

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 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 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. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Laura Rafferty, Business Official presented the 2023-24 School Budget. There were no comments from the public.

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

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Audit Committee met earlier in the evening. It was the consensus of the committee for the external audit to focus on the Transportation Department and the Bond.

The Policy Committee was polled to see their availability for a policy meeting. They will reach out to Trish.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Timm discussed the MOU with DCC BOCES in regards to class size and auditing.
2. Dr. Timm shared with the Board that he was looking for a procedure to replace the Student Board member.
3. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' reports for the month.

Questions regarding the final average and the Regents exams information in Mr. Boyd's report. Dr. Timm said that he would invite Mr. Boyd to the next meeting.

**STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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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. The Prom is scheduled for this coming weekend.
3. There will be a Club Fair on May 19, 2023 during the lunch periods.
4. Discussed the distraction of cell phones in the high school.
5. 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.

Mrs. Arent presented Mrs. Fredericks with her Level 2 certificate of training from NYSSBA.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items #2-17:

2. To approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from April 12, 2023 and April 25, 2023.

3. To approve the following March Financial Reports:

- Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
- Treasurer's Report
- Cafeteria Report
- Appropriations and Revenue Status Report
- Extra-Classroom Report
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$179,813.51.

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 Summer School Proposal as submitted by Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

6. To amend motion #2022/23-116 to revise the approved 2023-24 property tax report card as amended in the attachment.

7. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change order in connection with the 2021 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

- Change Order No. CO 01-016 (Seymour Smith Elementary) to the general construction contract with Key Construction Services, LLC, in the amount of \$98,200.56, to be added to the contract amount with Key Construction Services, LLC; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the above Change Order on behalf of the District. A copy of the Change Order is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

8. To acknowledge the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the following change order in connection with the 2021 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Key Construction Services, LLC: CO 02-011, CO 02-012, CO 02-013, CO 02-014, CO 02-015

CB Strain, A Division of Dynamic Systems, Inc.: CO 03-014

RLJ Electric Corporation: CO 04-001, CO 04-002, CO 04-003.

9. To acknowledge the following overnight field trip: FCCLA Conference, Denver, CO, Blackburn.

10. To declare VHS tapes and library books obsolete per the memoranda from Julie Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal.

11. To appoint the following individuals as 2023 Summer School Principals at the stipend approved in the Summer School Proposal:

-Julie Roberts

-Kristen Fischetti

-Christopher Boyd

12. To approve the request of Heather Berardo for an extended sick leave, according to Article VI of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc. from March 20, 2023, pending medical documentation.

13. To accept the resignation from Louis Guglielmetti from the position of Bus Driver, effective April 28, 2023.

14. To accept the resignation from Mary Tamburrino from the position of School Monitor, effective May 1, 2023.

15. To accept the resignation from Matthew Cade from the position of Auto Mechanic, effective May 5, 2023.

16. To approve the following workers for the May 16, 2023 Annual Meeting and Election and authorize the District Clerk to make any substitutes, if necessary at a rate of \$300 for the day:

-Linda Rosato, Chairperson, Election Inspector

-Justine Tompkins, Election Inspector

-Pat Knapp, Vote Machine Technician

-Helene Sellerberg, Vote Teller

-Jean Osofsky, Vote Teller

-Joan Taylor, Vote Teller

-Dorothy Hedges, Vote Teller

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-Debbie Demchuk, Vote Teller  
-Margie Gerrard, Vote Teller

17. To appoint the following individual(s) to the 2022-23 substitute list:

-Marleily Vargas, Interpreter

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-124)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

A community member spoke on the following topics:

1. Responses by the Board of Education from the previous meeting
2. Gender identity and DEI.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Griffin shared he received a letter from a student in the Government class. The student's question was regarding safety in front of the building and suggested a crosswalk. Mr. Griffin felt this was a district level and will forward the email to Dr. Timm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of collective negotiations pursuant to Civil Service Law Article 14 at 7:07 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-125)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:10 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-126)**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-127)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

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