

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023

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. She informed the audience that earlier in the evening the Board of Education conducted their annual tour of the building at 6:30 pm and thanked Ms. Fischetti for the tour of the building.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

There is a need for the policy committee to meet. It was the consensus of the committee to meet on January 18, 2023 before the Board of Education meeting at 5:30 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mrs. Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Early Learning Center Principal reported on the status of her building; “Where they are... Where they are going” and reviewed the programs happening at Cold Spring. Kristen gave an in-depth description of the reading program.
2. Dr. Timm gave a brief update on the following:
 - a. Status of the Strategic Planning progress
 - b. Dutchess Community College dual enrollment issues (no tuition to tuition based)
 - c. Highlighted Administrative BOE reports
3. John Bopp, III, Student BOE Member shared his thoughts on the following information:
 - a. Impact of the price of school lunch on lunch participation
 - b. Extra-curricular activities

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- c. Creation of a mentorship program between junior high and senior high school students

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to change the 2022-23 Board of Education meeting calendar to add the following meeting dates:

- April 19, 2023: Stissing Mountain Jr / Sr High School Library, 7:00 pm
- April 25, 2023: Stissing Mountain Jr / Sr High School Library, 7:30 am (BOCES BUDGET VOTE)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-80)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items #2-16:

2. To accept the regular Board of Education meeting minutes from December 7, 2022.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
 - Treasurer's Report (November 2022)
 - Appropriations Report (November 2022)
 - Revenue Status Report (November 2022)
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Extra Classroom (November 2022)
4. To acknowledge a budget transfer in the amount of \$37,024.88.
5. 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.
6. To approve the attached contract between the District and Dutchess County BOCES for the purpose of providing transportation for district students for the 2022-23 school year at anticipated cost of \$320,192.
7. To declare the attached list of computer supplies as surplus as they are beyond repair per the memorandum from Richard Harlin, Director of Technology.
8. To declare the attached list of instruments as surplus as they are beyond repair per the memorandum from the Music Department.
9. To approve the following overnight field trips:
 - a. Camp Oswegatchie, 1/13/23, Croghan, NY, S. Rhoades
 - b. FFA Leadership, 1/28/23, Syracuse, NY, S. Rhoades

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10. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President is hereby authorized, along with the Superintendent of Schools, to sign the Certification Form for the submission of the 2022-23 school year Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver Application for the District's Section 3012-d APPR Plan to the State Education Department. A copy of said application shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

11. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the proposal from Guth DeConzo Consulting Engineers, PC, dated December 12, 2022, as presented to the Board at this meeting, for Fundamental Commissioning services in connection with the 2021 Capital Project, at a lump sum base fee of \$17,270.00, which Proposal is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

12. To approve an unpaid leave for Carl Baden, effective December 19, 2022.

13. To appoint Rebecca Harrison to the position of part-time teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective January 9, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 1 of the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.

14. To change the employment status of the following individuals from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the 26-week probationary period:

- Leonard Barton, Custodial Worker
- JoAnn Fennelly, Cook

15. To accept the resignation of Kyle Ludwig from the position of Long-Term Substitute, effective December 23, 2022.

16. To appoint the following individual(s) to the position of substitute for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Erica Evanko, Teacher
- Sidney Dagnino, Teacher, T. Asst., Teacher Aide
- Haley McCord, Teaching Asst, Teacher Aide

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-81)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the community commented on the following topics:

1. AP classes
2. Mentorship program
3. Transportation contract motion
4. COVID 19 learning loss
5. Public comment

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Three-minute timer ended.

Mr. Kiernan made a motion to extend the time limit this evening. There was no second, motion failed to move.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss employment history of a particular person.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-82)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:32 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-83)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-84)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem