

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, absent
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 after the annual building tour of Cold Spring. 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. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) at 6:32 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-88)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:45 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-89)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None.

STUDENT BOE MEMBER'S REPORT

1. Ms. Griffin discussed the following items:
 - a. Shared the success of the Fall Ball and fall play
 - b. Congratulated Cross Country for achieving MHAL Champions and State Champions.
 - c. Blood Drive success

Sarah was excused from the meeting.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal reported on the status of Cold Spring Early Learning Center. She highlighted each of the Strategic Plan's priority areas and how it relates to the building.
2. Dr. Timm thanked the Cold Spring teachers for attending tonight's meeting and showing off their classrooms.
3. Dr. Timm discussed the following topics:
 - a. December 1, 2023 snow day due to Transportation shortage of drivers. He discussed the number of runs and the number of bus drivers needed to operate the department efficiently.
 - b. Recap of the Strategic Plan.
 - c. Community Connection Committee plan for outreach in the community.
 - d. Shared the Administrators' reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda #1-2:

1. 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.
2. To approve the attached 2023-24 Tax Assessment Change Log.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-90)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Public School Fire Safety Reports as presented on December 6, 2023. It is noted that any non-conformances that were indicated at the time of inspection were corrected and new Certificates of Occupancy have been issued. Additionally, it is noted that legal notice will be published at least once in newspapers of record.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-91)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to create a non-instructional position as follows: 1.0 Teacher Aide

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-92)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to authorize the filing of the 2023 - 2024 returned tax claims:

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector shall be relieved of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax amount due when a complete list of the delinquent tax items has been certified to the Board of Education, and when the Tax Collector has affixed her affidavit to such statement and has filed an account for the handling of the Tax Warrant.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District does hereby relieve the Tax Collector of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list and does hereby authorize the filing of 2023 – 2024 tax claims.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-93)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the revised 2023-24 school calendar.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-94)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached 2024-25 budget calendar.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-95)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept as a first reading of the following policies based on the recommendation of the Policy Committee:

- 4321.12L: Timeout and Physical Restraint (all students)
- 4321.12 (Regulation): Timeout and Physical Restraint (all students)
- 5605: Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration
- 6710: Purchasing Authority
- 8130.2: Workplace Violence Prevention
- 9520.6: Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-96)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Transportation Contract between the District and Dutchess BOCES for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$510,700.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-97)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and Spackenkill Union Free School for special education services.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-98)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Lester Funk to the position of Athletic Director for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year, documentation pending.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-99)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Maurice Georgiou from the position of School Monitor, effective September 20, 2023.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-100)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Jeffrey Clifton from the position of School Monitor, effective December 15, 2023

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-101)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. to accept the resignation of Jacqueline Brown from the position of school monitor pending her appointment to the position of Bus Driver, effective November 30, 2023.
2. to appoint Jacqueline Brown to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective December 1, 2023 at a Step 1 of the 2022-23* SRP salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-102)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. to accept the resignation of Ryan Harrison the position of school monitor pending his appointment to the position of Bus Driver, effective December 6, 2023.
2. to appoint Ryan Harrison to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective December 7, 2023 at a Step 1 of the 2022-23* SRP salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-103)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the appointment of Lisa Light from temporary to a probationary teacher aide, for a twenty six week probationary period effective December 1, 2023 at step 1 of the 2022-23 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-104)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Shannon Rego to the position of teacher aide, a non-competitive civil service class position, for a twenty six week probationary period effective December 7, 2023 at a rate of Step 1 per the 2022-23 SRP Salary Schedule.

Aye: Fredericks, Griffin, Kiernan, Stapf Nay: Couse

VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2023/24-105)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve an extended sick leave for employee #xxxx effective on or about December 21, 2023.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-106)

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) to the substitute list for the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

John Blackburn, School Monitor (trainee)

Elizabeth Hieter, scorekeeper

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-107)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Kubsch commented that there is an art show in Stanfordville that showcases art from the students.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Couse commented on the following topics:

1. Changes to the Regents exams
2. Consistency needs to happen on social media between all the buildings and the district.
3. Agenda item on Final Exams and the Regents scores.

Mrs. Fredericks commented on the following topics:

1. Shout out to the Food Service Department for Food Safety month
2. Future Board Retreat topics
3. Upcoming DCSBA meeting (in person) to discuss advocacy for all the districts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf 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 8:05 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-108)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:35 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-109)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-110)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem