

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The policy committee met earlier tonight and reviewed a variety of policies. There will be a first reading of the policies presented at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Matt Metzger, DC BOCES School Business Official, presented the 2024-25 DC BOCES Budget to the Board of Education.
2. Jeff Bradt, Shared Food Service Director, Capital Region BOCES, shared a presentation on a shared food service program.
3. Laura Rafferty, Business Official, presented the Expenditures / Revenue Summary portion of the workshop and the voter propositions.
4. Dr. Brian Timm, shared the Administrators' Reports.
5. Dr. Timm commended everyone involved in the production of Matilda. It was a fantastic show.
6. Dr. Timm applauded the staff involved in the two-hour delay / power outage situation. The staff worked together and made the quick change seem seamless.
7. Dr. Timm shared that some local schools were either closing or dismissing early for the upcoming solar eclipse.

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8. Dr. Timm reminded the Board that they will be voting on the BOCES Budget / Election on April 23, 2024. The Board had a short discussion on the candidates for the BOCES Board.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Griffin discussed the following topics:

1. Spring Sports
2. National Honor Society
 - a. Writing letters to Active Duty Military
 - b. GirlWise club starting up soon, pairing 10th, 11th and 12th grade students with 4th and 5th grade students, for mentoring and positive role models/
3. St. Jude's Radiothon this Saturday in memory of Erin Shanley
4. FCCLA Conference
5. Updates on Student Council
6. Activism Survey still being worked on.
7. Yearbook Club is finishing up by taking pictures of all the department.
8. Prom sales
9. Senior to Senior Breakfast was a success.
10. Junior / Senior Boys competing in a Volleyball Powder Puff game this coming Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes from March 6, 2024.
2. To accept Financial Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report – February
 - b. Appropriations Report – February
 - c. Revenue Status Report – February
 - d. Cafeteria Report – February
 - e. Extra-Classroom – February
 - f. Budget Transfer – February
 - g. Warrants
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 the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Board of Education approve the External Auditor's Report pertaining to the single audit and related documentation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 prepared by RBT CPAs, LLP.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-180)

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NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a second reading and adoption 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 #2023/24-181)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Rhinebeck Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for forty-two (42) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,652.79 per student, for a total of \$69,714.18 for the 2023-2024 school year.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-182)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Order & Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Sunny River LLC v. Town of Pine Plains & Pine Plains Central School District;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Order & Judgment.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-183)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the establishment of a Repair Reserve Fund, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, for repairs of capital improvements or equipment that are of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals, to be funded from budgetary appropriations or other revenues that may be legally appropriated and are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deposit and investment of the sums in the Repair Reserve Fund will be in accordance with the requirements of Sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-184)

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 21, 2024:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and

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Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase three (3) 65-passenger school buses, including cameras and necessary equipment, each at a maximum estimated cost of \$153,990, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$461,970; and that the sum of \$461,970, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish these propositions in the designated newspapers four (4) times prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-185)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, to be conducted on May 21, 2024: Shall the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District fund the repair reserve fund established by the Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, by transferring up to \$2,000,000 of unappropriated, unassigned fund balance from the 2023-2024 school year to the repair reserve fund?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the Legal Notice of Annual Meeting in the designated newspapers.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-186)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 21, 2024:

SHALL the Pine Plains Central School District establish the office of Student Board Member, a non-voting member of the Board of Education, who may sit with and participate with the Board of Education at all public meetings, except executive sessions, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1804(12) and (12-a) of the Education Law, effective July 1, 2024?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish these propositions in the designated newspapers four (4) times prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-187)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of and authorizes its President to execute a Letter of Engagement from Guercio & Guercio LLP, dated March 18, 2024, for special counsel services, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-188)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to grant employee #202324-6, an extended sick leave, according to Article VI (2) (a) (b) (i-v) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc. effective on or about March 13, 2024, pending documentation.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-189)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to grant employee #202324-7, according to Article XIV (2) (a) (b) (i-v) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel, effective March 19, 2024, pending medical documentation.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-190)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Christine Eighmy to the position of typist - 12 month, a competitive class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective April 29, 2024 at a Step 11 of the SRP 2022-23 Salary Schedule, pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-191)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals, pending completion of all requirements:

Stephanie Rhoades- Volunteer Assistant Spring Track Coach

Sarah Griffin- Student Announcer for Unified Basketball games

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-192)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Shea, PPSRP President spoke regarding the emergency closure of Cold Spring and the relocation of students to Seymour Smith.

Sonny Marks, Bus Driver spoke regarding the emergency closure and contract negotiations.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Couse recommended the article in the On Board magazine, "What Not to Do as a Board Member".

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

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

April 23, 2024 – BOE Meeting, BOCES Budget and BOE Election, 7:00 am.

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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 8:01 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-193)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 9:02 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-194)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-195)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem