

December 20, 2016

A regular meeting of the Alexandria Central School Board of Education, held in the Board Room, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President, Stephen Dreizler. Those present: Andrea Adsit, Jane Aikins, Suzanne Hunter, George Merritt, and Brianne Kirchoff.

Christine Lingenfelter, Patricia Aitcheson, and William Farman – excused.

Minutes

Motion by Adsit, seconded by Hunter to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 regular board meeting.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Aikins, seconded by Adsit to approve the December 1, 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Public Participation

There was a presentation by members of the French Club on a proposed trip to Montreal in May.

French Club Trip to Montreal

Motion by Adsit, seconded by Hunter that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Alexandria Central School French Club students taking a trip to Montreal on May 10, 2017.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Pay Raise Increase Due to Increase in Minimum Wage

Motion by Aikins, seconded by Adsit that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a pay raise for the following individuals due to an increase in minimum wage, effective December 31, 2016:

Wendy Davis	\$12,520.76 increased to \$12,603.40
Kristie Hunter	\$12,520.76 increased to \$12,603.40
Stacie Lambert	\$12,520.76 increased to \$12,603.40
Alycia O'Connor	\$12,520.76 increased to \$12,603.40
Heather Parrow	\$12,520.76 increased to \$12,603.40
Jeremiah Farman	\$19,375.20 increased to \$19,775.60
Ivan LaRue	\$19,956.46 increased to \$20,066.23
William Spencer	\$19,375.20 increased to \$19,775.60
Melissa Reynolds	\$6,599.24 biweekly rate of \$351.32
Valerie Bain	\$9.27/hour increased to \$9.70/hour

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Treasurer's Report
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Pay Raise Due to Increase in Minimum Wage (cont.)

Crystal Diange \$9.60/hour increased to \$9.70/hour
Linda Reynolds \$9.60/hour increased to \$9.70/hour
Danielle Thomas \$9.60/hour increased to \$9.70/hour
Lisa Willix \$9.60/hour increased to \$9.70/hour

All sub food service workers, sub cleaners, and sub aides will increase to \$9.70/hour.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

CSE/CPSE/504 Placements

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Motion by Adsit, seconded by Hunter that on the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, to place students for the next twelve months.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Motion by Adsit, seconded by Hunter that on the recommendation of the Committee on Pre School Special Education, to place students for the next twelve months.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Motion by Aikins, seconded by Hunter that on the recommendation of the 504 Committee, to approve 504 plans for the next twelve months.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Accept Resignation – Gloria Morehouse – Tax Collector

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Motion by Adsit, seconded by Aikins that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept, with regret, the resignation of Gloria Morehouse, Tax Collector, effective November 30, 2016.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

New Substitute Bus Driver – Amanda Rundell

Approve New Substitute Bus Driver

Motion by Hunter, seconded by Adsit that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to modify and accept a previous new substitute food service worker approval for Amanda Rundell to include new substitute bus driver, for the 2016-2017 school year. She is a qualified bus driver who previously passed the bus driver training and fingerprint process. Alexandria Central will require her to pass a physical for our District.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

New Substitutes – Ciara VanCour, Gabrielle Slate, and Kasey Hays

New Substitutes

Motion by Hunter, seconded by Adsit that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following **new** substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year:

Ciara VanCour Non-Certified Substitute teacher w/Master’s Degree

Gabrielle Slate Non-Certified Substitute Teacher w/Associate’s Degree or less – effective 12/5/16

Kasey Hays Bus Aide – effective 11/14/16
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Administrative Report by Mrs. Amy St. Croix, Elementary Principal

Administrative report by Mrs. Amy St. Croix, Elementary Principal to include:

1. COGNOS Training – 12/21/16 – Administration attending.
2. FOSS Program – Training for teachers is moving right along and going very well.
3. Introduction of Grades K-2 IPADS, a big thank you to Mr. Merritt.
4. Hay rides will be on Thursday, 12/22/16 – Again, another huge Thank You to Mr. Petrie.

