

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager, absent
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 Cold Spring Early 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse Griffin and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss collective negotiations and proposed or potential litigation at 6:32 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-201)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:08 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-202)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm thanked Mrs. Fischetti, Mrs. Kubsch and Mrs. Costa for the informative tour of Cold Spring.

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2. Mrs. Fischetti shared her presentation on the status of Cold Spring Early Learning Center.
3. Dr. Timm shared that the Rockefeller Institute Foundation Aid Report was released. He shared the highlights of the 300-page report.
4. Dr. Timm answered Board questions in regards to the correlation between the Foundation Aid and Regionalization.
5. Dr. Timm shared the draft of the 2025-26 Budget Calendar. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the calendar noting the calendar change in April. A motion to change the Board calendar will be up coming.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Rego shared information on the following topics:

1. National Honor Society
2. Club Fair
3. Holiday cards for Military

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 2-5:

2. To accept the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
 - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - b. Treasurer's Report (October 2024)
 - c. Appropriations Report (October 2024)
 - d. Revenue Status Report (October 2024)
4. To acknowledge budget transfer in the amount of:
 - a. October 2024: \$10,779.56
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.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-203)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the revised Agreement between the district and the County of Dutchess and the Sheriff of Dutchess County for the placement of a School Resource Officer at a rate of \$103,000 for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-204)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to surplus three (3) eCamFB01 projectors as they are outdated technology per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of PPS.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-205)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Ross from the position of Supervisor of Transportation, effective January 31, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-206)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve an extended sick leave for employee #2025-1 effective October 14, 2024 per the medical documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-207)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2025-3 for a FMLA leave to be effective on or about March 7, 2025 through May 30, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-208)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2025-4 for an unpaid child rearing leave per section 6.3 of the PPF E contract effective on or about February 13, 2025 through May 12, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-209)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Cécilia Wyman to the position of Long-term Leave Replacement Teacher (Foreign Language Teacher), effective on or about January 15, 2025 through April 15, 2025, to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education at Step D17 per the PPF E Salary Agreement.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-210)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to rescind a portion of Motion #2024/25-185 to rescind Andrew Anderson's appointment to the position of Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach (Modified) for the 2024-25 school year due to his resignation from his employment with PPCSD.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-211)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to change the employment status of Tylar Conley from probationary to permanent after successfully completing his 26-week probationary period, effective December 12, 2024.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-212)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Tyler Burlingame from the position of bus driver, effective January 31, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-213)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

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Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

- December 6-8, 2024: STG Noises Off Production
- December 18, 2024: BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm
- December 20, 2024: Half Day of School
- December 23 - January 1, 2025: Winter Recess
- December 24 & 25: Buildings Closed
- December 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025: Buildings Closed

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-214)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk