

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Arent, President  
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President  
*Fred Couse, Absent*  
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 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 6:02 pm to discuss employment history of a particular person.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-107)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:37 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-108)**

**BOCES BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Michael Skerritt, Assistant Business Manager for Dutchess BOCES, presented the 23-24 Dutchess BOCES budget presentation to the Board of Education.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Laura Rafferty, Business Official, presented the draft expenses and revenue summary.

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

Anquinette Hayles of Poughkeepsie, NY, introduced herself to the Board of Education, and informed the Board she was interested in sitting on the DC BOCES Board.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Timm updated the Board of Education on the DCC Dual Enrollment program. He also shared that the Dutchess County Pomona Grange No. 32 is advocating for either the cost for attending DCC as a high school student be eliminated by DCC or advocating for the County to add these costs to the budget.
2. Dr. Timm informed the Board that there was an Advocacy Event at Claremont School to fully fund school lunches for all NY students in the 2024 State Budget.
3. Mrs. Amie Fredericks shared the Superintendent goals for the 2022-23 school year:
  1. Dr. Timm will develop a strategic plan and effectively lead the district through the plan.
  2. Dr. Timm will develop and offer high quality professional development to faculty/staff.
  3. Dr. Timm will communicate with all stakeholders (faculty/staff, families, etc.)
  4. Dr. Timm will regularly monitor and improve the DEI needs of the district to promote an environment where students and adults feel safe, respected and valued.

**STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. John Bopp, III, Student Representative shared that a Student Mentorship will be starting in May. Two senior class members would be mentoring 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys on the ins and outs of being a high school student.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to nominate Anquinette Haylesto serve on the Board of Education of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services.  
**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-109)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items #2-8:

2. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from February 15, 2023 and march 1, 2023.
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 following overnight field trip to Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY, J. LaRobardier.

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5. To appoint Gregory Gillis to the position of Bus Driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective March 16, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at a step 1 of the 2022-23 Salary schedule.
6. To change the employment status of the following employees from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the probationary period: Carina Moore, 3/27/23, Jennifer Heath, RN, 4/10/23.
7. To approve the request from Employee #20232 for an extended sick leave per Section 14.2.2.1 of the SRP contract effective February 18, 2023, pending medical documentation.
8. To approve the request from Employee #20233 for an extended sick leave per Section 14.2.2.1 of the SRP contract effective March 17, 2023, pending medical documentation.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-110)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 16, 2023: SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase Two (2) 71-passenger school buses, including cameras and necessary equipment, at a maximum estimated cost of \$151,997 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$303,994; and that the sum of \$303,994, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued? AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the designated newspapers four (4) times prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-111)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: The Board of Education hereby adopts goals for the 2022-23 school year, as aligned to the District's Strategic Plan, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2022/23-112)**

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

1. None

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

1. Mrs. Arent shared that the Tax Exemption Committee should hold off meeting until all nine townships pass a resolution to adopt a resolution on the First Responders Tax Exemption.
2. The Board congratulated the Stissing Theatre Guild on a show well done!

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-113)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk