

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amie Fredericks, President  
*Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, Absent*  
Claire Copley-Eisenberg  
Fred Couse, Jr.  
*James Griffin, Absent*  
Heidi Johnson  
*Jean Stapf, Absent*

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools  
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager  
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

**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. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) at 6:35 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-80)**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:55 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-81)**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Archive Committee: Mr. Couse reported on the status of the committee. He recommended that the materials / historical documentation before the centralization of the district be donated to the towns' archival committees. There was a conversation regarding the ownership of the materials. It was the consensus of the Board to table the request until a full quorum of the Board will be present.

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Mrs. Fredericks also tabled the adoption of the 2024-25 Board of Education Goals until a full quorum of the Board will be present.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Timm shared the administrators' reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

Ms. Copley-Eisenberg moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include two resolutions: a policy and a coaching recommendation.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-82)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 1-4:

1. To accept the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting.
2. To approve the following financial documents:
  - 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.
4. To approve the following resolution that pertains to the 2023-24 APPR Implementation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the 2023-24 APPR Implementation Certification Form for its Annual Professional Performance Review for classroom teachers and building principals covered pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-83)**

**NEW BUSINESS - OTHER**

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the District and Red Hook Central School District for the purpose of providing educational services to two particular students in the Red Hook Summer Flex program per the attached agreement.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-84)**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following resolution in regards to the PPF E SMOA - Dean of Students:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement dated August 21,

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2024, between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators regarding compensation for a unit member assigned to the instructional support services provider position of Dean of Students, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-85)**

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following resolution in regards to the PPFE SMOA - Elementary School Psychologist:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement dated August 21, 2024, between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators regarding compensation for elementary school psychologist CPSE responsibilities, as presented to the Board at this meeting. **VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-86)**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion seconded a motion to approve the 2024-25 Capital Outlay project in the amount of approximately \$100,000.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-87)**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to accept as a first reading and adoption of the following policy as recommended by the School Attorney:

0100: NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

0111: TITLE IX SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-88)**

**NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL**

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Nicole Merritt to the position of Long-Term Leave for the position of Special Education Teacher effective September 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at Step D5 of the PPFE 2024-25 Salary Schedule.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-89)**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign an employment related agreement regarding Employee No. 82124 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-90)**

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Pam Tompkins from the position of Teacher Aide, effective August 19, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-91)**

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Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Claire Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint the Madison Michetti to the position of volunteer volleyball coach, for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all requirements.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-92)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**BOARD COMMENT**

Mrs. Fredericks reviewed the upcoming important dates:

August 27, 2024: New Teacher Orientation

September 3, 2024: Superintendent Conference Day

September 4, 2024: School Opens

September 4, 2024: BOE Meeting

September 18, 2024: BOE Meeting

**WORKSHOP**

Dr. Timm shared a presentation on Enrollment Trends and Foundation Aid, two items that continue to impact the budget.

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-93)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk