

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Anne Arent, President, Absent*  
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President  
Fred Couse  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:35 pm  
Joseph Kiernan, , arrived 6:36 pm  
Jean Stapf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**OPEN MEETING**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Fredericks. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Laura Rafferty, Business Official, presented the draft 2023-24 budget.

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

Chris Drago, resident of Stanford, spoke regarding a concern regarding the Dutchess Community College Dual Enrollment fees.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Timm reminded the Board about the DC BOCES Budget Vote and Election scheduled for Tuesday. He polled the Board for a quorum.
2. Dr. Timm discussed the 2023-24 school calendar, a few dates may change if the Board of Elections uses the District as a voting location.
3. Dr. Timm shared that the district is in the process of finalizing a MOU between the District and DCC for the Dual Enrollment.
4. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' reports for the month.
5. Dr. Timm polled the Board if the meeting would be necessary on April 19, 2023.

**STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. John Bopp, III, Student Representative shared the following information:

1. Senior to Senior Breakfast scheduled for May 11, 2023 at 8:00 am – 9:30 am for anyone 55+.
2. There will be a Club Fair in May.
3. The mentorship program can't be held afterschool. They are going to try speaking with the lowerclassman during lunches.

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4. The will be hosting a seminar to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class in June on what to expect on being a high school student.

Board comments / questions followed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

2. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from March 15, 2023.
3. To approve the following Financial Reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Treasurer's Report (February 2023)
  - Cafeteria Report (February 2023)
  - Appropriations and Revenue Status Report (February 2023)
  - Extra-Classroom Report (February 2023)
  - Budget Transfer in the amount of \$63,053.41 (February 2023).
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 2023-24 school calendar.
6. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Separation Agreement and General Release dated March 29, 2023, between the District and Employee No. 31523, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
7. To approve the Pre-K proposal submitted by Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal.
8. To approve the attached Taconic Hills Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for five (5) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$901.15 per student, for a total of \$4,550.75 for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. To accept Federal Compliance Audit for the year ended June 30, 2022 of the Pine Plains Central School District by RBT CPAs LLP.
10. To approve the following overnight field trip(s):
  - FFA State Convention, Buffalo, NY, S. Rhoades
  - Campout, Pine Plains, NY, S. Rhoades
11. To accept the resignation of Tonya Sauca from the position of Special Education Teacher, effective close of business on June 30, 2023.

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12. To appoint Chance Ireland to the position of Bus Driver, a non-competitive class civil service position for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective March 30, 2023 at step 7 per the 2022-23 SRP salary schedule.

13. To approve the request from Employee #20234 for an extended sick leave per Section 14.2.2.1 of the SRP contract effective April 17, 2023, pending medical documentation.

14. To appoint the following individuals as a coach for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Michael Cooper, Assistant Co-Coach Track
- Samantha Lydon, Assistant Co-Coach Track
- Alexandra McKenzie, Volunteer Softball Coach

15. To appoint the following individuals to the 2022-23 substitute list:

- Miranda Bower, RN
- Lauren Totman, Teacher (uncertified)

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-114)**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adopt the 2023-24 School District Budget in the amount of \$36,415,211 an increase of \$1,162,051 or 3.30%, to be presented to the voters on May 16, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-115)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card as presented to the Board at this meeting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Official is directed to submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

**VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2022/23-116)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to revise the 2022-23 Board of Education Meeting calendar by cancelling the April 19, 2023 meeting.

**VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2022/23-117)**

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

1. None

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

1. Mrs. Fredericks shared the Dutchess BOCES was hosting their Annual Meeting and ribbon cutting for the new building this Saturday.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment history of a particular person at 7:17 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-118)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:01 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-119)**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-120)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk