

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools  
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk  
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager

**OPEN MEETING**

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution that pertains to Christopher Boyd's appointment:

1. To accept the resignation of Christopher Boyd from the position of Assistant Principal pending his appointment to the position of Stissing Mountain Jr. / Sr. High School Principal, effective August 22, 2022;
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby appoints Christopher Boyd, who possesses an Initial School Building Leader Certificate, to a four-year probationary term, commencing on August 22, 2022 and terminating on August 21, 2026, in the tenure area of Secondary Principal, assigned to the Stissing Mountain Jr. / Sr. High School, at a salary of \$115,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year, pro-rated for time of service. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four-year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-47)**

The Board of Education took a brief break at 7:03 pm to celebrate this appointment.

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:06 pm.

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**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to create the EV committee to study the impact of the State mandate to have all electric buses for transportation and appoint the following members to the committee:

- Brian Timm, Superintendent
- Lauren Ross, Transportation Supervisor
- Laura Rafferty, Business Official
- Richard McKibben, Director of Facilities
- Joseph Kiernan, Board Member
- Scott Cavey, Community Member

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-48)**

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

There is a need to schedule a Policy Committee meeting to discuss the Third and Fourth Installments (Double Issue) – July 2022.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Capital Project Update – Dr. Timm updated the Board on the status of the projects being performed at all of the buildings.
2. Child Nutrition Program – Dr. Timm discussed the costs associated with continuing free breakfast / lunch. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to continue offering free breakfast to all students.
3. Healthy Kids – Dr. Timm updated the Board that Healthy Kids, second year in a row cannot staff the before / after care for our students. Dr. Timm informed the Board that the Anderson Center for Autism is able to take on a daycare setting. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to modify the contract to allow this benefit for our students.
4. Board Goals – Dr. Timm discussed the status of the 2021-22 school year goals.
5. Board Retreat – It was the consensus of the Board to hold a Board Retreat with an external person as a moderator.
6. Board Goals Setting – Dr. Timm suggested that at the next meeting on September 7, 2022 either host the Board Retreat or discuss Board Goals.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent items #2-15.

2. To approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2022.

3. To approve the following Financial Reports: -Extra-Classroom (July 2022)

4. 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.

5. To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board, for economic considerations and efficiency of the program, has determined that it would be appropriate to abolish the following civil service positions effective September 1, 2022: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following civil service position: One (1) full-time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), in the non-competitive class AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to notify any affected individuals of the abolition of his/her position.

6. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby creates the following positions: -One (1) full-time position of registered nurse, civil service position in the non-competitive class

7. To declare the following items as surplus per the memorandum from Julie Roberts, Seymour Building Principal:

Item number 010740 - AccelScan Card Reader

Item number 010744 – AccelScan Card Reader

Item number 010440 – Accel Scan Card Reader

Item number 0000064 – Film Strip Previewer

Rack of Metal Folding Chairs Assorted Foam Pads Math manipulatives Bins

8. To approve the following resolution to appoint a tenure-track teacher: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Samantha Simone, who possesses an Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to a four year probationary term as an Elementary / Special Education Teacher in the Elementary and Special Education Tenure areas, effective September 1, 2022 and terminating on August 31, 2026. 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, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at a salary of \$75,574 (Step 7, Masters).

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9. To appoint Andrew Anderson to the position of Teaching Assistant, with a four year probationary term in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026, step 3 per the PPF contract.

10. To appoint the following individuals as a mentor at a stipend of \$1,000.00 per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2022-23 school year: -Kate Fenn -Elizabeth Murray -Courtney Reichelt -Stephanie Brockway -Julie Wendover -Allison Beaudet

11. To appoint JoAnn Fennelly, to the position of cook, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 6, 2022 Step 5 of the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.

12. To reinstate JoAnne Harrison, to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective September 6, 2022 at a rate of \$26.63 per hour, per the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.

13. To appoint the following individuals as substitutes:  
1. Sara Nannetti, school bus driver trainee/school monitor  
2. Torilyn Brill, school bus driver trainee/school monitor

14. To rescind a portion of motion #2022/23-22 to rescind the appointments of Brooke Hapeman and Emily Gannon due to their respective resignations.

15. To rescind a portion of motion #2022/23-25 to rescind the appointment of Teresa Gasparini from the positions of Theatre Director / Choreographer.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-49)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to authorize the district to appropriate excess an unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,621,558 to the DWRRRC Capital Project and authorize the transfer of said funds.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-50)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr Couse seconded a motion to authorize the Tax Levy per the attached memorandum from Laura Rafferty, District Treasurer.

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<b>RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM TAX ROLLS AND AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY</b>
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY:**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the **2022-2023** school year a sum not to exceed **35,253,160** ;

**WHEREAS** the Board of Education is expecting unexpended funds in an estimated amount of **4,340,784** of which a total of **1,075,100** including appropriated reserves is appropriated toward the **2022-2023** budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board set the amount of the TAX LEVY at **25,466,368.00** for the **2022-2023** school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of taxes as they appear on the following described roll:

TOWNS	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUES BY TOWN	EQUALIZED TAX RATE BY TOWN	DISTRIBUTED LEVY
<b>COLUMBIA:</b>	\$ 443,165,293.00		\$ 6,706,923.55
ANCRAM	\$ 154,794,879.00	\$ 15.347014	\$ 2,375,639.21
CLERMONT	\$ 21,598,062.00	\$ 13.517857	\$ 291,959.52
GALLATIN	\$ 213,508,856.00	\$ 14.560144	\$ 3,108,719.77
LIVINGSTON	\$ 53,263,496.00	\$ 17.471723	\$ 930,605.05
<b>DUTCHESS:</b>	\$ 1,650,715,541.00		\$ 18,747,262.75
CLINTON	\$ 55,580,752.00	\$ 11.357598	\$ 631,263.82
MILAN	\$ 236,983,205.00	\$ 11.357453	\$ 2,691,525.66
NORTHEAST	\$ 126,539,691.00	\$ 11.357254	\$ 1,437,143.36
PINE PLAINS	\$ 458,052,396.00	\$ 11.356937	\$ 5,202,072.05
STANFORD	\$ 773,559,497.00	\$ 11.356926	\$ 8,785,257.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,093,880,834.00</b>		<b>\$ 25,454,186.30</b>
		<b>Omitted Taxes - Dutchess</b>	<b>\$ 12,181.70</b>
		<b>Omitted Taxes - Columbia</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
		<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>\$ 25,466,368.00</b>

AND BE IT HEREBY directed that the tax warrant of this Board, duly signed, shall be affixed by the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes exclusive of the STAR program, to begin on **September 1, 2022** and end on **October 31, 2022** giving the tax warrant an effective period of sixty (61) days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the Board.

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalty shall be fixed as follows:

**September 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022: PENALTY-FREE PERIOD**

**October 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022: Interest of two percent (2%) added**

**Two (2) payment installments election for taxpayers of Dutchess County:**

*Five percent (5%) service charge on each installment, paid with each installment of school taxes; First installment due by September 15, 2022. Second installment due by March 15, 2023. Second installment may not be paid until the first installment, plus any interest due, has been paid. After March 15, 2023 penalty and interest shall accrue pursuant to Real Property Law, 924A.*

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MOTION CONCERNING TAX WARRANT                      2022-2023      SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION MADE BY: Amie Frederickicks

SECONDED BY: Fred Couse, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

To the collector of the Pine Plains Central School District No. 1 the Towns of Clinton, Milan, Northeast, Pine Plains, Stanford, Ancram, Clermont, Gallatin, and Livingston; Counties of Dutchess and Columbia in the State of New York.


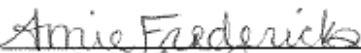

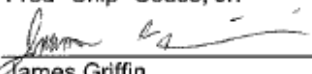
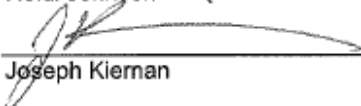
You are hereby commanded

1. To give notice to start collection on **September 1, 2022** in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.
2. To give notice that tax collection will end **October 31, 2022**.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of **25,466,368.00** less the STAR reimbursement amount as provided by the appropriate governmental authority, in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect Town and County taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls, but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant in tax roll for corrections of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions in Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.
5. To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within 10 days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on the property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law, as well as a statement to taxpayers of Dutchess County that the taxes may be paid in two (2) installments, the first installment due and payable by September 15, 2022, together with a service charge in the amount of five percent (5%) of the first installment, to be paid to the School District, and the second installment due and payable by March 15, 2023, together with a service charge in the amount of five percent (5%) of the second installment, to be paid to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. To forward by mail without interest penalties to the Office of the County Treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax roll in accordance with provisions of Section 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period but with a service charge in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total school tax if the taxpayer opts to pay such school taxes in installments and to account for such sums on account of such charge as income due Dutchess County. To add two percent (2%) interest penalties to all taxes collected after **September 30, 2022** and account for such sums as income due to the School District.
7. To issue press-numbered receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgment of receipt of payment of taxes and to retain and preserve and file exact carbon copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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8. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by Town the total assessed evaluation, tax rate, total tax levy, total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912, and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this Law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the Board of Education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or an extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER	VOTE
 _____ Anne Arent	<u>yes</u>
 _____ Amie Fredericks	<u>yes</u>
 _____ Fred "Chip" Couse, Jr.	<u>yes</u>
 _____ James Griffin	<u>yes</u>
_____ Heidi Johnson	<u>absent</u>
 _____ Joseph Kiernan	<u>yes</u>
_____ Jean Stapf	<u>absent</u>
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Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-51)**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None from community.

Mrs. Fredericks informed the Board that the DCSBA supplied a copy of How Not to Be a Bad Board Member for reading.

She also shared information regarding the Mid Hudson Law Conference she attended. The materials are in the BOE Library in Boarddocs.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of any particular person at 7:51 pm.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-52)**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-53)**