

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

- Regular Meeting– September 3, 2020
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements – August 12, 17 & 28, 2020; September 8, 2020

SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS

- New Employee Zoom Introductions (in place of new employee reception due to COVID restrictions).
- Jaclyn Wood addressed the Board regarding status of the elementary school Art Teacher and School Resource Officer positions.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Capital Project Update** – Mike Noga, Gordon Jones Associates; Barry Church, Campus Construction Management Group (via Zoom)
- **2019-20 Auditor’s Report** (I-34) – James Alexander, Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro (BWB), Jamestown New York (via Zoom)
- **School Opening Reports** – Kourtney Almeida, Brandi Meacham

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

Instructional

- Increased the position of Occupational Therapist from a part-time (.8 FTE) position to a full time (1.0 FTE) position effective September 2, 2020.
- Appointed **Nicole Maher** to a probationary position as an Occupational Therapist effective September 2, 2020.

Non-Instructional

- Appointed **Lindsay Anderson**, Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk, effective October 5, 2020.

Extra Co-Curricular Appointments for 2020-21

Mentor

Mentor Appointed
Robert Slisz

Mentee

Alexis Smith (Counselor)

Club Advisor

Name
Adrienne Kelly

Position
Yearbook

Community Service Coordinator: Stacy Chase

Fall Sports Coaches

Name

Jeff Housler
Matthew VanKoughnett
Eric Spanbauer
Eric Streebel
Chandell Nichols
Karah Herman
Haley Campbell

Position

Boys Varsity Soccer
Boys Modified Soccer
Girls Varsity Soccer
Girls Modified Soccer
Girls Assistant Soccer
Girls Volunteer Soccer
Girls Volunteer Soccer

Fall Sports Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>
Deanna Herman	Boys & Girls Varsity Soccer	Timer/Scorer
Darlene Morrison	Girls Varsity Soccer	Site Supervisor
Deb Walker	Boys Varsity Soccer	Site Supervisor
Chris Buczek	Boys & Girls Varsity Soccer	Substitute Timer/Scorer and Site Supervisor

2020-21 Substitute

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Food Service	Patricia Swan

ACTION/OTHER ITEMS

- Accepted the Independent Audit Report for the 2019-20 school year and authorizes the Superintendent to submit it to the appropriate New York State agencies.
- Appointed **Lindsay Anderson**, Records Access Officer, effective October 5, 2020 for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
- Adopted policies as presented.
- Accepted donation of \$100 from the Town of Villenova for our school libraries in memory of Dollie Chase.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Kourtney Almeida** reported that varsity girls swimming and boys/girls soccer will begin September 21st. An athletic sports meeting was held tonight sharing expectations for athletes and spectators in addition to normal items reviewed. To comply with COVID regulations, each athlete may invite two spectators.
- **Brandi Meacham** noted it has been a pretty smooth start to the school year. Working on student arrival to cut down from a 40 to a 20 minute drop-off window.
- **Carrie Davenport** – there has been a lot of collaborating, scheduling and communicating with special education teachers. Lots of work on social-emotional pieces.
- **Jamie Rodgers** shared two pieces of good news received today: 1) State Ed. approved our waiver to provide meals to students and claim refund; 2) State Aid payments for September will not be cut. We're not sure what payments will look like moving forward. (20% reduction in June payment – we're still not sure if we'll be made whole for this.)
- **Bryna shared information and gave updates on the following items:**
 - Due to COVID-19 we have waited on appointing **class and club advisors**. With a possible \$2 million deficit, revenue is uncertain at this time. Will revisit in October.
 - She attended the CCSBA meeting last night on **Cybersecurity**. Bryna noted that we have a 2003 server and that though safe, it is not ideal. We need to look at upgrading.
 - **Athletics** – some fall sports will start on September 21st (for us this is soccer and swimming.) Football and volleyball are delayed until March 2021 with regular spring sports beginning in April 2021. Every coaching appointment will include note that salary will be pro-rated based on season initiation and length. We have four girls who wish to swim with Gowanda. Huge kudos to Kourtney Almeida and Chris Buczek on their work in organizing the athletics meeting tonight – everything has come down from the state and section at the last minute.
 - When speaking with the **auditor** to review the audit report, he commended Jamie on how up to date her office is.
 - Cheryl Vanzile has assumed the duties of Chief Information Officer (CIO) – she is reporting required **COVID data** daily on the State Education Dept. portal. Bryna is reporting data on weekends if there are changes occurring over the weekend.
 - She was interviewed by Channel 2 News yesterday regarding remote teaching issues our district faces with so many families not having **internet access**. The segment aired earlier tonight. The reporter told her that our technology department has done more than any other school he has seen for data collection on this issue.
 - We usually offer a community **flu clinic** in our school in the fall. Last year over 50 people received flu immunizations at the clinic held at PV. She asked the Board for their thoughts on offering this year. Board members indicated we should offer but use a tent/canopy outdoors (no one inside the building.)
 - We received a parent inquiry regarding **student tuition**. As set at the reorganizational meeting in July, our non-resident tuition rates are currently \$5,000 for elementary students (UPK-6) and \$7,000 for high school students (7-12). Our current local contribution is \$2,215.10 per pupil rate. After discussion, consensus was to make our tuition rate \$2,000 per student UPK-12. This will be further reviewed at the next meeting along with review of a revised "Non Resident Students" policy (#7131) that will include: language on parents having to transport during COVID, student may be removed (unenrolled) for misbehavior, won't take students if we have to add staff (cap enrollment).

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

- **Board Round Table**

Larry – asked about assistance provided to parents who are home schooling. Bryna noted that we will direct them to websites and resources for assistance if requested.

Josh – hears great things about the elementary school from his sons.

Christie – thanked everyone for their hard work in reopening.

Jerry – noted that he didn't think we'd get off to as a good start as we did – kudos to all staff! Darlene and Jeff seconded these comments.

Jeff – noted that the CCSBA legislative meeting will be held via Zoom next Monday evening rather than in person.

Adjourned meeting at 9:07 pm.