

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the May 5, 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 – April 19, 2016
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements – April 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 & 27, 2016

SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS

- Congratulations to the following students who participated in this year's Envirothon held at the College Lodge in Brocton on April 28th: Kilian Abers, Myllisa Becker, Ben Distasio, Tyler Hoage, Cassie Kelly, Trent Leverentz, Katelyn Miller, Jon Mosher, Heidi Moss, Candice Silva, Megan Stefanik, Hailey Swanson, Rickey Tabak, Derek Thompson, Chance White and Carlye Winship. A special congratulations to the team of Cassie Kelly, Tyler Hoage, Jon Mosher, Heidi Moss and Megan Stefanik who took second place in the competition.
- Congratulations to Dylan Chase for being named Class D Honorable Mention to the New York State Sportswriters Association All-State Boys Basketball team.
- Congratulations to Jamie Wilcox for being named Class D Honorable Mention to the New York State Sportswriters Association All-State Girls Basketball team.
- Congratulations to Daniel Milliman who competed in the CCMTA Scholarship auditions and won. He will be awarded funds that will allow him to take lessons privately and/or attend music camps this summer.
- Congratulations to the Treble Cats (Grades 5-6 select choir) who achieved the highest rating available - Gold with Distinction - at yesterday's NYSSMA Majors Festival held at Chautauqua Lake. Vocal music teacher Kelley Pickreign reported on their accomplishments and shared accolades the students received at the competition for their performance and at Taco Bell (where they ate after the competition) for their excellent behavior.
- Thank you Lisa Kelley, Jill Marsh and Kelly Zimmerman for coordinating the excellent RTI Vendor Fair held in our district last week. With three vendors on site (and materials from additional companies) and 50 visitors from 10 school districts in addition to our own staff, this was a wonderful event.
- Condolences extended to the family of Gerald Fancher (former bus driver/custodian), on his death April 27th.
- Condolences extended to Kelsey Braun and his family on the death of his stepsister May 1st.
- Board President Rex Butcher noted that this is Teachers' Appreciation Week, and that the Board appreciates our teachers and all of our staff for the work they do.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

- **Budget Hearing** – Scott Payne and Deanna Schettine
Scott began by sharing this year's Board Goals and our progress in achieving them. Both he and Deanna presented the proposed budget via a PowerPoint presentation.
- **Graduation Requirements** – Paul Mihalko
Paul showed a PowerPoint presentation "Pathways to Graduation" and described the graduation options available for students and diploma/credential requirements.

ACTION/OTHER ITEMS

- Approved Holly Abers and Leslie Milliman as chaperones for the Senior Class (Class of 2016) trip to the Pinegrove Resort Ranch in the Catskill Mountains, Kerhonkson, NY, June 3-5, 2016.
- Approved the Shared Athletic Program Agreement for JV and Varsity Football with Gowanda Central School for the 2016-17 school year and directed and authorized the Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the District.
- Approved the Shared Athletic Program Agreement for Boys Swimming with Frewsburg Central School and Southwestern Central School for the 2016-17 school year and directed and authorized the Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the District.
- Accepted the donation of four grow lights, four 4'x12' (12" high) raised beds and the soil to fill them for our school gardens from Shelly Wells on behalf of the Chautauqua County Health Network/Creating Healthy Schools.
- Authorized the establishment of a summer school 2016 program to be conducted for various dates and times between July 6, 2016 through August 17, 2016 with said programs to be held as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ✓ The **technology committee** met today. Discussion included how to strategically move forward with one to one initiative – transition from iPads to another device. Plans are to pilot a new device in one grade level at both the elementary school and jr./sr. high school next school year. Also looking at platform – Google or Office 365. Since Google is dependent on WiFi and many of our district families do not have access to WiFi, we are leaning towards Office 365. Discussed what training will be needed.
- ✓ The **WNY Education Law Conference** is being held August 3. Board members interested in attending please let Debbie know.
- ✓ **2016 Business First Schools Guide** – Business First was in district last week taking pictures at our elementary school – five pictures of our students will be included in this year's edition. Board members - please let Debbie know if you would like a copy.

BOARD REPORTS (committee, conference/training, extracurricular event – i.e. sports, play)

Shanece – Shared several events: April 30th Senior Carnival was well attended and enjoyed by those who came. Tomorrow night is the Spring Fling dance sponsored by Student Council. May 10th is the Lip Sync battle. May 17th is the National Honor Society Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser (this is the day of the annual vote, health fair and spring band concert). May 21st is the Jr./Sr. Prom with pre-prom being held at 4:30 pm in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium (parents/family/ friends are invited to attend to see each couple introduced and the King/Queen and Prince/Princess announced. This is held in place of parents attending the actual prom later in the evening.)

Rose – attended the elementary school Creativity Night. Very successful with lots of attendance. Artwork was on display throughout the building. Many activities including teacher Jamie Brown making “goop” with kids in her classroom.

Nancy – attended Autism Awareness Day at BOCES and saw PV students. Noted that the NYS Rural Schools Conference will be held in July and encouraged attendance by one or two board members as the topics are all pertinent to small rural schools.

Larry – noted that he received a letter from Harris Beach regarding transgender students and that no guidance has been received from the state yet on this issue. Also noted that this date is an important day in history – in 1926 - John Scopes trial in Dayton, Tennessee regarding teaching of evolution in public schools.

Pat – attended the senior carnival – nice to see this being held again.

Dave – attended PV's RTI vendor fair last week – very informational. He also attended today's technology committee meeting noting that Microsoft Surface is one of the possible alternatives to iPads being looked at. He had his own Microsoft Surface with him and showed what it looks like stating that it is based on apps (Microsoft 365) rather than WiFi. Many businesses are now using this device in place of desktops and laptops.

Adam – also attended the elementary school Creativity Night – the talent show was awesome! Roger Chagnon, Shawn Huestis and Jeremy Daly-Griffen provided live music for the students' performances. He proposes that we have a human trafficking awareness presentation at Pine Valley since this is becoming a bigger issue in our region. Forestville held an assembly on this last year. Principal Paul Mihalko indicated that he attended Forestville's event last year and that he has information on speakers.

Rex – Bruce Ellis, Forestville School Board President, contacted him regarding attending one of our board meetings. They have attended some of the other area school's meetings as they are interested in seeing what other districts do. He and one or two Forestville board members will attend our June 16th meeting. Rex noted that this is Teachers' Appreciation Week, and that the Board appreciates our teachers and all of our staff for the work they do.

Adjourned meeting at 8:15 pm.