Administrative Report by Mrs. Kylie Morgia, Secondary Principal

Administrative report by Mrs. Kylie Morgia, Secondary Principal, to include:

1. Tutoring in Chemistry – being done by Taylor Thomson.
2. Work room – open for staff use.
3. I am very appreciative to have been a part of National Honor Society Induction.
4. Concerts have been awesome this season, the experience here at ACS is with a very personal touch.
5. Oratorical – the students are going to the next level.
6. Coaches vs. Cancer games – Saturday, 1/14/17
7. Items of concern or issues to be addressed in the near future.

Administrative Report by Mr. George Merritt, Superintendent

Administrative report by Mr. George Merritt, Superintendent, to include:

1. Concerts – they have been outstanding and very well attended. Nice job to all.
2. Pay to Play – sports, this is a District responsibility, more information to follow.
3. Administrative Intern – Hilary Wolfe
4. Grow Lab – we had a demonstration here at school, food to benefit students grown here, may be worth looking into in the future.
5. Pine Tree Point Resort, Inc.

Resolution Approving Settlement of Pine Tree Point Resort, Inc. Tax Certiorari Case

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Motion by Adsit, seconded by Hunter WHEREAS, Pine Tree Point Resort, Inc. commenced tax certiorari proceedings in 2013 and 2016 on Town of Alexandria Tax Parcels 3.78-1-1.1; 3.78-1-1.2; 3.78-1-1.3 (Index Nos. 2013-1673, 2013-1674, 2013-1678 and 2016-1446), located at 7 Anthony Street Extension in the Village of Alexandria Bay and being commercial real property, in 2013 claiming that the \$3,793,700 aggregate assessment on the three tax parcels should be reduced to \$1,593,400; and in 2016 claiming that the \$2,836,200 aggregate assessment on the three tax parcels should be reduced to \$688,700; and

WHEREAS, such demands put the District at risk for substantial potential tax refunds, which led the District to intervene in these proceedings; and

WHEREAS, counsel for the parties, at the urging of the Court, have reached a tentative agreement to settle the case by a correction of the 2013 aggregate assessment from \$3,793,700 to \$1,900,000 and for the 2016 aggregate assessment from \$2,836,200 to \$1,500,000 for the tax years at issue; and

WHEREAS, Pine Tree Point Resort, Inc. and the Alexandria Town Board have consented to this settlement agreement.

Resolution
Approving
Settlement of
Pine Tree Point
Resort, Inc.
Tax Certiorari
Case

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Alexandria Central School District (the “District”), on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, as follows:

Section 1. The proposal to settle the tax certiorari proceedings known as Index Nos. 2013-1673, 2013-1674, and 2013-1678 by a reduction of the \$3,793,700 aggregate assessment to \$1,900,000 for the tax year at issue is approved.

Section 2. The proposal to settle the tax certiorari proceeding known as Index No. 2016-1446 by a reduction of the \$2,836,200 aggregate assessment to \$1,500,000 for the tax year at issue is approved.

Section 3. The District’s special counsel is authorized and directed to execute a stipulation of settlement on behalf of the Board of the District, provided the assessment corrections are as indicated above.

Section 4. The District Treasurer, on the advice of special counsel, is authorized and directed to pay the 2013 tax refund in January, 2017 in the amount of \$20,675.20, without statutory interest.

Section 5. The District Treasurer, on the advice of special counsel, is authorized and directed to pay the 2016 tax refund in September, 2017 in the amount of \$15, 739.32, without statutory interest.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Upcoming
Important
Dates and
Events

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Holiday Celebrations Thursday, 12/22/16

Elementary Movie and Hay Ride

Secondary Air Band Competition – 1:15 p.m. – Auditorium

- Holiday Break – Friday, 12/23/16 through Monday, 1/2/17
- School Back in Session – Tuesday, 1/3/17
- Talent Show – Saturday, 1/14/17 – 7:00 p.m. – Auditorium
- Coaches vs. Cancer – Saturday, 1/14/17
- Martin Luther King Day – No School – Monday, 1/16/17
- Standard’s Day – Dismissal at 11:15 a.m. – Friday, 1/20/17
- Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, 1/24/17 – 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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Motion by Hunter, seconded by Aikins to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.
4 yes 0 no Motion Carried

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