

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin, absent
Heidi Johnson
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 Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Ms. Roberts shared her presentation on the status of Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center.
2. Mr. Pius Kayiira and Mr. Matteo Banfo of Winners Circle Project gave an overview of of the program that is a project-based STEAM program embedded in the exciting world of car racing. Student representatives from Wappingers Central School District along with two staff members shared their experiences with the program. Thank you to the students, Karter Griggs, Stephen Polichetti and Grace Carrol and the teachers, Ron Remick and Lucas Bliss.
3. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' monthly reports and asked if anyone had questions or comments.
4. Dr. Timm spoke regarding the concept of "regionalization" and the concerns of Foundation Aid. He is in receipt of an invitation to attend a town hall at PNW BOCES to

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discuss the topic of Regionalization. The Commissioner of Education will be in attendance. He invited the BOE to attend with him.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Rego shared information on the following topics:

1. Key Club – Blood Drive on 11/25, met with Mr. Boyd on the cords for graduation and was going to discuss how to implement.
2. FCCLA Pet Rescue 11/10/24 was successful

CONSENT AGENDA

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

2. To accept the minutes from the November 6, 2024 meeting.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
 - a. Claims Auditor’s Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - b. Treasurer’s Report (September 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. September 2024: \$211,946.20
5. To approve the following budget transfers:
 - a. September – \$65,538.46
 - b. September – \$54,640.76
6. 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 #2024/25-188)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve to approve the 2024-25 Tax Assessment Change Log.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-189)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to authorize the filing of the 2024 - 2025 returned tax claims:

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector shall be relieved of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax amount due when a complete list of the delinquent tax items has been certified to the Board of Education, and when the Tax Collector has affixed her affidavit to such statement and has filed an account for the handling of the Tax Warrant.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District does

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hereby relieve the Tax Collector of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list and does hereby authorize the filing of 2024 – 2025 tax claims.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-190)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to surplus equipment from the Facilities Department, Stissing Mountain Library and the Technology Department per the attached memoranda.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-191)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby retires Policy #5020.1 – Sexual Harassment Policy for Students. Replacement Policy #0111 – Title IX Sexual Discrimination Policy for Students, was adopted by the Board of Education on August 21, 2024

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-192)

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the attached 2024-25 Transportation Contract for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-193)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Andrew Anderson from the position of Teaching Assistant, effective December 1, 2024.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-194)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2025-2 for a FMLA leave to be effective on or about March 1, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-195)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Jennifer Lydon from the position of Substitute Caller, effective January 1, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-196)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Alicia Franklin to the position of Food Service Helper, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective November 21, 2024 at a rate of Step 2 per the SRP 2024-25 Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-197)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Tiffany Terstenyak to the position of school monitor, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective November 21, 2024 at a rate of Step 1 per the 2024-25 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-198)

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

-Gillian Lazarus – Teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-199)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

- November 26th - Emergency Early Dismissal Drill (Students will dismiss 15 minutes early)
- November 27th - Recess Day (No School for Students)
- November 28th -29th - Thanksgiving Holiday (Bldg. Closed)
- December 4th – BOE meeting at Cold Spring, tour at 6:00 pm

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-200)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk