

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, arrived at 6:34 pm.
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 gave a shout-out to the School Counselors and our School Resource Officer. National School Counseling Week 2024 (Feb. 5-9) and National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day on the 15th.

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:34 pm

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Budget Workshop: Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Chris Boyd, Stissing Principal, Julie Roberts, Seymour Principal and Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal reviewed their budgets for the 2024-25 school year. Laura Rafferty gave an overall update on the budget process.
2. BOCES Nominations are due on March 20, 2024.
3. External Audit was completed, there will be a need for an Audit Committee meeting before the March 6, 2024 meeting.
4. Dutchess BOCES will be invited to present the DC BOCES Budget on March 20, 2024.

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5. Update on the Capital Project remaining funds.

STUDENT BOE MEMBER'S REPORT

1. Ms. Griffin discussed the following items:
 - a. Sports update
 - b. Varsity Club visiting the Elementary buildings
 - c. Math Bowl held at Seymour Smith was successful
 - d. Jar Wars fundraiser for St. Jude's Fund
 - e. National Honor Society writing letters to active soldiers.
 - f. Key Club supporting Muscular dystrophy by selling paper shamrocks.
 - g. No updates on the GSA Survey
 - h. Dances being held at SSILC and Stissing Middle School
 - i. Senior Class Trip presentation

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda #1-5:

1. To approve the attached Financial Reports:
-Warrants
2. 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.to approve the attached 2023-24 Tax Change Log.
3. To approve the attached Wappingers Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for two (2) resident student attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,092.36 per student, for a total of \$2,184.71 for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. To revise the attached 2023-24 school calendar.
5. To declare outdated textbooks as surplus per the memorandum from Sean White, Spanish Teacher.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-142)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept, with appreciation and gratitude, the donation from Mashomack Preserve Club Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 for general purposes.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-143)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept, with appreciation and gratitude, a donation from Annamarie Gruntler-Bussey in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of off-setting school meal accounts in the negative.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-144)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the contract between the district and Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD for the purpose of providing educational services to a specific student for the 2023-24 school year at an estimated rate of \$69,553.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-145)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached contract between the district and Children's Neuropsychological Services, PLLC to complete a neuropsychological evaluation for a particular PPCSD student at the requested by the CSE at a maximum cost of \$3,640.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-146)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to authorize the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the condensing unit of the walk-in cooler at the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School ("School") which contains various types of food for the School's food program is broken and must be immediately repaired in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and employees at the School and to maintain the property of the School District, including to preserve the food maintained in such walk-in cooler; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education is empowered to determine that the expense of this repair is an ordinary contingent expense within the meaning of §2023 of the New York State Education Law and §170.2(l) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and that the project constitutes an emergency repair within the meaning of §103 of the General Municipal Law;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the repair of the walk-in cooler, including installation of new refrigeration equipment on the roof at the School will not have a significant environmental impact and declares this project a Type II Action pursuant to '617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines and declares that the cost of repairing the walk-in cooler at the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, including installing new refrigeration equipment (roof mounted condensing unit with evaporator), including incidental and related expenses constitutes an ordinary contingent expense within the meaning of Section 2023 of the Education Law and Section 170.2(l) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and an emergency within the meaning of §103 of the General Municipal Law, and hereby authorizes the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$30,000 for such purpose; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make transfers between and within functional unit appropriations in the budget in order to pay the costs of this ordinary contingent expense from the general fund and/or fund balance for such purpose; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the actions of the District's

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Administrators in soliciting quote and causing the immediate repair of the walk-in cooler prior to Board action in the best interests of the School District.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-147)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to add two agenda items on the bottom of Personnel.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-148)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Erik Smith, who possesses a Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate to a four year probationary term as a Special Education teacher in the Special Education tenure area, effective January 19, 2024 and terminating on January 18, 2028. 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 \$66,753, Masters Step 2 of the PPF 2023-24 Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-149)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2024-4 for a FMLA leave / unpaid child rearing leave to be effective on or about April 26, 2024, pending medical documentation.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-150)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Ryan Curry to the position of school monitor, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective February 8, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-151)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Joanne Harrison from the position of Bus Driver, effective February 19, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-152)

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

1. To accept the resignation of Jill McKibben from the position of bus driver, effective January 23, 2024 pending her appointment to the position of bus driver;
2. To appoint Jill McKibben to the position of full-time school monitor, effective January 23, 2024 at a rate of Step 11 of the SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-153)

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

Baseball:

Head Coach- Steve Huber
Assistant- Andrew Anderson
Assistant- John Blackburn

Softball:

Head Coach- Les Funk
Assistant- Jon Barrett

Track and Field

Head Coach- Mike Cooper

Girls Golf

Head Coach- John Schoonmaker

Tennis

Head Coach- Alec Sisco

Unified Basketball

Head Coach- Christa Brenner

Volunteer Assistant Coaches

Alex McKenzie- Softball
Joe Damon- Baseball
Samantha Lydon- Track and Field

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-154)

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

-Lilliana Tagg, Teacher
-Joseph Daversa, Bus Driver Trainee
-Matthew Hahn, Teacher

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-155)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve an extended sick leave for employee #0207231 effective February 7, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-156)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as temporary custodial workers, to work at the pleasure of the Board of Education at step 1 of the SRP salary schedule:

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-Tylar Conley
-Ronald Ogden

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-157)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Marks, Bus Driver commented on the wages of district and contract negotiations

BOARD COMMENTS

Thank you to Larry Anthony, Shared Food Service Director for hosting the Souper Bowl.

Reminder on the upcoming BOE Retreat on Saturday and the next BOE meeting will be on 2/21/24.

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 7:59 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-158)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-159)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-160)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem