

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools  
*Laura Rafferty, Business Manager, Absent*  
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 recognized the PPFE staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. She also recognized the School Nurses. May 8, 2024 is School Nurse Appreciation Day.

**BUDGET HEARING**

Mrs. Fredericks opened up the Public Hearing on the 2024-25 Budget at 6:31 pm.

Dr. Timm presented the final presentation on the 2024-25 Budget and BOE Election.

One community member commented on the Repair Fund Proposition. Dr. Timm commented that the fund was approved by the Board of Education this year. The District is asking for voter authorization to fun up to \$2,000,000.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to close the public hearing at 6:41 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-235)**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Policy Committee met tonight and will be forwarding one policy to the full board at the next regular meeting.

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The Compensation Committee noted that they needed to meet. They agreed to meet on May 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

1. Ms. Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal and Mrs. Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal gave a presentation on the Enrichment Program offered at Cold Spring and Seymour Smith. They highlighted how the program was being utilized in each building.
2. Dr. Timm shared his executive summary on the Fleet Electrification Assessment.

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Sarah Griffin reported on the following topics:

1. National Honor Society is hosting a food drive for the food locker.
2. Girlwise met for the first time. This is a mentorship program between 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade female students paired with girls in Seymour Smith.
3. The Yearbook is nearly finished!
4. The FFA students performed well at the FFA Competition.
5. Blood Drive is scheduled for May 13, 2024.
6. The student body is collecting pennies for patients.
7. Willow Roots is hosting a Penny Social to raise money to send students to summer camps.
8. AP / State Tests have begun.
9. The Prom was on Saturday and it looked like everyone enjoyed themselves.
10. Unified Basketball will have their 4<sup>th</sup> home game next week.
11. Senior Trip is coming up soon!
12. Rent-a-Senior date to be announced soon
13. Stissing Jr. / Sr. High School hosted the NYSSMA Solo Festival on the weekend of May 3, 2024.
14. Kudos to Daniel McPherson, Track Athlete for his performance in the Steeple Chase.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda #1-3:

1. To accept the minutes from April 17, 2024 and April 23, 2024.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
  - a. Claims Auditor’s Reports and Cash Disbursements
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.

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**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-236)**

**NEW BUSINESS – OTHER**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve an increase to the 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$234,392.99 received from NYS School Insurance Reciprocal as replacement funds for the total loss of the bus #209, #246, #255 and #256 (A2680/A5510.210).

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-237)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to declare the following buses as surplus property due to sustained storm damage per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

| Vehicle | Year Built | Model   | VIN Number        | Reason                            | Recommendation | Date of Surplus |
|---------|------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| #209    | 2011       | Microbird – Wheelchair – 12/18 Passenger - Gasoline | 1GD675BG7B1169583 | Storm Damage by Tree – Total Loss | SURPLUS        | 4/30/2024       |
| #246    | 2018       | Microbird Chevrolet - 14 Passenger - Gasoline       | 1GB0GRBG1J1312094 | Storm Damage by Tree – Total Loss | SURPLUS        | 4/30/2024       |
| #255    | 2020       | Microbird Chevrolet - 21/30 Passenger - Gasoline    | 1HA3GRBG1LN004892 | Storm Damage by Tree – Total Loss | SURPLUS        | 4/30/2024       |
| #256    | 2020       | Microbird Chevrolet - 17/24 Passenger - Gasoline    | 1HA6GUBG6LN000756 | Storm Damage by Tree – Total Loss | SURPLUS        | 4/30/2024       |

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-238)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to purchase replacement buses per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-239)**

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

- Inside Out Club (SS): Tier 1

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-240)**

**NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to add an additional substitute to the substitute resolution under New Business Personnel.

**VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-241)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as Co-Summer School Principals for the 2024-25 School Year:

- Julie Roberts
- Kristen Fischetti
- Christopher Boyd

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-Sara Von Burg

**VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-242)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Paula Humphries from the position of Bus Driver, for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business on June 24, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-243)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Lorraine Olay from the position of Typist, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 28, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-244)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Leonard Barton from the position of Custodial Worker, effective close of business on May 15, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-245)**

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

Kara Magurno, Food Service Helper

Dominique Burdick, Custodial Worker

Tylar Conley, Custodial Worker

*John Blackburn, Bus Driver*

**VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-246)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Eiffert, Community Member asked about the School Lunch Program.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Fredericks reminded the Board that the BOE Handbook is located in the shared one-drive.

Mr. Couse shared that the Town of Stanford is holding a dedication of the Town Hall for when it was established as a "Union Free" school district in 1924.

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

-May 9, 2024 - Candidate Night / Budget at the Grange, 7:00 pm

-May 21, 2024 - Budget Vote and BOE Election, 7:00 am - 9:00 pm

-May 22, 2024 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm

-May 24, 2024 - Emergency Day "Give Back" - Schools will not be in session

-June 12, 2024 - BOE Meeting, Last BOE meeting of the 23-24 school year. Tenure Night and Retiree Night.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) at 7:38 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-247)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:32 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-248)**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-249)**

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem