

PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD NOTES



Unofficial Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes/Reports**-The following were approved by the Board:

- Regular Meeting- October 14, 2021

**Presentations:**

- **Trip to Playground-Virtual**
- **Campus Construction-State of Project-Carl Calarco and Mike Noga**
- **Afterschool Care: Cub Club – Brandi Meacham**
- **Senior Trip-Kourtney Almeida**

**Personnel** – The following were approved by the Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Bryna Moritz:

- RESOLVED THAT, upon separate requests from the counsel for Ms. Angela Bittinger and the counsel for the Superintendent of schools, the Board of Education of Pine Valley Central School District hereby waives the attorney-client privilege regarding the October 30, 2021 "REPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO THE PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING MS. ANGELA BITTINGER'S COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION AND RETAILIATION TO THE DISTRICT" so that the District may release a copy of said report.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Mia Abbey** is hereby appointed to a permanent position as a School Lunch Monitor, effective on November 9, 2021.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Alexander Peterson**, who has his Emergency COVID-19 Certificate in Music, is hereby appointed on probation to the Special Subject tenure area of Instrumental Music Teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence on November 19, 2021 and to end on November 18, 2025.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Brianna Price**, who is Initially Certified in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Early Childhood Education (B- Grade 2), is hereby appointed on probation to the Special Subject tenure area of Elementary Education Teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence on November 19, 2021 and to end on November 18, 2025.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Brianna Elliot's** appointment as a long-term substitute teacher (1.0 FTE) in the academic tenure area of Elementary Education, commencing on November 30, 2021 until further notice.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Alexander Majka's** appointment as a long-term substitute teacher (1.0 FTE) in the academic tenure area of Social Studies, commencing on November 8, 2021 until further notice.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Jane Scott** from all positions in the District.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation agreement of Lyle Milliman for the purpose of retirement from all positions in the District, effective November 12, 2021.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation agreement of Jordan Campese from all positions in the District effective November 16, 2021.

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- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the PVTA regarding Afterschool Care: Cub Club Staff.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA regarding Afterschool Care: Cub Club Staff.

**Extra Co-Curricular Appointments for 2021-22:**

- Appointed **Sports Coaches** for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
<b>Zachary Len</b>	<b>Asst. Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

- Appointed **Sports Positions** for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
Dee Herman	Timer-Boys' JV & V. Basketball Timer Girls' JV. & V. Basketball Timer Boys' Mod. Basketball Timer Girls' Mod. Basketball
Dawn Andrews	Shot Clock Operator-Boys' JV & V. Basketball Shot Clock Operator-Timer Girls' JV. & V. Basketball
Darlene Morrison	Site Supervisor-Boy's & Girls' V. Basketball
Pat Richter	Site Supervisor-Boys' & Girls' Mod. Basketball
Ryan Stefanik	Substitute Site Supervisor

- Appointed **Club and Class Advisor** for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

<b>Cindy Snyder</b>	<b>School Health Advisory Chairperson</b>
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- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals as Fitness Room Supervisors for the 2021-2022 school year:  
Kelley Andrews – CPR and First Aid Certified  
  
Darlene Morrison – CPR and First Aid Certified
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Sarah Roland as the Afterschool Care: Cub Club Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Rhoda Ellis as the Afterschool Care: Cub Club Staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

<b>Substitute Position:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Morgan Granger	Sub. Food Service
Kevin Capstick (retroactive date of 10/13/2021)	Sub. Teacher

**Actions/Other Items:**

- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes the appropriate disposal of the following equipment and their removal from District inventory reports where required:
  - A large-scale toaster
  - Two professional digital scales
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes the appropriate disposal of the following equipment and their removal from District inventory reports where required:
  - Buses 136 & 137, buses will go to auction.
  - International bus parts for buses that we no longer have, parts will go to auction.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the PVTA regarding the Story Walk Coordinator.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the PVTA regarding Ski Club.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the PVTA regarding the Varsity Football Coach.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the District School Safety Plan as presented in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulation 155.7.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following fitness room membership hours and fees for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.
  
