2020-2021 school year, at a pay rate per the master agreement as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

1. Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mr. Delancey to approve the creation of a Middle School Assistant Principal position, effective 2020-2021 school year, at a pay rate per the master agreement as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

*C. First Reading of NEOLA 34-2 took place. No questions were discussed.*

**XI. ROLL CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Y  Merrylie Cameron

Y  Kim Dean

Y  Kevin Delancey

Y  Katy Draper

Y  Jim Peterson

Y  Tom Shook

*Meeting went into closed session at 7:05 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION: Contract Negotiations**

**XII: OPEN SESSION**

Motion was made by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to move meeting back into open session for the purpose of approving negotiated contracts for Administrators, Central Office and the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

*Meeting went into open session at 7:28 p.m.*

**A. Approval of the following Administrator contacts for 2020-2022**

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the Administrator Contract for Mr. Brent Ruppert as High School Principal for 2020 through 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the Administrator Contract for Mrs. Emily Adema as Middle School Principal for 2020 through 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the Administrator Contract for Mrs. Heidi Hayes as Elementary School Principal for 2020 through 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 5, Nays – 0, Motion carried \*Mrs. Merrylie Cameron abstained from voting*

**B. Approval of the following Central Office Contracts for 2020-2022**

Motion by Mrs. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the Central Office Contract for Mr. Rob Sibary as Transportation and Maintenance Director for 2020 through 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

Motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the Central Office Contract for Ms. Dawn Sizeland as Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Executive Secretary to the Board of Education President for 2020 through 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the Central Office Contract for Ms. Michelle Adams as Food Service Coordinator for 2020 through 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the Central Office Contract for Mr. Marc Dennis as the Behavioral Management School Health and Safety Supervisor for 2020-2022 as recommended by the superintendent.

*Ayes 6, Nays-0, Motion carried*

**C. Approval of Superintendent's Contract for 2020-2023**

Motion by Mr. Delancey, seconded by Mrs. Dean to approve the Superintendent's Contract for Mr. Matt Lukshaitis for 2020 through 2023.


*Ayes 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried*

**XIII. OTHER:** No other business was discussed

**XIV: ADJOURNMENT:** President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 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 March, 2020, 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 April, 2020.*

  
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*Secretary, Board of Education*