

**PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**



Unofficial Minutes of the March 12, 2015 Board of Education meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Adjourned to executive session 6:22 pm to discuss superintendent candidates for the superintendent vacancy and a litigation matter. Adjourned the executive session and returned to regular session at 7:30 pm.

SPECIAL MATTERS / RECOGNITION / COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Congratulations to wrestler Alex Kelly on winning the 182 lb. wrestling championship at the Section 6 tournament, placing 4th at the State tournament (the highest place finish in Pine Valley school history) and being recognized as the WDOE Athlete of the Week for the week of February 16th.
- Congratulations to the Pine Valley girls basketball team (93.561) on being recognized as a Section VI Scholar Athlete Team for the winter 2014-15 season. (Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award.)
- Congratulations to the following sophomores who were inducted into the Sr. High National Honor Society on February 24th: Kelley Andrews, Dylan Chase, Michael Martin, Zoe Nelson, Samantha Rettig.
- Congratulations to the following students who achieved Mastery (85-100) on January Regents exams:
ELA: Rebecca Butcher, Emily Cherico, Lindsey Crisanti, Sydney Deland, Christian Fadale, Elijah Hall, Michelle Helman, Troy Hoage, Shanece Jones, Alex Kelly, Hannah Linenfelter, Owen Richter, Derek Rumsey, Morgan TeCulver, Jessica Wilcox; **Earth Science:** Hailey Swanson; **Global History:** Alex Kelly, Hannah Linenfelter; **Living Environment:** Anthony Mihalko.
- Condolences extended to Sherri Goodwill and her family on the death of a grandson.
- Congratulations to Sandy & Sam Valvo on the birth of a son, Anthony, on February 27th.
- Congratulations to Cindy Snyder and her family on the birth of a granddaughter, Aubrey, on March 7th.
- Condolences extended to the family of Bill Frank (retired watchkeep) on his death March 4th.
- Congratulations to CCAA East II Winter Sports All Stars:

Boys' Basketball

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| Second Team | Kilian Abers |
| Honorable Mention: | Russell Hayes |
| Player of the Year: | Dylan Granger |

Girls' Basketball

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| First Team | Alex Bentham, Jamie Wilcox |
| Second Team | Kaleigh Brunswick, Jessica Wilcox |
| Honorable Mention | Kaitlyn Hoth |
| Sportsmanship | Kaitlyn Hoth |
| Coach of the Year: | Bryelle Cortright |

Wrestling (Division 2 – Cattaraugus-Little Valley/PineValley)

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| First Team | Sam Grey, Randy Grey, Alex Kelly, Reggie Goodemote |
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PRESENTATIONS

- **David O'Rourke** – P-Tech Program; BOCES Capital Project
- **Scott Burdick, Paul Mihalko, Beth Rich** – Student Test Results/Data

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

- Regular Meeting – February 12, 2015
- Special Education Minutes & CSE/CPSE Placements – February 6, 10, 24; March 3, 6, 2015

PERSONNEL MATTERS – The following were approved by the Board at the recommendation of Interim Superintendent David Kurzawa:

Administrative

- Abolished the position of Director of Special Education effective June 30, 2015.

Instructional

- Approved **Beth Beaver** as a Teacher on Special Assignment to assist administration with duties as assigned effective March 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
- Appointed **Jason Tracy** as a long-term substitute English Teacher from March 5, 2015 to June 25, 2015.
- Approved separation agreements for the following individuals: Dan Bittinger, Bill Lachner.
- Appointed **Kara Smith** as a long-term substitute School Counselor from March 9, 2015 to June 30, 2015.
- Granted a maternity leaves to:
Melissa Crangle commencing on or about May 27, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
Rachel Braun commencing on or about May 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Extra Co-Curricular Appointments/Resignations for the 2014-15 School Year

- Accepted the resignation of **Steve McElwain** from the position of Modified Baseball Coach effective February 24, 2015.
- Accepted the resignation of **Dalton Kashmer** from the position of Assistant Baseball Coach effective March 5, 2015.
- Accepted the resignation of **Kayla Corsaro** from the position of Modified Softball Coach effective February 26, 2015 and appointed her to the position of JV Softball Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of **Brianna Colburn** from the position of JV Softball Coach effective February 26, 2015 and appointed her to the position of Modified Softball Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approved **Jason Howard's** sports internship through SUNY Fredonia with the Boys Varsity Baseball program for the 2014-15 school year contingent upon meeting fingerprinting requirements.
- Appointed **Jacob Cuthbert**, Modified Boys Baseball Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year.

2014-15 Substitutes

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> |
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| Certified Teachers | Marjorie Andrews, Zachary Izard |
| Uncertified Teachers | Aaron Saxton, Collene Sikora, Carrie Strawder |

ACTION/OTHER ITEMS

- Appointed David Kohler and Nancy Stock to the positions of School Board Member effective March 12, 2015 through the annual vote on May 19, 2015. Note: These appointments fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Adelia Ritter and Janie Waag. Oath of office was administered.
- Dr. David O'Rourke, District Superintendent, reviewed the superintendent search timeline.
- Approved Timeline A as presented for filling the superintendent vacancy.
- Authorized participation in Bus Driver training for Daniel Distasio.
- Authorized participation in Bus Monitor training for Bette Distasio.
- Cast its vote to elect Kurt Gustafson (Southwestern - 1st term) to serve on the CCSBA Executive Committee for a term effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.
- Nominated Gary DeLellis and Nancy J. Stock to serve on the BOCES Second Supervisory District of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties at the meeting as designated by the BOCES Board President to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in each of the component districts.
- Approved the Shared Athletic Program Agreement for Track with Gowanda Central School for the 2014-15 school year and directed and authorized the Interim Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the District.
- Adopted "Rules for Use of Optical Scan Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon" as presented.
- Approved reducing the number of seats on the Board of Education from nine to seven effective July 1, 2016 pending district voter approval at the May 19, 2015 annual school district vote.
- Approved that no personal identification will be required for the annual school district vote on May 19, 2015. Tellers are authorized to request identification if an individual's residency is questioned.
- Ratified the publication of the Notice of Annual School District Vote as authorized by the superintendent and authorized its subsequent publication on April 3, April 20, April 27 and May 11, 2015.
- Authorizes the District's counsel to execute the Consent Order as it pertains to the 2014 tax assessment changes for the Town of Leon with settlement figures for twenty-eight (28) petitioners for the past three years in the amount of \$19,896.41.

Adjourned meeting at 10:32 pm.