

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Arent, President
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President
Fred Couse
James Griffin, Remote
Heidi Johnson, Absent
Jean Stapf
Joseph Kiernan, Remote

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Arent acknowledged Connor Cavey, recent graduate, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. She presented him with a certificate and invited the Board and Administration to congratulate him on the achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Timm offered information on the following topics:

1. Capital Project
2. Child Nutrition Program
3. Healthy Kids
4. Staffing
5. Electric Buses
6. Athletics
7. Board Retreat
8. Board Goals
9. Administrative Reports

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 11.

1. To accept the July 6, 2022 and Reorganizational minutes.

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2. To approve the following financial documents:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Extra-Classroom Report (June 2022)
3. To approve the attached recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and authorize the funds to implement special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations noting that these are confidential.
4. To approve the attached proposal from CS Arch for the purpose of providing architectural and engineering services, to be recognized as the 2022 Capital Outlay Project. The project will involve the upgrade to the fire alarm and related clock systems at Cold Spring Early Learning Center including engineering, procurement, and construction administration to confirm compliance with a fee of \$13,000 plus normal reimbursable expenses.
5. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District ("Board of Education") is seeking approval for funding of the 2022 Public Outlay Project (the "Project"), which includes upgrading the fire alarm and related clock systems at the Cold Spring Early Learning Center building. The proposed project procurement and installation of the systems, interior renovations, as necessary, including related equipment and ancillary or related work required in connection therewith (the "Proposed Action"); and WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, together known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only lead agency for the Proposed Action, is responsible for assessing whether the Project would have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the proposed Scope of Work and has consulted with its Architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) [maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in the structure or facility] and/or (10) [routine activities of educational institutions] of the SEQRA Regulations; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, as the lead agency under SEQRA for the Proposed Action, hereby determines that the fire alarm and related clock systems upgrades and related improvement activities to the Cold Spring Early Learning Center building, including ancillary and related work required in connection therewith is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) and/or (10) of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have any significant environmental impacts, and that no further review of the Proposed Action is required.
6. To approve the attached 2022-23 Facilities Usage Form.

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7. To approve the 2022-23 District-wide Safety Plan.
8. To approve the attached contract between the District and Center for Spectrum Services to provide programs and services to four district students with special needs with an estimated cost of \$66,000 for the 2022-23 school year.
9. To declare equipment from the music department as surplus per the attached memorandum from Tara Grieb, Stissing Principal.
10. To approve an addendum to the attached agreement between the District and Restore.
11. To approve the attached agreement between the District and Spackenkill Union Free School for special education services.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-28)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Laura Rafferty to the position of Business Office Liaison at a stipend of \$5,040 effective July 18, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-29)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation from Laura Rafferty from the position of District Treasurer, pending her appointment to Business Manager I, effective August 31, 2022.
2. To appoint Laura Rafferty to the provisional position of Business Manager I, a competitive class civil service position, effective September 1, 2022, at a salary of \$125,000 for the 2022-23 school year, pro-rated for time of service.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-30)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:
Motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. To accept the resignation from Julia Watson Tomaine from the position of Personnel Assistant, pending her appointment to Personnel Administrator, effective July 31, 2022.
2. To appoint Julia Watson Tomaine to the provisional position of Personnel Administrator, a

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competitive class civil service position, effective August 1, 2022, at a salary of \$85,000 for the 2022-23 school year, pro-rated for time of service.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-31)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Tara Grieb from the position of Stissing Principal, effective August 19, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-32)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Josefine Haire-Wilber from the position of Elementary Teacher, effective July 17, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-33)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Alexis Thompson from the position of Teaching Assistant, effective August 2, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-34)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to execute an Agreement in lieu of an appointment to probation, dated August 3, 2022, on behalf of the School District, with Mr. Erik Smith, who is pending receipt of an Internship Student with Disabilities (1-6) Certificate, whereby Mr. Smith shall perform services as an elementary Special Education teacher for the School District on a contractual, non-tenure-bearing basis, for the period commencing September 6, 2022 and terminating on or before June 30, 2023. Said appointment shall be null and void in all regards should Mr. Smith fail to obtain the above-referenced internship certificate on or before September 6, 2022. A copy of said Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-35)

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. Motion to accept the resignation from Meghan Rizzo from the position of Special Education Teacher pending her appointment to an elementary track position, effective July 1, 2022.
2. WHEREAS, Meghan Rizzo was previously tenured as a special education tenure area teacher in this School District and received an Annual Professional Performance Review Rating (APPR) under Education Law Section 3012-d during her last year of tenured service; and WHEREAS, due to proof of prior tenure and her receipt of an APPR rating under Education Law Section 3012-d during her last year of such service, Meghan Rizzo is entitled to a one-year reduction in her probationary period;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Meghan Rizzo, who possesses a Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional Certificate, to a three year probationary term as an elementary teacher in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2022 and terminating on August 31, 2025. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term (that may count the rating from the previous year of tenured employment as referenced above) and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-36)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Rebecca Spielberg to the position of Speech-Language Pathologist for 2022 Extended School Year per the PPFE contractual rate.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-37)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve an Unpaid Child Rearing Leave for Christina Ehret-Gaedje, special education teacher, effective on or about November 14, 2022 and ending on or about February 1, 2023 according to the PPFE, Inc. Agreement, Article 6.3 - 6.3.9.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-38)

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Judy Boshart, from the position of LPN, effective August 5, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-39)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks Motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Regina Triacca from the position of School Monitor, effective August 1, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-40)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Emily Gannon from the position of Teacher Aide, effective July 15, 2022.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-41)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following individuals from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the probationary period:

- Bruce Pecorella, Food Service Helper, effective July 25, 2022
- Kara Magurno, Food Service Helper, effective August 29, 2022
- Madeline Hardy, School Monitor, Effective August 11, 2022

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-42)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as a substitute for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Julie Cortese, Substitute Teacher

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-43)

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS

A member of the community commented on the following topics:

- Audio quality of livestream
- Board policies and procedures (how are they created, governed)
- School meals costs to the district
- Board Report Card

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:50 pm to:

- a) Discuss proposed litigation;
- b) Employment history of a particular person leading to the appointment or employment.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-44)

The District Clerk was excused and Mrs. Arent was declared Clerk Pro Tem.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:30 pm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-45)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, James R Griffin, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-46)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem