

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

- Regular Meeting– October 22, 2020
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements - August 11, 2020 and October 2, 6, 9 & 13, 2020

**SPECIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Board Appreciation Night** – THANK YOU to each of our Board members for your work serving our children and community!
- Congratulations to Kyleen and Justin Young on the birth of their son, Asher James, born October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Recognition of Retirees**

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| Dale Hooker-Custodian  | 22 ½ years          |
| Debbie Hooker-Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk | 28 years/13 ½ years |
| Tim Nobles-Teacher   | 39 ½ years          |
| Deb Taylor-Cleaner   | 34 ½ years          |

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Special Education Update** – Carrie Davenport

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

**Instructional**

- Appointed **Ben Westlund**, Mentor to **Derek Schalk**, the mentee, at an authorized stipend of \$750 for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Non-Instructional**

- Reduction of one CSEA Teacher Aide position effective November 24, the least senior teacher aide, **Crystal Haskins**, will be placed on the substitute list effective November 30.

**Appoint Club Advisors**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Position</u></b>              | <b><u>Stipend</u></b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Kay Himes     | Drama Director (1 production)       | \$1,365               |
| Allison Mullin     | Asst. Drama Director (1 production) | \$1,235               |
| Danielle Kelly     | Producer (1 production)             | \$650                 |
| Roger Chagnon      | Musical Conductor (1 production)    | \$650                 |
| Shawn Huestis      | Set Designer (1 production)         | \$390                 |

Note: \*Salary will be prorated as appropriate based on initiation/completion of position consistent with Executive Orders.

## 2020-21 Substitute

| <u>Position</u>      | <u>Name</u>     |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Uncertified Teacher  | Stephanie Hyde  |
| School Bus Attendant | Sara Botticello |

### **ACTION/OTHER ITEMS**

- Policy -Second reading: "Quarantine Restriction on Travelers Arriving in New York State."
- Approved the Corrective Audit Plan
- Accepted donations for our school libraries in memory of Dollie Chase from:  
Victoria Chase \$50
- Approved the Shared Athletic Program Agreement for JV and Varsity Football, Girls Varsity Swimming, and Boys and Girls Modified and Varsity Soccer with Gowanda Central School for the 2020-21 school year.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- **Brandi Meacham** reported the week of October 19-22, was Bullying Awareness Week. There has been a collaboration between art and music classes for our 5<sup>th</sup> grader students. The elementary school now has a mini chorus groups for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in. Furthermore, we also now have a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) team in each building waiting, and ready to roll out.
- **Kourtney Almeida** reported that the NP Card (No Privilege Card) has been revised and is being implemented in the Jr./Sr. high school. Homecoming will be the week of November 2-5. Furthermore, elections for student council were also held this week.
- **Carrie Davenport** reported that October 23, was Superintendent's Conference Day and it will primarily focus on Professional Development for our teachers. Also, they have been looking through curriculum teams, in hopes that the curriculum guide for teachers can be strengthened.
- **Jamie Rodgers** reported that Kyleen Young had her baby this week.
- **Bryna shared information and gave updates on the following items:**
  - The Non-Resident Student Tuition policy was sent to a family that has shown interest in enrolling their children at Pine Valley.
  - A board member was approached about an incident at a neighboring school district, regarding unsportsmanlike conduct toward our athletes and this issue has since been resolved.
  - Our guidance team (counselors, social worker, secretary, and building administrators) has begun meeting to discuss expectations and review steps moving forward. There will be a designated counselor for UPK-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Additionally, high school counselors will take a cohort of students from grades 5-12 based on odd and even graduation dates.
  - The NYSSBA Pre-Law Conference touched upon what is happening daily with COVID-19. The NYS Department of Health released new guidelines stating, if a student is exhibiting one or more symptoms of COVID-19, that student cannot stay in school and in order to return must submitted a negative COVID-19 test result from a physician's office.
  - We will celebrate Halloween on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The elementary school is planning to have a Halloween Dance Break, a Halloween Bingo Game and a Halloween Parade (socially distanced) for staff and students only. At the Jr./Sr. high school, they will be participating in fun Halloween contests as well.
  - The Budget Workshop will be pushed back to January.
  - The Employee Rights was handed out at the board meeting.
  - We plan to have an Emergency Evacuation scheduled on December 23, the day prior to Christmas break.
  - I will be flying to Florida for my brother's wedding on November 6<sup>th</sup> and returning on November 9<sup>th</sup> and working remotely from home until November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

- **Board Round Table**  
**Larry** – Read an article in the New York Times that fewer people are choosing to attend college now days, knowledge itself is viewed as more important than a college degree.

Adjourned meeting at 8:52 pm.