

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, arrived 6:35 pm
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:03 pm
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Fredericks opened the meeting at 6:00 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 Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) at 6:03 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-170)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:33 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-171)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Fredericks, Board President shared that it was National Social Worker Month and thanked our social workers and the Astor social workers for all that they do to support the district students and staff.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The audit committee met earlier tonight and reviewed the single audit. They were pleased to report there were no findings. The audit will be accepted at the next meeting.

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:35 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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1. Budget Workshop Presentation: Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Richard Harlin, Director of Technology reviewed their budgets for the 2024-25 school year. Laura Rafferty reviewed the BOCES portion of the budget. Board comments and questions followed.
2. BOCES Nominations are due on March 20, 2024.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to nominate Karen Burka to serve on the Board of Education of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-172)

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda #1-4:

1. To accept the minutes from February 7, 2024 and February 21, 2024.
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.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-173)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

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

2325: Videoconferencing of Board Meetings

4327: Homebound Instruction

6700: Purchasing Policy and Regulation

8520: Free and Reduced Meal Services

8636: Artificial Intelligence

9620: Conditional Appointment and Emergency Conditional Appointment - Student Safety

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-174)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept, with gratitude and appreciation, a donation in the amount \$1,158 for the purpose of applying the donation from Student Field Trip Funds to the Arts in Education Expense Code for purposes of the Music in the Parks Trip.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-175)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Richard Starzyk, a retired Pine Plains Central School District teacher who is certified as a Living Environment teacher, is appointed as a substitute Science teacher, an area for which the Superintendent has determined that there is a shortage of substitute teachers, per the attached memorandum.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-176)

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

- Corinna Burton and Samantha Lydon- Spring Track Assistant Coaches
- Ryan Carney- Volunteer Spring Track Assistant
- Brian Walsh- Volunteer Baseball Assistant

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-177)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following individuals from probationary to permanent, after successfully completing their twenty-six week probationary period:

- Justin Kemp, School Monitor
- Maryann Gunther, Bus Driver
- Kelly Matthews, School Monitor
- Christine Swartz, Teacher Aide
- Nancy Meriam, School Monitor

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-178)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Fredericks reminded the Board and audience of the upcoming important dates:

March 8, 9 and 10 - Matilda Production

March 12, 2024 – Community Connection Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm, Stissing Library

March 20, 2024 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm, Stissing Library

March 25 - April 1, 2024 - Spring Break

April 2, 2024 - Superintendent's Conference Day

April 3, 2024 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm, Stissing Library

April 17, 2024 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm, Stissing Library

ADJOURN

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-179)

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Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk