

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the January 7, 2016 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES/REPORTS/FINANCIAL - The following were approved by the Board:

- Regular Meeting – December 3, 2015; Special Meeting – December 10, 2015
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements – November 24, 30, 2015;
December 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 2015
- Financial reports and warrants

SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Congratulations to Nicole & Jeff Maher on the birth/adoption of daughter Avalynn Grace on December 9th.
- Congratulations to the following students for their selection to the CCMTA Winter All County Festival to be held at Chautauqua Lake on Saturday, February 6th:

Elementary Band (Grades 5-6)

Flute: Mattison Cadle

Clarinet: Willow Daly-Griffen, Margeret (Maggie) King, Melody Sunick

Saxophone: Jay Howard

French Horn: Kadin Pfaffenbach (just transferred to Forestville)

Brass Ensemble

French Horn: Christian Fadale, Daniel Milliman

Women's Chorus

Soprano 1: Skylyn Brown, Megan Stefanik and Zoe Nelson

Soprano 2: Shelby Rowicki, Megan Lindquist and Kaitlyn Rumsey

Alto: Destiny Gullo and Kahlen Green

- Congratulations to Oliver Kohler on being named a *Post Journal* Swimmer of the Week in December.
- Tina Graziano, bus driver, addressed the board regarding the proposed transportation audit.
- Angelo Graziano, board member, asked about the results of the recent technology study. Scott Payne responded that he will share the results once the study is concluded. Angelo questioned the necessity of a non-mandatory transportation audit. Scott and other board members noted that it is good to have an unbiased look at our processes and procedures to assure that we are doing things in the best possible way. Angelo also inquired about teacher absenteeism. Scott responded that it is a situation that is not unique to the teacher group, but all groups in our organization. It was also pointed out that absenteeism is an issue county-wide and throughout the western New York region. The State has even adopted regulations expanding flexibility in use of substitutes.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

- **Student Musical Performance:** French Horn Instrumental - Christian Fadale, Daniel Milliman and instructor Roger Chagnon performed "Hunting Chorus" from *Der Freischutz* by Carl Von Weber.

PERSONNEL MATTERS – The following were approved by the Board at the recommendation of Superintendent Scott Payne:

Instructional

- Reduced one Occupational Therapist position to a .6 FTE position effective December 23, 2015.
Nicole Maher, shall be reduced .6 FTE effective effective December 23, 2015.
- Appointed **Jennifer Dechert**, Speech Language Pathologist, effective January 25, 2016.

Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2015-16 School Year

Winter Sports Coach

Name

Tim Nobles

Position/Sport

Volunteer Girls Basketball

Winter Sports Personnel

Names

Leslie Milliman & Darlene Morrison

Sport

Boys and Girls JV & Varsity Basketball
and Boys Modified Basketball

Position

Sub. Bldg. Chaperone

Fitness Room Supervisor: Alexandra Bentham

ACTION/OTHER ITEMS

- Appointed **Megan Wright** to the position of substitute Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approved the agreement with **Stacey Lovern**, Registered Occupational Therapist, and directed and authorized the Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the District for the 2015-16 school year.
- Approved the placement of **Louise Zollinger** at the Jr./Sr. High School with English teachers Alison Spacciapolli and Jill Szumigala during the third & fourth quarters to complete her 25-hour requirement for the SUNY Fredonia Early Field Experience Program (EDU 105).
- Based on the recommendation of the District's Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, and the Chautauqua County Department of Health, declared an emergency project to renovate the domestic water treatment system due to the system's inability to maintain state and county chemistry mandates from the District's three wells. The engineer is authorized to notify Facilities Planning of the project and to immediately begin design documents to get the system in working order. The architect and engineer will assist the District in obtaining a construction bid to renovate the system not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000).
- Approved the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Pine Valley Central School District and the Forestville Central School District for the provision of occupational therapy services as presented.
- Tabled the Veterans' Tax Exemption.
- Approved hiring Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) to conduct a Student Transportation Efficiency Study as presented. The district will be reimbursed at the state aid transportation rate of 90%.
- Final reading and adoption of policies as presented.
- First reading of policies as presented.
- Kelly Zimmerman, Elementary Principal & Curriculum Coordinator, presented district student performance data. Specifically, the data indicates that students are largely not moving to higher achievement levels when considering a three-year span of data. District-wide curriculum and instruction efforts are concentrated on increasing achievement through a variety of coordinated activities.
- Adopted the mission and vision statements as presented:
 - Mission:** To prepare all students to be college and career ready as lifelong learners, instilled with the intrinsic values of:
 - Integrity
 - Perseverance
 - Responsibility
 - Curiosity
 - Vision:** To provide an education that grows tomorrow's leaders who are fully aware of and able to act upon any and all opportunities.
- Adopted the 2015-16 Board of Education Goals as presented:
 - College and Career Ready:** Pine Valley will develop a college and career minded educational plan (for grades 7-12 by April 2016 and K-6 grade students by April 2017) which is monitored and adjusted on an annual basis.
 - Engagement with School & Community:** Increase attendance, parent involvement, and communication with all members of the school community through informational programs, extracurricular activities and programs of recognition by June 2016.
 - Student Achievement:** To develop a comprehensive and scaffolded curriculum that supports achieving a 35% progressive proficiency rate and a 30% graduation with Advanced Regents Diploma by 2018.
 - Fiscal Responsibility:** Align resources to educational goals by following established practices and policies in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner during the 2016 budget process that offers the opportunity for community input.
 - Feedback:** A feedback loop is established by June 2016 with and between the Board, Superintendent, Administrators, Teachers, Students, Parents and Community that effectively provides comment and constructive support on the progress and performance toward achieving district goals.

Adjourned meeting at 9:23 pm.