- RESOLVED, that that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education approves the **Corrective Action Plan**, addressing comments and recommendations made by Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. pertaining to the Independent Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals as a mentor for the 2021-2022 school year and authorizes a stipend as presented below.

**Mentor Appointed**

1. Chris Buczek
2. Jill Szumigala

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves that the following construction contract as part of the Capital Outlay Project, awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder Allgaier Construction Corp. in the amount \$78,800.00 of general work.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with Chautauqua County for School District COVID-19 Screening Tests at Pine Valley Central School District, and hereby directs and authorizes the Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the District for the 2021-2022 school year.
  
- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes the appropriate disposal of the following equipment and their removal from District inventory reports where required.

- RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Children’s Educational Services Inc. for School-Based Therapy Services at Pine Valley Central School District, and hereby directs and authorizes the Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the District for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

- COVID year update, there are 16 student and 3 staff members out at the high school and 13 students and 7 staff members that are either quarantined or have tested positive for COVID.
- The Middle School Winter Concert will be from 6-7 pm, and the High School Winter Concert will be from 7:30-8:30 pm on February 8, instead of December 15.
- The Board of Education meeting has been moved to Wednesday, December 22 starting with the Board Retreat at 4:30 pm and our regular board meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Back in September a letter was sent to parents asking if they would consent to testing their children during school hours, if they presented with symptoms, the letter was confusing and very few parents responded at the time. Now we have clear directions from the County Health Department and more Binax tests, so we are sending a new consent letter to families and hopefully we will get a great response. We have been pool testing staff members and so far, it has gone well. We will be offering families the ability to consent to pool testing as well. Jill Kenney has been tracking data on an excel spreadsheet and calling the County regarding positive cases.
- We posted for a Remote Learning Coordinator in hopes that a certified teacher would apply, but there was very little interest. We are now hiring two Tutors, one for each building, and a School Secretary that would work as a receptionist at the high school. I am hoping this position increases our graduation rate because it allows for a constant point of contact for families that have children out of school. It will also increase our outreach when a student is out.
- We will have a Building and Grounds Committee meeting and please complete your Strengths Training Assessment for the December 22 meeting.
- We met with Randolph CSD and at this time they are not considering a soccer merger with Pine Valley. However, they did say that they would not let us go without a soccer season. When I spoke with Dr. Anderson at Gowanda, he told me that they are pursuing a football merger with Silver Creek and he welcomed us to join the team next year but that moves us to a different division. We need to make a decision in regard to sports at Pine Valley, I recommend that we have a committee meeting about it in the month of January.

**Sports Committee**

Rose Kruszka  
 Kara Frontuto  
 Jeff Chase  
 Kourtney Almeida

**Board Round Table**

- C. Lokietek-The National School Board Association published an article titled “Home Grown Terrorists,” the article speaks about parents that are attacking school boards and demanding answers. The article was later denounced, but I think that it is something to think about.
- R. Kruszka-Secret Santa’s Workshop will be held December 2 & 3.
- J. Clapp-Can we give hire a long-term substitute for Social Studies? Did we discuss hiring staff for the Cub Club at the last meeting? When did we decide where the grant money is going to be allocated?
- D. Silleman-I would like to have 2 board meetings a month, I feel rushed when I am asking questions. Do we have enough AIS support teachers for students? Also, I think we need to add more hours to the Mentoring Plan the next time we renegotiate the contract next time.
- B. Meacham-We haven’t seen enough data to see gains or to determine if we need more AIS teachers. Social emotional needs are what we are seeing mostly.
- C. Davenport-Math AIS was increased this year and we will see what the data holds.
- C. Lokietek-If we hire additional staff with money funded by grants, when the grant runs out, we will have

no money left to pay them and have to let them go.

- C. Davenport-The number of students enrolled at Pine Valley has dropped due to COVID and homeschooling, but we are continually enrolling students daily.
- J. Chase-I went to the musical last Friday it was very nice, and I enjoyed it. Do we need new microphones?
- C. Davenport-We are buying new ones.

Adjourned meeting at 10:05 PM.