

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, absent
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk
Sarah Griffin, Student BOE Member

OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Fredericks opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Fredericks read the Mission and Vision statements.

Mission Statement: We develop the whole child to be a lifelong learner and a productive member of the global community.

Vision Statement: We are a district of choice offering exceptional opportunities to engage and excite our entire school community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) at 6:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-23)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:44 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-24)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The policy committee met earlier this evening. They will need to schedule additional committee meetings to finish the last policy update.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mr. Boyd and Dr. Timm gave an update on the strategic plan. Mr. Boyd highlighted the new Stissing programs that highlighted student experience and academic excellence.
2. Dr. Timm gave an update on the Electric Vehicle Committee status.

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3. Dr. Timm discussed the Energy Performance Plan. It was the consensus of the Board to create a sub-committee of the Audit Committee to review the effect of the Energy Performance Plan.
4. Dr. Timm, Mr. Couse and Mrs. Tomaine discussed the status of the district's minutes.

STUDENT BOE MEMBER'S REPORT

1. Ms. Griffin discussed the following items:
 - a. Paint-a-Space for seniors
 - b. Senior Sunrise in the beginning of the year and Senior Sunset at the end of the year.
 - c. Possible Fall Ball
 - d. 1st day of school was a success!
 - e. Planning to collect information from clubs
 - f. Shout out for the music program and attendees of Nationals for the FFCLA club

Mr. Couse shared that Main Street Magazine wrote an article on the different clubs available to students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 2-24:

2. To approve the regular meeting minutes from the August 16, 2023 Board of Education meeting.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - Appropriations and Revenue Status Reports (June 2023)
 - Treasurer's Report – June 2023
4. Acknowledge Budget transfer in the amount of \$504,818.03
5. 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.
6. To accept as first reading of the following policies upon the recommendation of the BOE Policy Committee:
 - a. #4821 School Ceremonies and Observations
 - b. #5225 Student Personal Expression
 - c. #6670 Petty Cash
7. To approve the attached contract between the district and Foundations Behavioral Health to provide special education programs and related services to a particular student at an estimated cost of \$121,444 for the 2023-24 school year.
8. To approve the contract between R. G. Timbs, Inc. and the Pine Plains Central School District to work on Long Range Financial Analysis and Plans for capital projects and buses, calculation of surpluses in revenues and expenditure, long range plans and related issues in support of future capital costs and budgets.

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9. To declare the attached listing of technology items as surplus as they are beyond repair per the memorandum from Richard Harlin, Technology Director.
10. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board, for economic considerations and efficiency of the program, has determined that it would be appropriate to abolish the following civil service positions effective September 1, 2023:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following civil service positions:
Two (2) part-time teacher aides (10-month employee, 3 hours and 55 minutes per day), in the non-competitive class
11. To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby creates the following position: -One (1) full-time position of teacher aide, civil service position in the non-competitive class
12. To appoint Juliana Zengen to the position of Registered School Nurse, a non-competitive civil service class position, effective October 1, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 10 per the PPF 2022-23 salary schedule. (Replaces A. McCauley)
13. To accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Randy Coons, Automotive Mechanic, effective September 1, 2023.
14. To accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation from Aimee Vincent from the position of school monitor, effective August 30, 2023.
15. To rescind the appointment of Ariana Morales from the position of long term leave replacement.
16. To grant a request from Barbara Hottes for an extended sick leave from September 5, 2023 through October 4, 2023 per the attached medical documentation
17. To change the employment status of Katherine Mainiero from part-time to full-time teacher aide, effective September 5, 2023.
18. To appoint Christina Swartz to the position of Teacher Aide a non-competitive civil service class position, effective September 5, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 1 per the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.
19. To appoint Kelly Matthews to the position of school monitor a labor civil service class position, effective September 5, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 3 per the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.
20. to appoint Nancy Merriam to the position of school monitor a labor civil service class position, effective September 13, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 1 per the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.
21. To to appoint Jacqueline Brown to the position of school monitor a labor civil service class position, effective September 14, 2023 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 1 per the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule.
22. To appoint the following individuals to the substitute list for the 2023-24 school year:
-Jessica Traudt, Substitute Teacher
23. To rescind the appointment of Carol Michetti-Stracher from the position of 10th grade co-advisor for the 2023-24 school year.
24. To grant a request for a leave of absence from employee Nia Carey from September 5, 2023 through May 20, 2024.

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25. To appoint Lisa Light to the temporary position of full-time teacher aide, a non-competitive civil service class position, effective on September 5, 2023 to service at the pleasure of the Board of Education.
26. To approve the attached contract between the district and Sunshine Homecare Services for the purpose of providing 1:1 nursing.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-25)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-26)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk