

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 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 (Absent)*

**OPEN MEETING**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss employment history of a particular person.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-101)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:22 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-102)**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Laura Rafferty, Business Official along with Richard Harlin, Director of Technology and Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services presented the budgets for technology and special education. Mrs. Rafferty reviewed the draft BOCES budget as well.

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

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Timm shared an article from the Northern Dutchess News that highlighted our Food Service Department's Farm to School initiative.
2. Dr. Timm discussed the BOCES nomination process.
3. Dr. Timm reminded the Board that Stissing Theatre Guild will be hosting their production of Mamma Mia on Friday, March 10 – Sunday March 12, 2023.

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4. Dr. Timm informed the Board of Education the Boys Basketball team made it to the Section 9, Class C Finals. They will be playing on March 5, 2023.
5. Dr. Timm discussed his plan for the unused snow days.
6. Dr. Timm suggested that the time of the meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> be moved to 6:00 pm as there will be a need for a short executive session.
7. Dr. Timm polled the Board if there were any questions after reading the month Administrative Board reports.

**STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was a discussion on two potential tax exemptions for the community. The Volunteer Firefighter / Ambulance and the Senior Citizen tax exemptions. It was a consensus of the Board that a sub committee of the Board should be created to delve into the impacts that either of these exemptions would have on all of the communities housed within the Pine Plains Central School District.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to create the Tax Exemption Sub Committee of the Board of Education.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-102)**

Mr. Couse, Mr. Griffin and Ms. Johnson volunteered to be members of this committee.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items #1-12:

1. To approve the following financial reports:
  1. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  2. Treasurer's Report (January 2023)
  3. Cafeteria Report (January 2023)
  4. Appropriations and Revenue Status Report
  5. Extra-classroom Report (January 2023)
  6. Budget Transfer in the amount of \$12,310.10
2. 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.
3. To acknowledge the approval of the following professional development:
  - Amie Fredericks, NYSBBA SuperEval Webinar, 3/10/23 in the amount of \$130.00
  - Anne Arent, NYSBBA SuperEval Webinar, 3/10/23 in the amount of \$130.00
  - Brian Timm, NYCOSS Conference, 3/5 – 3/7/23.

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4. To approve the attached Arlington Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for ten (10) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$918.98 per student, for a total of \$9,189.80 for the 2022-2023 school year.
  
5. To approve the attached Rhinebeck Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for two (2) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,200.81 per student, for a total of \$2,401.62 for the 2022-2023 school year.
  
6. To approve the attached Rhinebeck Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for forty-three (43) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,387.72 per student, for a total of \$59,671.96 for the 2022-2023 school year.
  
7. To approve the attached contract between Dr. Jodie Cohen and the District for the purpose to provide a neuropsychological services at a cost \$3,500.00.
  
8. To change the employment status of the following individuals, after the completion of the twenty-six week probationary period:
  - a. Margaret Anderson, RN, March 13, 2023
  - b. Kristina Comesanas, Food Service Helper, March 17, 2023
  - c. JoAnne Harrison, Bus Driver, March 3, 2023
  
9. To appoint Kelly Matthews to the position of temporary food service helper at a rate of \$14.62 per hour.
  
10. To appoint the following individuals to the 2022-23 substitute list:  
-Kara Magurno, Food Service Helper, Custodial Worker
  
11. To appoint the following individuals as a Spring Coach for the 2022-23 school year at the 2022-23 PPFE rates for coaching, pending completion of all requirements:
  - a. Varsity Softball...Lester Funk
  - b. Junior Varsity Softball...Erin Burruano
  - c. Modified Softball...Sarah Beam
  - d. Varsity Baseball...Steve Huber
  - e. Junior Varsity Baseball...John Blackburn
  - f. Modified Baseball...Francis Bauer
  - g. Varsity Track Co Head Coaches...Samantha Lydon and Michael Cooper
  - h. Assistant Coach...Andrew Anderson
  - i. Varsity Tennis...Alec Sisco
  - j. Varsity Golf...John Schoonmaker
  - k. Unified Basketball...Christa Brenner
  
12. To approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes its President to execute and issue a letter dated March 1, 2023 on its behalf regarding an employment related matter, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-103)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to table the following motion:  
“to approve a request from employee #xxxxx for an extended sick leave effective February 18, 2023.”

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-104)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Faith Cousens as a long-term substitute special education teacher, effective February 21, 2023 per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel.

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

**VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2022/23-105)**

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

1. None

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

1. Mrs. Fredericks shared that the Board will be hosting a Board of Education Retreat for BOE members on April 29, 2023.
2. Mrs. Fredericks shared that the DCSBA has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 via Zoom.
3. The Board discussed the goals for Dr. Timm.
4. Dr. Timm shared that Dr. Kevin McGowen (facilitator of the new strategic plan) was just named National Superintendent of the Year.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-106)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk