

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, arrived 6:32 pm
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin, arrived 6:33 pm
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:33 pm
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk
Madison Rego, BOE Student Representative

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mrs. Amie Fredericks, Board President. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. She 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 to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) at 6:33 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-138)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:45 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-139)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Compensation Committee met earlier in the evening. They discussed an inequity in the Managerial / Confidential agreement in regards to longevity. There will be a correction to the agreement at a future meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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1. Dr. Timm shared that BEDs day is on October 2, 2024. He explained that BEDs is the Basic Educational Data System and data is collected every year on the first Wednesday of October. It gives a snapshot of our data each year at this time.
2. Dr. Timm informed the board of a few events that were upcoming: Varsity Bonfire and the Annual FFA Ag Fair Weekend. He reminded the public that Friday's events were not for the public to attend during school hours but in the evening, the Roast Beef dinner and Saturday was chock full of fun events.
3. Dr. Timm asked the Board if it was the pleasure of the Board to have an early Board meeting then followed by the Senior Awards. They board agreed that this worked for them. Dr. Timm shared that the date would be May 21, 2025.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Rego shared she has not heard any more complaints about issues with 7th period lunch. She also shared that she would like to raise awareness of all of the available extra-curricular clubs. She would like to have a Club Fair again.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 2-6:

2. To accept the minutes from the September 4, 2024 and September 18, 2024 meetings.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
 - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
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.
5. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Brian Timm has completed training which meets the requirements of § NYCRR 30-3.10 and the Pine Plains Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan, for certification as a Lead Evaluator of Administrator.
6. To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that the following individuals have completed training which meets the requirements of § NYCRR 30-3.10 and the Pine Plains Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan, for certification as a Lead Evaluator of Teachers:
 - Julie Roberts
 - Kristen Fischetti
 - Christopher Boyd
 - Gian Starr
 - Janine Babcock
 - Sara Von Burg

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-140)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a second reading and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 1120 - School District Records (policy and regulation)
- 4772 - Graduation Ceremonies
- 4773 - Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
- 5500 - Student Records (policy and regulation)
- 5550 - Student Privacy
- 8635-R - Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-141)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached request for an overnight field trip:

- National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN, S. Rhoades

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-142)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to declare DIBELS Next Materials as excess per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-143)

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

Vehicle	Year Built	Model	Current Mileage	VIN Number	Reason	Recommendation	Date of Surplus
#214	2013	Bluebird – Diesel 48/72 comp	157,406	1BABHCPA8EF295221	High mileage, fuel tank issues, body rust	SURPLUS	10/3/2024
#218	2013	Bluebird – Diesel 48/72	176,874	1BAEJCPA2EF303284	High mileage, body rust, broken right side mirror	SURPLUS	10/3/2024
#219	2013	Bluebird – Diesel 48/72	162,948	1BAEJCPA4EF303285	Body rust, high mileage	SURPLUS	10/3/2024

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-144)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following overnight field trip:

- AG Fair Camp Out, S. Rhoades

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-145)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution in regards to Compensation for Music Festivals and Attendance at Community Activities with Musical Component:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement dated October 2, 2024, between the District and the Pine Plains School Federation of Educators, as

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presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement is on file with the District Clerk.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-146)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, an Application for Corrected Tax Roll was filed by Owner, Allen Wawrzaszek, regarding a parcel of property located within the Pine Plains Central School District located at 121 Parker Road, Elizaville, in the Town of Livingston, Tax Map No. 201.2-1-76.100, based upon the omission by the assessor of the Owner's combat veteran exemption and disabled veteran exemption on the Town 2024 final assessment roll, which is used to determine the 2024-2025 school taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County Director of the Columbia County Real Property Tax Service Agency has determined that a clerical error was made pursuant was made pursuant to Section 550(2)(c) of the Real Property Tax Law in that the combat veteran exemption and disabled veteran exemption were omitted from the Town 2024 final assessment roll resulting in a taxable assessed value of \$170,300 instead of \$137,300, with the 2024-2025 school tax indicated at \$3,354.33 instead of \$2,704.35, and has recommended that the Applications for Corrected Tax Roll be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board has examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determines that a clerical error has been made with respect to the above parcel of real property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll be approved, that the Town Assessor correct the 2024 final assessment roll, notice of approval be sent to the Applicant, and that the School Tax Collector issue a new school tax bill with the correct taxable assessed value, from \$170,300 to \$137,300, and the correct amount of 2024-2025 school tax, from \$3,354.33 to \$2,704.35.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-147)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the position of 504 Coordinator for the 2024-25 school year, pre the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services:

Elizabeth Murray - Elementary 504 Coordinator

Lindsey Lowry - Secondary 504 Co-Coordinator

Sara Von Burg - Secondary 504 Co-Coordinator

Yea: Copley-Eisenberg, Johnson, Kiernan, Stapf; Nay: Couse, Fredericks, Griffin

VOTE: Motion passed. (Motion #2024/25-148)

There was a conversation regarding this appointment. Mr. Couse brought up a few concerns regarding the creation of these positions. He felt that the information presented was contradictory from the July 17, 2024 meeting.

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Gail Aaberg to the position of Head Bus Driver for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective October 1, 2024 at a salary of \$63,000 per the PPAA agreement, prorated for 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-149)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Steven Huber from the position of Mathematics Teacher, effective October 11, 2024.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-150)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Keeia Hicks to the position of teacher aide, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective October 7, 2024 at Step 1 of the 2024-25 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-151)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Gary Higgins to the position of School Monitor, a labor class civil service position, effective October 1, 2024 for a twenty-six week probationary period at Step 1 of the 2024-25 SRP Salary Schedule. (replaces Meglio)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-152)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Athletic Department:

Riley Millar - Student Scorekeeper

Nick Dean - Volunteer Assistant Coach- Cross Country.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-153)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the substitute list for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

-Jennifer Van Anden, School Monitor

-Denise Frye, School Monitor

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-154)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend a portion of Motion #2024/25-132, to add for the purpose of retirement to the resolution.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-155)

The Board conveyed their gratitude for Mrs. Fumasoli's many years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Students from the Participation in Government class spoke on the following topics:

-quality of computers

-eSports selection

-questions on what the definition of the SMOA acronym

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-quality of school pictures
-religion in schools

BOARD COMMENT

Comments on the Board retreat the BOE attended on September 28, 2024.

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-156)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk