

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, arrived 6:38 pm
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, absent

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of a discussion regarding current litigation at 6:32 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-209)

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:38 pm.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:50 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-210)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Karen Smythe, BOCES Board of Education Candidate (incumbent), discussed her desire to be re-elected to the BOCES Board of Education.

Caecilia Wyman, Foreign Language Teacher, commented on her resignation and thanked the Board for their support.

Nelson Zayas, Elementary Teacher, commented on his resignation for the purpose of retirement, and thanked the Board for their support.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

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Mrs. Laura Raffety, Business Official presented the 2024-25 Budget. She informed the Board that Governor Hochul did not confirm the State Budget as of today's date and that it was a "Conceptual Agreement".

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm, reminded the Board that the next meeting is on April 23, 2024 at 7:00 am for the BOCES Budget Vote and Election.
2. Dr. Timm noted that the District has one emergency day remaining and chose Friday, May 24, 2024 as the give back day.
3. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators monthly reports.
4. Dr. Timm shared that he was attending a Zero-Emission Bus Roundtable with NYSERDA and Assemblymember Barrett at Dutchess BOCES on May 3, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes from April 3, 2024.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report (March 2024)
 - b. Cafeteria Report (March 2024)
 - c. Appropriations and Revenue Status Report (March 2024)
 - d. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - e. Acknowledge a budget Transfer in the amount of \$176,592.46
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 approve the 2024-2025 District Calendar.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-211)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adopt the 2024-25 School District Budget in the amount of \$37,689,744 an increase of \$1,274,533 or 3.50%, to be presented to the voters on May 21, 2024.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-212)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Property Tax Report Card as presented to the Board at this meeting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Official is directed to submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT			
2024-2025 Property Tax Report Card			
PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD			
PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	BUDGETED 2023-2024	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-2025	PERCENT CHANGE
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$36,415,211	\$37,689,744	3.50%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$26,173,111	\$27,016,932	3.20%
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C + D)	\$26,173,111	\$27,016,932	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$4,194	
G. School Tax Levy Limit. <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$26,173,111	\$27,021,126	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E + F + D)	\$26,173,111	\$27,021,126	
I. Difference (G-H); (Negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	809	800	-1.11%
Consumer Price Index (CPI)			
	ACTUAL 2023-2024	ESTIMATED 2024-2025	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$7,665,209	\$7,765,209	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,800,000	\$1,000,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,456,608	\$1,507,590	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance, as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%	

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-212)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a second reading and adoption at the recommendation of the Policy Committee:

- 0100: Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
- 4321: Programs for Students and Disabilities Under IDEA
- 4772: Graduation Ceremonies
- 8410: Student Transportation
- 8413: Transportation for Non-Public School Students

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-213)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the creation of the following extra-curricular clubs for the 2024-25 school year:

- BomberNation Buddies (6-12): Tier 1
- Yoga Club (2-5): Tier 1
- Peer and Community Connection (9-12): Tier 1

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-214)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Kingston City School District's contract for health and welfare services for three (3) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,4122.00 per student, for a total of \$4,266.00 for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-215)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and Webutuck Central School District for the purpose of providing a Webutuck student placement in an 8:1:2 special education class.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-216)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached Workplace Violence Statement

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-217)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached proposal for Summer School 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-218)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby waives attorney-client privilege with respect to the confidential investigation report prepared by Julie M. Shaw, Esq., dated April 6, 2022, for the purpose of disclosing said report, without redaction, to the State Division of Human Rights for DHR Case No. 10230804.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-219)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to add a resignation to the list of resolutions under New Business Personnel.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-220)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Nelson Zayas from the position of Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business on June 30, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-221)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Craig Colgan from the position of Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business on June 30, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-222)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of James Wiley from the position of Secondary Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-223)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Caecilia Wyman from the position of Foreign Language Teacher, effective close of business on June 30, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-224)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Kara Magurno from the position of part-time food service helper, effective April 30, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-225)

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

John Conklin- Volunteer Baseball (JV)

Madison Michetti- Volunteer Spring Track

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-226)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Reminder of the Roundtable on the 3rd.

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-227)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk