

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the September 3, 2020 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

- Regular Meeting– August 13, 2020

SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you to Campus Construction Management Group for providing breakfast for our staff for today's Superintendent's Conference day.
- Letter from NYS Association of School Nurses re: Jill Kenney's involvement in organization
- Rose Kruszka, Fred Roland and George Kruszka addressed the Board regarding keeping Brian Hanner as our School Resource Officer and not cutting the position.

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

Administrative/Supervisory

- Granted permanent appointment to **Jordan Campese**, Instructional Technology Specialist, effective August 19, 2020. Congratulations!

Instructional

- Accepted the resignation of **Tracy Fox**, Art Teacher, effective August 25, 2020
- Accepted the resignation of **Grisel Rater**, Science Teacher, effective August 21, 2020.
- Appointed **Alexis Smith**, School Counselor, effective October 13, 2020.
- Appointed **Tim Majka**, Social Studies Teacher, effective September 8, 2020.
- Appointed **Milissa Albano**, long-term substitute Science Teacher, effective September 2, 2020/
- Approved the Memorandums of Agreement between the Pine Valley Teachers' Association and the District relating to the positions of Remote Learning Coordinator as presented.
- Appointed **Roger Chagnon** and **Mary Kay Himes**, Remote Learning Coordinators, as per the Memorandums of Agreement between the District and the Pine Valley Teachers' Association.

Non-Instructional

- Accepted the resignation of **Cheryl Ellis**, Bus Monitor, effective August 15, 2020.
- Appointed **Doris Treusch**, Cleaner, effective August 31, 2020.
- Granted permanent appointment to **Teri Tenpas**, Personal Computer Specialist, effective September 15, 2020. Congratulations!
- Appointed **Cassandra Chase** and **Ryan Riley**, Temporary Cleaners, effective September 4, 2020.
- Reduced one CSEA School Monitor position in the Transportation Department effective August 31, 2020. The Board has determined that the least senior monitor, **Delana Dayton**, shall be placed on the substitute list effective September 4, 2020.
- Appointed **Delana Dayton** and **Kaycee Abers**, Temporary School Monitors, effective September 4, 2020.
- Granted an unpaid leave of absence to **Marsha Smith** commencing September 7, 2020 through January 1, 2021 for personal reasons.

Extra Co-Curricular Appointments for 2020-21

Mentor

Mentors Appointed

Tracy Raetz
Isaac Habermehl

Mentee

Robert Paterniti (Elem. Ed.)
Matthew VanKoughnett (Tech.)

2020-21 Substitutes

Position

Certified Teacher
Cleaner, Cleaner II
Food Service
School Monitor

Name

Tim Nobles
Margaret Haskins, Rachel Hayes, Doug Sager
Chelsea Goodwin, Margaret Haskins, Rachel Hayes
Margaret Haskins, Rachel Hayes

ACTION/OTHER ITEMS

- Appointed **Brandi Meacham**, Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth (McKinney-Vento Liaison), for the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved the following student teachers (from SUNY Fredonia) for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Area</u>
1Q & 2Q	Allison DiMauro	Roger Chagnon	Instrumental Music (100% remote)
1Q & 2Q	Kaitlin Tanski	Ben Westlund	Science
- Policies – first reading
- Approved **Cathy Chase** as a 19A Examiner to administer employee Physical Performance Testing at the following rate: \$35 per test.
- Appointed **Cheryl Vanzile**, Chief Information Officer (CIO) effective September 1, 2020 for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. A stipend for the 2020-21 school year is pro-rated based on an annual stipend of \$2,600.
- Authorized the declaration of damaged or unusable technology equipment as presented as surplus technology equipment and approved appropriate disposal and their removal from District inventory reports where required.
- Approved the agreement with Laura Neratko to provide oversight and supervision of the social work services of Kiyomi Hokyo as presented and authorized the Superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.
- Approved extending the School Resource Officer Program Partnership Agreement with Chautauqua County effective September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, and directed and authorized the Superintendent to sign said extension on behalf of the District.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA regarding COVID19 effective immediately.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the PVTA regarding COVID19 effective immediately.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Jamie Rodgers** – noted that transportation times were sent out to families yesterday. A question was asked regarding this as only parents with students in 5th grade and higher can access PowerSchool. **Brandi Meacham** noted that she will get access for all parents. No hard deadline will be given on bus changes.
- **Carrie Davenport** reported that it has been a busy two days with professional development for staff. Lots of positivity on display. Good teamwork with the technology department.
- **Brandi Meacham** – it's a joy to have staff back in the building. Classrooms are coming together with teachers making them warm and welcoming. Staff has been flexible and understanding.
- **Kourtney Almeida** shared that it has been a fantastic two days with the buildings coming alive with activity again. 7th grade orientation was held earlier this evening with 25 out of 40 students/parents attending.
- **Bryna shared information and gave updates on the following items:**
 - Our architects provided drawings for the high school library and old gym with desk layouts for **socially distanced COVID instruction**.
 - She will regularly post updates on **Twitter** and encouraged all to follow.
 - **Opening day meetings** went very well. Kourtney did a walk through today of the teacher rotation among classrooms (a teacher suggestion). Brandi had non-stop meetings with her faculty.
 - Her **over-arching message to staff** – take the light we have and spread with joy to others. We need a positive narrative – not negative. Come to her to discuss concerns – not to others.
 - **Held meetings** with **teacher aides** (to review assignments) and **transportation staff** (routes keep changing as parents call in changes and students enter/leave district).
 - **School Resource Officer (SRO)** – we would love to keep our SRO, but with state aid cut 20% (a \$1.5 million deficit) and after many budget discussions, it was decided that cutting this position would save us \$80,000/year and our SRO would still have his deputy position with the county. This does not mean that we won't have this position again sometime in the future. We are also not filling the elementary art teacher vacancy at this time. Bryna encouraged the students to go directly to Mrs. Almeida with any discipline issues that may occur.
 - **Athletics** – new guidance will be issued from the state tomorrow. Chris Buczek, Athletic Director, is keeping on top of it. Some fall sports will be allowed to play with practices beginning September 21st. We will appoint coaches at the September 17th board meeting; salaries may be pro-rated based on length of season. Gowanda is still comfortable sharing football with us.
 - Bryna noted that there was a 4.5% increase in **COVID cases** in Chautauqua County. If we go over 5%, the governor may not let us open school.

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

▪ **Board Round Table**

Josh – thanked administrators for support with our students returning to school.

Terry – thanked everyone for their hard work in opening school.

Darlene – thanked everyone for all their hard work and for loving children.

Jeff – thanked administration and all staff for getting school re-opened and thanked the parents and students who attended tonight regarding the School Resource Officer position.

Adjourned meeting at 8:18 pm.