Pine River Area Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

A *regular meeting of the Pine River Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Pine River Middle/High School Media Center.*

President Delancey called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Mrs. Kim Dean, Mr. Kevin Delancey, Mrs. Katy Draper, Mr. Rob Kulpa, Mr. Tom Shook, Mr. Mike Kelso and Mrs. Heather Smith

Members Absent: N/A

Administrators/Directors Present: Mrs. Char Butkovich, Mr. Jeff Hattendorf, Mrs. Heidi Hayes, Mr. TJ Updike, Mr. Brent Ruppert, Mr. Jeremy Devos, Mrs. Chelsea HIcok, Mr. Cody Wagatha, Mr. Terry Martin.

Administrators Absent: None.

II. APPROVE AGENDA
Motion by Mrs. Draper, seconded by Mr. Kelso to approve the agenda as amended tabling item C under New Business regarding elementary reading series, as recommended by the president and the superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Discussed JUUL settlement. Went over the calendar and compared it to the ISD proposed calendar. Met with the safety team and went over communications and mapping.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Thanked the board for the extra hours and time that has gone into the superintendent search.

V. PRINCIPAL'S/DIRECTOR'S UPDATE -

- Mr. DeVos discussed reading month, virtual reality from the ISD, drumline honored the elementary paraprofessionals, bake sale went very well with all profits going to at-risk summer programs, Ladies Choice Ball had a good turnout.
- Mr Hattendorf discussed NWEA and MStep clubs, Family Night, upcoming field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Detroit, Parent Teacher conferences, and the middle school chili cook off.
- Mr. Martin discussed winter sports have wrapped up with quite a few honors for the basketball team and also wrestlers. Spring sports started today with rosters still being finalized. Discussed baseball and some long overdue updates to the banners in the

high school gym.

- Mr. Brent Ruppert talked about the upcoming 8th grade Family Fun Night. The marching band is leaving for their Florida trip this week. A concert was held in the high school gym for students who improved their NWEA scores. The 8th graders will be visiting CTC. Herff Jones has delivered senior cap and gowns. Leadership held a "words hurt" assembly.
- Mr. Updike discussed the soccer tower is to be installed next week. Ceiling tiles will be redone in the middle school locker rooms. Lots of general maintenance has been done. Very concerned about the bus driver shortage and difficulties with getting spring sports teams to their games. He thanked the staff for their understanding when dealing with forecasted bad weather. Talked about not having a full-time maintenance person who can salt parking lots and shovel snow.
- Mrs. Butkovich discussed ESSR funds that will be coming to an end in the upcoming years. Also talked about the budget.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLIC COMMENT -No public comment.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Shook, seconded by Mrs. Draper to approve the consent agenda as presented which included: general fund/lunch fund accounts payable, capital projects fund, and March 6, 2023 minutes.

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS-No old business was discussed or occurred during this meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve the immediate resignation of Mr. Nate Swanson as a middle school girls track coach, effective March 13, 2023 as recommended by the athletic director and the superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

B. New Hires

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve the hiring of Mr. Nate Swason as the girls varsity track coach for the 2023 season, at a step 5 per schedule B of the master contract, as recommended by the athletic director and the superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

C. JUUL Settlement

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kulpa, to approve and accept the JUUL settlement as recommended by Thrun Law Firm and the superintendent.

Ayes 7, Nays - 0, Motion carried

D. Edgenuity

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kulpa to approve and accept the Edgenuity contract for the 2023 - 2024 school year as recommended by the high school principal and the superintendent.
Ayes 7, Nays - 0, Motion carried

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Delancey adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m. after Mr. Shook made the motion.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 13th day of March, 2023, and that said proposed minutes have been approved and made available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 13th day of March, 2023

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Secretary, Board of Education