

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools  
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk  
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager  
John Bopp, III, Student BOE Member

**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 the passing of Heather Boucher, past Board of Education member. She asked for a moment of silence to honor Mrs. Boucher.

**OLD BUSINESS - REORGANIZATION**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints John Bopp, III as the Ex-Officio, Student Board Member effective September 7, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-54)**

Mr. Bopp introduced himself and indicated that he was excited to be part of the Board of Education.

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby appoints Sara Von Burg, to a four year probationary term to serve as an Assistant Principal, in the tenure area of Assistant Principal commencing on or about October 1, 2022 and terminating on or about September 30, 2026 at an annual salary of \$105,000 for the 2022-23 school year, prorated for time of service.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-55)**

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

1. To accept the resignation from Maria Hutman from the position of typist effective August 31, 2022 pending her appointment to District Treasurer;
2. To appoint Maria Hutman to the position of District Treasurer, an exempt civil service

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position, effective September 1, 2022, for a twenty-six week probationary period at a salary of \$58,000 per year, pro-rated for time of service.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-56)**

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

A community member commented on the release date of the agenda for the Board of Education meeting.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The policy committee met earlier tonight. They discussed policies that will be presented at the next meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Status of School Opening – Dr. Timm gave an update of the first day of school for the students. It was a smooth opening with a few delays in transportation.
2. Capital Project – Dr. Timm discussed the progress of the Capital Project.
3. Overnight Field Trip – Dr. Timm discussed an upcoming field trip the FFA is taking. He requested pre-approval as this is a costly field trip. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the field trip.
4. Administrator Reports – Dr. Timm gave an overview of the Administrative BOE reports.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2-20.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve Consent Agenda #2-20.

2. To approve the following Financial Reports:

-Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements, 8/11/22 and 8/22/22

-Treasurer's Report (June 2022)

-Appropriations Report (June 2022)

-Revenue Status 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.

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4. To acknowledge a budget transfer in the amount of \$394,011.27.
5. To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement with the Pine Plains School Related Personnel, NYSUT to resolve Grievance Nos. 2021-22-1 and 2021-22-2.
6. To approve the attached agreement between the District and Restore Occupational & Physical Therapy, SLP & Nutrition, PLLC for the 2022-23 school year at an estimated cost of \$18,000, per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services.
7. To appoint Michael Tierney to the position of Hearing Officer at a rate of \$400 per incident.
8. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED in the event that Christopher Boyd, Principal of the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School (“High School”) is not physically present in the High School on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2022-2023 school year, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gian Starr, be appointed “Acting Principal” for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above-referenced persons.
9. To approve the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby confers a de facto probationary appointment to Joanne Muller-Koch, who possesses an English To Speakers of Other Languages certificate, to a three year probationary term as an ENL tenure area teacher, commencing on September 1, 2018 and terminating on August 31, 2021.
10. To approve an Unpaid Child Rearing Leave for Alisa Hinsch, reading / special education teacher, effective on or about November 3, 2022 and ending on or about March 13, 2023 according to the PPFE, Inc. Agreement, Article 6.3 - 6.3.9.
11. To accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Susan Prezzano from the position of Registered Nurse, effective September 8, 2022.
12. To appoint Margaret Anderson to the position of Registered School Nurse, a non-competitive civil service class position, effective September 12, 2022 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 11 per the PPFE contract. (New RN position, replacing LPN)
13. To appoint Jennifer Heath to the position of Registered School Nurse, a non-competitive civil service class position, effective September 22, 2022 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 7 per the PPFE contract. (Replaces S. Prezzano)
14. To accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Frank Tamburrino, School Monitor, effective August 22, 2022.

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15. To appoint Carina Moore to the position of School Monitor a labor civil service class position, effective September 26, 2022 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 3 per the SRP contract.

16. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign an employment related agreement regarding Employee No. 220818 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

17. To appoint Tamara Brady to the position of Bus Driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective September 16, 2022 for a twenty six week probationary period, at a step 1 of the SRP 2022-23 salary schedule.

18. To appoint Marie LeGoff to the position of Food Service Helper, a labor class civil service position, effective September 6, 2022 for a twenty-six week probationary period, after completing all requirements, step 3 per the SRP salary schedule.

19. To appoint the following individuals as fall coaches for the 2022-23 school year, stipend per the PPF contract, pending completion of all requirements:

- Marco Reyes, Assistant Girls Soccer coach
- Sara Beam, Assistant Girls Field Hockey coach
- John Schoonmaker, Head Golf coach
- Alec Sisco, Assistant Volleyball coach
- John Blackburn, Assistant Boys Soccer coach.

20. To appoint the following individuals as extra-curricular advisors for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all requirements, per the PPF contract Stipend Schedule:

- Jennifer Lydon, AG Day Coordinator
- Sean White, 9th Grade Advisor
- Mindy Alford, Yearbook Co-Advisor
- Tracey Paterson, Yearbook Co-Advisor
- Kevin Barnes, Theatre Arts Director
- Kevin Barnes, Theatre Arts Choreographer

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-57)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A member of the community spoke about the following topics:

1. Audio quality of the meetings during livestream
2. Homeschool trends

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3. Cost per pupil
4. Communication gap
5. Board of Education leadership

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-58)**

**GOALS WORKSHOP**

Dr. Timm and the Board of Education discussed the formation of the BOE goals. They had a discussion of the different styles of goals formation. They determined this is the topic they would like to discuss during their Board Retreat. Dr. Timm was invited to share his inspirational speech he made at the opening of school. He would share this at the next meeting.

**PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:53 pm to discuss employment history of a particular person.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-59)**