

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President
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.

Mrs. Fredericks acknowledged the Custodial Staff for National Custodial Workers Day on October 2, 2023. She also mentioned that it was College Application Month!

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Archive Committee: Mr Couse shared with the Board his direction for the Archive Committee. He was looking for input on the historical minutes and school historical artifacts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm discussed Board Goals. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the goals at the next meeting.
2. Mrs. Tomaine gave a sneak peek of the new website to the Board that will roll out on Friday/
3. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' reports.

STUDENT BOE MEMBER'S REPORT

1. Ms. Griffin discussed the following items:
 - a. Club activities, fundraising at Ag Day, activities on Ag Day.
 - b. Varsity Club Bonfire on 10/18/23

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- c. Heritage Day on 10/25
- d. Fall Ball on 11/3/23
- e. Senior Week is upcoming for Fall Sports, come out and support the student athletes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Red Hook Central School District (hereinafter “Red Hook”), the Rhinebeck Central School District (hereinafter “Rhinebeck”), and the Pine Plains Central School District (hereinafter “Pine Plains”) are parties to a Shared Personnel Agreement for the 2018-2019 fiscal/school year (and as extended through the 2021-2022 year) for the purpose of sharing food service administration and supervision services; and,

WHEREAS, the parties mutually desire to extend said agreement for the 2023-2024 fiscal/school year under the same basic terms and conditions as defined in the Shared Personnel Agreement for the 2018-2019 (and as extended through the 2021-2022 year).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-31)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda #1-6:

- 1. To approve meeting minutes from September 6, 2023 and September 20, 2023
- 2. To approve financial documents:
 - a. Treasurer’s Report, July and August 2023
 - b. Appropriations Report, July and August 2023
 - c. Revenue Status Report, July and August 2023
 - d. Cafeteria Report
 - e. Budget Transfer
- 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 accept as a second reading and adoption of the following policy based on the recommendation of the policy committee:
#2210 – Organizational Meetings.
- 5. To accept the following Charter and By-Laws for Extra-Curricular Clubs:
 - Class of 2024
 - Class of 2025
 - Class of 2026
 - Class of 2027
 - Class of 2029
 - FFA
 - FCCLA
 - GSA
 - Literary Magazine

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- Math Honor Society
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- SADD
- Student Activism Club
- Stissing Student Council
- Varsity Club
- Yearbook Club

6. To approve the attached Annual Rates for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-32)

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Francis Bauer from the position of Teaching Assistant, effective October 30, 2023.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-33)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Denise Milano from the position of Bus Driver, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on October 30, 2023.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-34)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following individuals as an extra-curricular advisor for the 2023-24 School Year stipend per the PPF contract:

Josephine LaRobardier - Co-Advisor CS/SS Yearbook

Heather Berardo - Co-Advisor CS/SS Yearbook

April Stark - Co-Advisor CS/SS Yearbook

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-35)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as Fall Coaches for the 2023-24 school year pending completion of all requirements:

-Brian Walsh, Football Coach – Volunteer

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-36)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to rescind the appointment of Marco Reyes from the position of Soccer Coach for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-37)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as mentors for the 2023-24 school year:

- Courtney Reichelt

- Alisa Hinsch

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-38)

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following individuals from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the 26-week probationary period:

- Greg Gillis, Bus Driver
- Chance Ireland, Bus Driver

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-39)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as substitutes for the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Kaycee Hayes - Teacher Aide
- Charlotte Smith - Student Scorekeeper - Volleyball
- Robert Rafferty, Auto Mechanic
- Walter Engel, Auto Mechanic
- William Cooley, Auto Mechanic
- Ryan Harrison, School Monitor – trainee

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-40)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Mark Skinner as a long-term substitute (for Kimberly Puglisi) to the position of special education teacher, to commence on or about October 1, 2023 and ending on or about January 15, 2024, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at an annual salary of \$60,076 (Step 1, Column A per the PPFE 2022-23 Salary Schedule)*, prorated for the period of service and pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-41)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to approve the adoption of a revised Trust Agreement by the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium:

WHEREAS, Pine Plains Central School District is a Participant in the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium (“DEHIC”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of DEHIC has approved a revised Trust Agreement, to clarify certain provisions in the original Trust Agreement and ensure the continued effective operation of DEHIC.

NOW, THEREFORE, due deliberation having been had, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Pine Plains Central School District hereby agrees to the amendment of the DEHIC Trust Agreement, as proposed by DEHIC’s Board of Trustees.
2. That Pine Plains Central School District be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached Amended Trust Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2024.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent, along with the executed Trust Agreement to DEHIC’s attorneys at the following address:

Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O’Shea
300 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 321

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Albany, New York 122073
ATTN: Thomas F. Gleason, Esq.
Richard C. Reilly, Esq.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-42)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the payment of the refund of taxes and interest, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned NE Family Holdings LLC v. Town of Northeast.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-43)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Tax Installment payments per the documentation from Joan Taylor, Tax Collector.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-44)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cavey, resident of Pine Plains discussed the following topics:

1. Ideas for the Archive Committee
2. Goals of the Board
3. Food Service Contract
4. Board Comment Section
5. BOE Vacancy
6. Contracts
7. Curriculum used on Gender Identity

Ms. Rennie, resident of Pine Plains discussed the following topic:

1. Concerns regarding athletics.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Fredericks reminded the BOE that the BOE would be hosting a booth during Ag Fair.

Mrs. Fredericks asked for a moment of silence for the passing of the following individuals:

1. Ronald Tice
2. Marjorie "Cookie" Pecorella
3. Dolores Putorti

Mrs. Fredericks reminded the BOE that on Thursday there will be DCSBA Zoom meeting, anyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Tomaine informed the Board that Dutchess County Board of Elections will not be allowing the Clerks to utilize the voting machines this year.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law and the employment history of a particular person(s) at 7:23 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-45)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:24 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-46)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-47)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem