

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the June 18, 2020 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

- Regular Meeting– June 4, 2020
- Financial reports and warrants
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements – June 1, 5, 8 & 12, 2020

**SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS**

- Congratulations to Ed Barnes on the birth of a granddaughter, Eloise, on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Condolences extended to Debbie & Dale Hooker on the death of their father (father-in-law) and PV Wall of Fame recipient on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Presentation to Outgoing Student Board Representative, Charlie Milliman** – Jeff Chase
- **Presentation to Outgoing Board Member, Jackie Smuda** – Jeff Chase

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

**Administrative**

- Appointed **David Davison**, Interim Jr./Sr. High School Principal (Mr. Davison will start July 1, 2020)

**Instructional**

- Accepted the resignation of **Jennifer Wulf**, Elementary Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2020.

**Non-Instructional**

- Accepted the resignation of Deanna Herman from the position of Food Service Helper effective June 30, 2020.

**ACTION/OTHER ITEMS**

- Appointed Carrie Davenport, Interim Director of Special Education, as the school district's Section 504 and ADA Compliance Officer effective May 1, 2020 for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.
- Accepted the results of the June 16, 2020 district voting as follows (total number of voters – 565)

Proposition 1 (Basic Budget)	Yes - 383	No - 179
Proposition 2 (Purchase of 2 Buses/1 Van)	Yes - 414	No - 146

School Board Members	
Jeffrey Chase (I)	472 votes
Kara Frontuto	410 votes
Christie Lokietek (I)	396 votes

Jeffrey Chase, Kara Frontuto and Christie Lokietek elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2023.

- Approved the Resolution Agreement with the CSEA PERB Case U-35436 as presented.
- Approved the agreements with Cattaraugus County for Related Services for Preschool Handicapped Children and for Independent Evaluations for Preschool Handicapped Children and directed and authorized the Superintendent to sign said agreements on behalf of the District for the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved the Revenue Anticipate Note as presented.
- Approved policies as presented.
- Approved a resolution requesting that the federal government provide additional support to public education to assist states that have had revenue losses due to the COVID-19 crisis.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Bryna noted that **Josh Tedone** was excused for this meeting but shared his report: this week's focus was collection of laptops and textbooks – dropped off at school. Families will be contacted if these materials have not yet been returned. Noted there will be an outdoor graduation and Bryna will speak about this in her report.
- **Jamie Rodgers** noted that we are finishing end-of-year meals – to be delivered tomorrow; next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday meals will be delivered covering through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Summer meals will begin on July 7<sup>th</sup> with meals coming from Chautauqua Opportunities. We are looking at a mixed model of pickup and delivery to those families that cannot pick up. There will also be produce boxes for pickup. Question asked if summer lunches were mandated by the state. Bryna replied that they are not, but that they are reimbursable. Dave Davison completed the application/paperwork to have Chautauqua Opportunities provide (as we've done for past few years with the summer enrichment program). Transportation is not reimbursable, but we will utilize a summer driver who already has summer hours, so we will make this part of his summer duties.
- **Carrie Davenport** reported that the final shipment of materials from American Reading Company arrived and thanked our support staff who have assisted with unpacking, sorting and preparing for re-distribution. She also responded to a question regarding what supports and curriculum are in place for ELL students. We utilize BOCES for support and this is based on assessment of students' needs. She is working on summer programming for our neediest students with disabilities – awaiting state guidance. There is the possibility of having small cohorts of students on campus.
- **Dave Davison** – will be meeting with Brandi Meacham next Tuesday for **elementary school transition. 6<sup>th</sup> grade recognition** - today and tomorrow he, along with 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Sue Egan and Jen Donato, visited/will visit homes of 6<sup>th</sup> graders to present them with their awards, certificates, a congratulatory helium balloon and cupcake and take pictures with parents. 17 of 22 were home today. Teachers will reach out to those not home to reschedule. **Elementary School report cards** are going out tomorrow.
- **Brandi Meacham** - just finished up work in Jamestown and is reading/preparing for starting at Pine Valley.
- **Bryna shared information and gave updates on the following items:**
  - **Graduation Plan** in place – to be held June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am on the football/soccer field. Josh Tedone, Stacy Chase, Deb Youngberg and Caitlin Sengbusch have done a lot of work on this. Emergency personnel will be on site to assist with social distancing. All will be required to wear masks. Each senior will be given three tickets and on a first-come, first-served basis may request a fourth ticket. (Maximum of 150 may attend) Staff, Board members will not be able to attend this year. Due to issues with sound (wind, etc.), the ceremony will not be taped/broadcast.
  - **Grading Policy and Community Service requirements (70 hours to graduate)** for this school year are being waived due to COVID. Community service requirements for this year's juniors graduating next year will also be altered/pro-rated. We are currently grading as evidence of learning, not yet learned, and not submitted. Per legal counsel, no resolution is needed; the superintendent can waive and is waiving normal grading policy and community service requirements.
  - To date we have received 15 applications for the **Jr./Sr. High School Principal** position. Dave and Josh are meeting to transition.
  - As a follow-up to emails from Jennifer & Harland Morey and Michael King read and discussed at the last board meeting pertaining to offering an **advanced 7<sup>th</sup> grade math class**, teachers' schedules were reviewed, and a shift was made to fit this class into the schedule. So, we are able to offer the class again next school year. But if there is a reduction in state aid that necessitates cuts, this class might be cut.
  - A question was asked about adding a second **guidance counselor** position at the high school. Again, this is on hold due to the uncertainty of state aid due to COVID – not wanting to hire and then have to cut.
  - Administration and Department Heads will be meeting to discuss **summer work**.
  - The **Wall of Fame** induction that was going to be held this fall will be moved to the Fall of 2021 and letters will be sent to nominators and those nominated to give them this information.
  - We have budgeted for and plan to keep our **School Resource Officer** next school year; A contract will be given to the Board for approval at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
  - The Policy Committee met today and reviewed the remaining policies from the audit as well as new/ revised policies. These will appear on the July 1<sup>st</sup> board agenda as a first reading.
  - In going through policies, a question was asked about school buses being rented by student clubs/ community groups. We do allow this at the mileage rate which is \$.58/mile plus the cost of bus driver's salary.
  - Buffalo's Business First has released this year's school rankings. Out of 96 districts, we rank 85 this year (81 last year); out of 132 high schools we are 95 this year (88 last year); out of 252 elementary schools we are 218 this year (205 last year.) Rankings based on 88 metrics – based on student-achievement (Regents exams and largely Grades 3-8 assessments). We are working on this as an administrative team. This is a top priority – this is not ok. We will get better.

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

- **Committee Reports – Policy Committee** - nothing to add from Bryna's report
- **Board Round Table**

**Josh** – thank you to the administrative team for everything you are doing and have done for the past three months – it has not gone unnoticed.

**Darlene** – seconds what Josh said and thank you for the continued effort of everybody to take care of the community.

**Jerry** – thank you very much Jackie for four years of dedication; thank you Dave Davidson for stepping up and filling in.

**Larry** – visited with a faculty member from Jamestown who said Brandi was an excellent choice and she will do great things here.

**Jeff** – thank you to the community for supporting the budget, thank you to Jamie for her work on that and to everyone who helped.

Adjourned meeting at 8:13 pm.