

**PINCONNING AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
November 09, 2020**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Pinconning Area Schools was held virtually via Google Meet on Monday, November 9, 2020. Public viewing was available via YouTube stream. Request for public comment was posted in advance.

President Coutcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Coutcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Linda Anderson, Mike Bauer, Mark Coutcher, Nicole Jones, Jera Klimek, Paul Pomaville, and Chris Rabish.

Moved by Bauer, supported by Jones, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voice Call: Motion carried (7-0).

There were no community comments.

Kyle Woodruff honored Stratton Briggs as Middle School Spartan of the Month and Alexis Drouse as High School Spartan of the Month.

Moved by Bauer, supported by Jones, to approve the consent agenda:

- A) Minutes of regular meeting of October 26, 2020;
- B) Treasurer's report in the amount of \$565,150.95 and PO's over \$3,000;
- C) 2020-21 Winter Coaches;
- D) Voluntary Resignation of Carla Marut, Superintendent Secretary.

Roll call: Bauer – yes, Jones – yes, Rabish – yes, Pomaville – yes, Klimek – yes, Anderson – yes, Coutcher - yes: Motion carried (7-0).

Joel Straz, Bay County Health Department Representative, provided the Board with an update on the current COVID-19 pandemic condition stating there has been a substantial increase in cases in Bay County along with explosive growth throughout the nation. This has created a huge stress for hospitals and health care providers. Joel anticipates a larger increase during the upcoming holidays with major disruptions after Christmas.

Mike Vieau, Superintendent of Schools, advised the Board of the changes to the current ECOL which include making the remote days more uniform. November 11 and 25, were scheduled remote learning days however due to increased cases of COVID that involved students and staff, the district discontinued face-to face instruction and decided to go completely remote at all building levels until November 17. He told the Board he will schedule an additional Board of Education meeting on November 23, to solidify the ECOL in regards to adding additional remote days due to the increased cases of COVID-19. Mike also talked about how the district administrators met to update and review the Emergency Operations Plan to ensure important safety protocols as required by the State. He will review these plans with the new sheriff deputy. The ISD provided a personal development day on November 3, which was participated by the entire teaching staff. The staff was very happy with the speakers and topics covered during the day. In regards to the School Board election results, Mike congratulated winners Nicole Jones, Tom Boetefuer, Paul Pomaville, and Brad Dubay.

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Administrators had an opportunity to present reports. Duane VanDrese, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, told the Board that the Kinsey Jacobs, Freshman at Pinconning High School, participated in the MHSAA Division 3 Girls Cross Country State Finals where she finished in 33<sup>rd</sup> place out of 247 competitors, and 6<sup>th</sup> overall for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Duane also mentioned that there were no athletes that tested positive for COVID-19 during the fall sports season. Kyle Woodruff, High/Middle School Principal, commented on how the Teacher's union was very good to work with in regards to planning for remote learning days. He said that preparing and scheduling for live sessions is a lot of extra work and gave kudos to the teachers and everyone involved. Kyle also mentioned that he provides parents/students with school updates on his weekly Pinconning Pridecast sessions via the PASD website. Christine Schwerin, Linwood Elementary Principal, advised that she is currently working with Mark Fuhrman on Title I requirements. She also worked with Central Elementary Principal John Sanford, on a letter sent to parents regarding the structure of instruction that will be provided on remote learning days.

There were no reports from Board Committees.

Moved by Bauer, supported by Jones, to reconfirm delivery of instruction for the November 2020 ECOL.

Roll call: Bauer – yes, Jones – yes, Rabish – yes, Pomaville – yes, Klimek – yes, Anderson – yes, Coutcher – yes: Motion carried (7-0).

Under Public Comments, a parent questioned why the District is going back and forth between face-to-face and remote learning. Mark Coutcher responded by saying that is why the Board will be meeting on November 23 to discuss the ECOL plan.

Under Board Discussion, Mark Coutcher thanked Mike Vieau and the support staff for all they have done during this pandemic by communicating current information to parents and for ensuring the safety of students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED

Linda Anderson, Board Secretary