

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amie Fredericks, President  
*Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, absent*  
Claire Copley-Eisenberg  
Fred Couse, Jr.  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson, arrived at 4:10 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 after the annual building tour of Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School at 4:00 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.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

There is a need for a policy committee meeting. Dr. Timm polled the members of the committee to see if December 4, 2024 would be agreeable. Mr. Kiernan was not in attendance, they would follow up with him via a phone call.

Ms. Johnson arrived, 4:10 pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Timm shared with the Board of Education the following items:

1. Superintendent's Conference Day (11/6/24) focused on:
  - a. DASA
  - b. TCIS (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention System)
  - c. PEACE Framework
  - d. Reviewed presentation on enrollment and foundation aid as presented to the BOE
  - e. Shared website page for transparency

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2. Mrs. Tomaine presented the Board of Education with cutting boards for Board appreciation that was celebrated during the last meeting. Mr. Benicasa's Design and Drawing for Production Class made the cutting boards and etched the District's Logo with the tagline Excellence • Connection • Experience

### **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Ms. Rego shared information on the following topics:

1. Club Fair
2. SADD/FCCLA Resume class
3. FCCLA Pet Rescue 11/10/24 from 12-3pm
4. Key Club – Blood Drive on 11/25
  - a. The club would like to receive Cords for graduation for donating blood
5. Math Honor Society is hosting a Math Bowl at Seymour Smith in January / February
6. Senior Class Participated in the Halloween Parade at the Elementary Buildings

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 2-7:

2. To accept the minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
  - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
  - b. Treasurer's Report (July and August 2024)
  - c. Appropriations Report (July and August 2024)
  - d. Revenue Status Report (July and August 2024)
4. To acknowledge budget transfer in the amount of:
  - a. July 2024: \$19,275.95
  - b. August 2024: \$28,586.66.
5. 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.
6. To approve an overnight field trip – FFA Leadership Conference, Albany, NY: S. Rhoades
7. To amend the 2024-25 Board of Calendar as attached.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-174)**

### **NEW BUSINESS - OTHER**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following by-laws for extra-curricular clubs for the 2024-25 school year:

- Class of 2025
- Class of 2026
- Class of 2027

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- Class of 2030
- Class of 2031
- Bombernation Buddies Club
- Digital Photography Club
- EF Travel Club
- FCCLA Club
- FFA Club
- GSA Club
- Literary Magazine Club
- Math Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Peer and Community Connections
- Student Activism Club
- SADD
- Jr-Sr. Student Council
- Yearbook Club

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-175)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following Petty Cash Funds for the 2024-25 School Year:

1. Transportation Office – Kelly Roger: \$100.00

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-176)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Public School Fire Safety Reports as presented on November 6, 2024. It is noted that any non-conformances that were indicated at the time of inspection were corrected and new Certificates of Occupancy have been issued. Additionally, it is noted that legal notice will be published at least once in newspapers of record.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-177)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to declare the following equipment from the Stissing Mountain Nurses' Office as obsolete per the memorandum from Margaret Anderson, RN:

- Blood Pressure Cuff/Stand-Tag#20071160
- Stereo Eye Machine-Tag#20071155

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-178)**

**NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL**

Mr. Stapf Griffin and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2025-1 for a FMLA leave to be effective on or about January 21, 2025.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-179)**

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to change the employment status of Dominique Burdick, teacher aide from probationary to permanent after successfully completing her 26 week probationary period.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-180)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Bruce Pecorella from the position of Food Service Helper, effective November 1, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-181)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Denise Frye, Bus Driver, effective October 28, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-182)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to terminate Brendon Simmons from the position of School Monitor, effective November 6, 2024.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-183)**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Nicholas Mirto to the position of Food Service Helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective November 12, 2024, at Step 11 of the SRP Salary Schedule. (replaces S. Savoury)

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-184)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following winter coaches and athletic staff for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

Indoor Track- Head Coach- Corinna Burton

Indoor Track- Co-Assistants- Nick Dean/ Madison Michetti

Boys Basketball- Varsity Head Coach- Terry Feeley

Boys Basketball- Co-Assistants- JV Coaches- Mike Sinon/ Zachery Funk

Boys Basketball- Assistant- Modified- John Blackburn

Girls Basketball- Varsity Head Coach- Lester Funk

Girls Basketball- Assistant- JV- Renee Shea

Girls Basketball- Assistant- Modified- Andy Anderson

Student Announcer - Bridgett Roach

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-185)**

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

-Toni Black, Food Service Helper

-Tiffany Terstenyak, School Monitor

-Joseph Ratchford - School Monitor - Bus Trainee

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-186)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None

**BOARD COMMENT**

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

- Monday, November 11th - Buildings Closed
- Wednesday, November 20th - BOE Meeting (Seymour Smith) Board Tour at 6:00 pm.

**WORKSHOP**

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

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-187)**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk