

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Arent, President  
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President  
Fred Couse  
James Griffin, Absent  
Heidi Johnson, Absent  
Joseph Kiernan, arrived at 6:44 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. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None

**NEW BUSINESS- TENURE CEREMONY**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Janine Babcock in the Director of Pupil Personnel Services tenure area effective June 30, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-133)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Ashley A'Brial in the Elementary tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-134)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Francis Bauer in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-135)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Maureen Canevari in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-136)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Michael Cooper in the Health / Physical Education tenure areas effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-137)**

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Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Brittany Cruickshank in the School Social Worker tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-138)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Emily Elsasser in the Special Education tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-139)**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Couse seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Alana Garnica in the English To Speakers of Other Languages tenure area effective September 8, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-140)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Kaitlyn Niznik in the Art tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-141)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Amber Rennie in the School Social Worker tenure area effective September 20, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-142)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to James Wiley in the Secondary Science tenure area effective August 31, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-143)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to acknowledge the previously awarded tenure candidate on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Lindsey Lowry in the School Psychologist tenure area effective November 21, 2022.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-144)**

Mrs. Arent, Board President, congratulated the tenure recipients.

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to pause the meeting to celebrate the tenure recipients at 6:38 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-145)**

*Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:44 pm.*

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:03 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-146)**

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**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Compensation Committee met to discuss the salaries of the non-represented members and stipends for the reorganization meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Chris Boyd, Stissing Principal, discussed the Grading Policy with the Board of Education. It has been a practice at Stissing Mountain to have the Final Exam and the Regents Exam count for 20% of students' final average. He asked for them to consider changing the policy.
2. Mr. Larry Anthony, Food Service Director, reported on the status of his department. He discussed the NYS Initiative and shared samples of the food with the Board.
3. Dr. Timm shared the monthly Administrators' reports.

**STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

1. Discussed the Senior Trip to Boston, Massachusetts.
2. Informed the Board that the results of the election for his Board seat will be made public soon.
3. He thanked the Senior Class Advisors for their hard-work (Wiley / Stracher). He shared that they paid for a Carnival Ride for every senior that attended the class trip.
4. Mr. Bopp shared with Mr. Anthony and the Board that Taco Tuesday was his favorite meal while attending school.

Board comments / questions followed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Fredericks moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded to motion to approve and ratify election results of the Annual meeting and Election tallied on May 16, 2023.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-147)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Fredericks seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items #2-14:

2. To approve the minutes from the regular meetings on May 3, 2023 and May 17, 2023.
3. To approve the following April 2023 Financial Reports:
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Cafeteria Report
  - Appropriations and Revenue Status Report

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--Extra-Classroom Report

--Budget Transfer in the amount of \$149,895.26 (Acknowledge).

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 amend the 2023-24 School Calendar as discussed.
6. To accept, with appreciation and gratitude, a donation from Valerie Shanley in the amount of \$500.00 to offset negative school meal balances per her correspondence.
7. To approve a sports merger between Rhinebeck Central School District and Pine Plains Central School District for the 2023-24 school year for Field Hockey and Football.
8. To approve the 2023 Curriculum Grants per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum and Instruction in the amount of \$27,900.
9. To approve the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby awards the acceptable lowest bid for Sealcoating and Restriping as follows:  
Horizon Striping LLC in the amount of \$27,500 per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.
10. To approve the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jennifer Brocco, who possesses Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Special Education teacher in the Special Education tenure area, effective July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2027. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation, at a salary of \$71,815 for the 2023-24 school year, Column D, Step 5 per the 2022-23\* salary schedule. (Replaces T. Sauca)
11. To accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Kelli Millius, School Monitor, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2023.
12. To approve the request of employee #100323 for a child rearing leave per Article VI, 6.3 of the Pine Plains Federation of Educations, Inc, effective on or about October 3, 2023 and ending on or about January 4, 2024, pending medical documentation.
13. To approve the request of employee #103123 for a child rearing leave per Article VI, 6.3 of the Pine Plains Federation of Educations, Inc, effective on or about October 31, 2023 and ending on or about June 30, 2024, pending medical documentation.

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14. To approve the request of employee #102323 for a child rearing leave per Article VI, 6.3 of the Pine Plains Federation of Educations, Inc, effective September 5, 2023 and ending on or about October 23, 2023, pending medical documentation.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-148)**

Mrs. Arent thanked Mrs. Shanley publicly for her generous donation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mrs. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby set Wednesday, July 12, 2023 as the date for the Organizational Meeting for the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-149)**

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

None

**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 and the employment history of a particular employee at 7:48 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-150)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 9:10 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-151)**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-152)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk