

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

- Regular Meeting– February 13, 2020
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements – February 7, 11, 21, 2020

SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS

- Congratulations to CCAA East II Winter Sports All Stars:
 - Boys' Basketball
 - Second Team Wayne Libby
 - Honorable Mention Cameron Hayes, Bryce Sercu
 - Girls' Basketball
 - Honorable Mention Haley Campbell, Sadie Fadale, Payton Swanson,
Lyric Westlund
- Condolences extended to Kathy Bukoskey and her family on the death of her mother-in-law March 4th.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

- **Parents as Teachers**
 - Justin Hanft, Executive Director - Chautauqua County Education Coalition
 - Karen Mason – Director, Parents as Teachers
- **Football** - Tyler Thompson, Gowanda Football Coach
- **E-Sports** – Carrie Davenport and Jordan Campese
- **Tax Cap Calculation** – Jamie Rodgers

PERSONNEL MATTERS – The following were approved by the Board at the recommendation of Superintendent Bryna Booth:

Administrative

- Approved the Second Amendment to Employment Agreement by and between Pine Valley Central School District and **Mrs. Kelly Zimmerman**.
- Appointed **Mr. David Davison**, Interim Elementary Principal. (Mr. Davison will start March 10, 2020.)
- Appointed **Mr. Kevin Munro**, Interim Director of Special Education (Mr. Munro will start March 9, 2020.)

Instructional

- Approved separation agreement, **David Saxton**.
- Appointed **Anna Colvin**, LTS Special Education Teacher, commencing on March 19, 2020 until further notice.
- Appointed **Tim Majka**, LTS Elementary Education Teacher, commencing on February 24, 2020 until further notice.

Non-Instructional

- Terminated employment of **Rebecca Chapman** effective March 6, 2020.

Extra Co-Curricular Appointment for 2019-20

Coach

Name

Jeff Housler

Position

Spring Sports Coach

Modified Baseball

ACTION/OTHER ITEMS

- Appointed **Carrie Davenport**, Data Protection Officer, for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.
- Nominated David Lowrey and Christine Schnars to serve on the BOCES Second Supervisory District of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties at the meeting as designated by the BOCES Board President to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, in each of the component districts.
- Established the substitute teacher rate for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year effective March 9, 2020 as follows:
 - Uncertified - \$110 per day
 - SED certified - \$130 per day
- Established that the substitute civil service employees' hourly rate of pay for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year effective March 9, 2020 shall be:

Cleaner/Laborer	\$12.58
Food Service Helper/School Monitor	\$12.50
Cook	\$12.57
Typist (Clerk) II	\$12.99
Teacher Aide	\$13.17
Sr. Typist, Account Clerk Typist	\$13.57
Custodian, Cleaner II	\$13.72
Bus Driver	\$15.40
Building Maintenance Mechanic	\$13.97
Auto Mechanic	\$14.39
Nurse	\$16.17

- Approved the out-of-state travel request for Bryna Booth to attend the 2020 Power Trip Conference being held in Austin, Texas July 13-16, 2020.
- Approved piggybacking on a transportation contract with Fredonia Central School and Dunkirk City Schools to have one Pine Valley student transported from Jamestown to Brocton by Corvus Bus & Charter, Inc. This agreement will result in a cost savings to the district.
- Accepted the high bids for items sold by Auctions International via auction process as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Carrie Davenport noted that we will be replacing our **ELA core reading program** and that representatives from Orton Gillingham, American Reading and Fountes & Pinnell will be presenting their programs to administrators in the near future.
 - Timeline: presentations March/April
 - feedback from teachers April/May
 - initial training w/teachers June
- Jamie Rodgers gave updates on **transportation**: we are working on the mapping system for tablets (a new team from Tyler Tech is working with us, and we are hoping to start using in September); currently we have one bus driver vacancy.
- Josh Tedone reported that sophomores recently attended a showing of the movie "1917" at a theater in Angola; the **middle school activity night** was well attended; a **Rwandan genocide survivor** will be speaking to high schoolers.
- Bryna shared information/gave updates on the following items:
 - She recently attended the New York State Council of School Superintendents' (**NYSCOSS**) **Conference** for the first time and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.
 - **Coronavirus** update: we are receiving information from BOCES and the NYS Education Department. Letters have been sent home to families of students (February 10th and March 4th), emailed to staff (March 4th) and posted on our website discussing the disease, risks and steps to take to prevent infection. We will monitor student trips although main concerns are for out of country and we don't have any planned at this time.
 - **Substitute Rates** – we will publicize the increased substitute teacher and civil service position rates.
 - Administrators are preparing for upcoming **staff development days** as we continue work on building culture and staff retention.
 - **Security Specialist** – work continues on setting up training, and we are hoping to share with another district (Sherman is interested) to get BOCES aid back.
 - She met recently with Gowanda's superintendent, Dr. Robert Anderson, to discuss possible **sharing opportunities**. He was very receptive.
 - Work has begun on revising our Code of Conduct regarding **discipline**. Once completed, this will be shared with the Board.
 - Bryna distributed **public survey responses** to the Board. Only seven responses received.
 - **Guidance stipended position** – there are two interested persons. We are currently holding – perhaps wait to implement as a full-time probationary position for the 2020-21 school year.

- **PTech** – currently six PV students are attending including one who has graduated from PV (college age) and who will be our first to graduate from the program this year. We were budgeting for two students/year but have cut back to one student/year.
- **Camera Project** – this will be covered with Smart Schools money and through the capital project next year (\$10,000 had been budgeted this school year for this but will be used towards a new reading program instead.)
- **2020-21 Calendar** drafts were distributed/discussed. Resolution to adopt will be on the March 19th agenda. Bryna asked that Board members call her if there are questions.

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

- **Board Round Table**

Josh – great to see a huge turnout for both the boys and girls basketball playoff games.

Rose – the trip for our FFA/agricultural students to the NYS Farm Show in Syracuse was postponed from Friday, February 28th to Saturday, February 29th due to bad weather. Thank you to Isaac Habermehl for re-arranging and attending.

Adjourned meeting at 9:50 pm.