

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, absent
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:45 pm
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.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve and ratify the results of the 2024-25 Annual Meeting and Election tallied on May 21, 2024.

Budget:

Yes - 285
No - 106

Bus Purchase Proposition:

Yes - 261
No - 128

Repair Reserve Proposition:

Yes - 295
No - 96

Student Board Member Proposition:

Yes - 327
No - 63

Board of Education Election (3 seats):

Jean Stapf - 334
Joseph Kiernan - 319
Claire Copley-Eisenberg – 307

Aye: Couse, Fredericks, Griffin, Kiernan, Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-250)

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ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk administered the oath of office to Claire Copley-Eisenberg for the unexpired term commencing May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

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 6:34 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-251)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:44 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-252)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Compensation Committee met last week to discuss the non-represented salaries and new rates for the 2024-25 school year.

The Policy Committee will need to meet again to discuss another section of policy updates.

Heidi arrived at 6:45 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. GSA and Student Activism Students and Advisors shared a presentation on collecting information from the "Student Voice". They highlighted the following concerns:
 - a. Teachers should be more aware of the complex and multifaceted lives of their students both in an outside of school.
 - b. Students need more engaging and diverse learning experiences from their teachers.
 - c. Creating accepting and welcoming classroom environments that support the student as an individual.
 - d. Shifting the start time later.
 - e. Limiting stacked assignments.
2. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' reports.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Sarah Griffin reported on the following topics:

1. Senior Awards night being celebrated on June 12, 2024.

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2. Rent-A-Senior Week tradition starting May 28, 2024.
3. Senior Trip is rapidly approaching.
4. Willow Roots is hosted a Penny Social to raise money to send students to summer camps.
5. Key Club was excited to receive 40 pints of blood during their Blood Drive.
6. Art Show was a success (being held tonight)
7. Car Wash on Sunday.
8. Math and Science Night being hosted at Seymour this month.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes from May 8, 2024.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Reports (April 2024)
 - b. Cafeteria Report (April 2024)
 - c. Appropriations and Revenue Status Reports (April 2024)
 - d. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - e. Extra-Classroom (April 2024)
3. Acknowledge Budget Transfer in the amount of \$165,117.88.
4. 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 #2023/24-253)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the as a first reading of the following policy as recommended by the Policy Committee:

4710: Grading Systems

A Board conversation ensued, it was the consensus of the Board to table the motion until the July 3, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to table the policy until July 3, 2024, asking for more information.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-254)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion approve Dr. Timm's attendance at the 2024 Fall Leadership Summit at a cost of \$774.00

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-254)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept, with appreciation, a book donation from Michael Cooper, Health / Phys. Education Teacher, for the Stissing Mountain Jr. / Sr. High School Library, titled, Send Me – The True Story of a Mother at War, by, Marty Skovlund and Joe Kent.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-255)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve a transportation agreement between the district and the Pine Plains Recreation Department for summer camp.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-256)

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Kathi D'Amato from the position of part-time teacher aide, effective June 30, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-257)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of Jacqueline Brown from probationary to permanent, after successfully completing her 26-week probationary period, effective May 31, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-258)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to change the employment status of Lisa Light from probationary to permanent, after successfully completing her 26-week probationary period, effective May 31, 2024.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-259)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of Shannon Rego from probationary to permanent, after successfully completing her 26-week probationary period, effective June 6, 2024.

Yea: Fredericks, Copley, Griffin, Johnson, Stapf; Nay: Couse

VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2023/24-260)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve a project management services stipend for Michael McCarthy, Maintenance Worker in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-261)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to grant a request for a leave of absence from employee Nia Carey from May 21, 2024 through May 30, 2025.

Nay: Fredericks, Couse, Griffin, Johnson, Stapf; Abstain: Copley

VOTE: Motion failed. (Motion #2023/24-262)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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None

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Fredericks shared that the Dutchess School Board Association will be meeting on June 6, 2024. Amie cannot attend, does someone want to attend in her place?

Board and Superintendent evaluations are due.

It was the consensus of the Board to change the time of June 12, 2024 regular meeting to 4:00 pm to allow for the BOE to attend the Senior Award Night.

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

-June 7, 2024 – EXPO at Seymour

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

-June 12, 2024 – Senior Awards

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2023/24-263)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk