

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg, arrived at 6:35 pm.
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
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 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.

Mrs. Fredericks gave a shout out to the Technology Department at Stissing for Technology Day celebrated on the 6th. She thanked Nick Dean and Jim Benincasa, as they educate our students to make a positive impact in the world of technology!

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Policy met tonight, they will be bringing two policies for a first reading at the next Board of Education meeting.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Laura Rafferty presented her Budget 101 presentation. This presentation kicks off the 2025-26 Budget Season.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm spoke regarding the new extreme heat in classrooms law

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2. Enrollment & Facility Utilization Study - Mid to late January - February 5th anticipated presentation

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add one resolution that pertains to regionalization and two resolutions for the appointment of two bus drivers, at the request of the Superintendent.

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Rego shared information on the following topics:

1. Holiday Cards for Veterans
2. Club Fair results

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes from the December 4, 2024 meeting.
2. To approve the following financial documents:
 - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - b. Treasurer's Report (November 2024)
 - c. Appropriations Report (November 2024)
 - d. Revenue Status Report (November 2024)
 - e. To acknowledge budget transfer in the amount of \$115,412.43
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 Brian Timm's request to attend the following conference: Winter Institute
5. To approve an overnight field trip: FFA Winter Weekend, January 24-26, 2025, S. Rhoades;
6. To approve the attached Wappingers Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for two (2) resident student attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,165.13 per student, for a total of \$2,330.26 for the 2024-2025 school year;
7. To approve the attached extension and amendment to the memorandum of understanding between the district and Dutchess County Department of Health concerning the use of school facilities for mass immunizations or medication distribution effective January 1, 2025 and continue through December 31, 2025;
8. To discard the attached list of non-fiction books per the memorandum from Craig Morton, Library Media Specialist.

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

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NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend the 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar to change the April 2, 2025 meeting date to April 9, 2025.

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

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, hereby elects not to participate in the regionalization planning process and any other requirements as set forth in Commissioner's Regulations at 8 NYCRR §124-2.

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

There was a conversation regarding regionalization.

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend motion #2024/25-132 to amend Valerie Fumasoli's retirement date from January 9, 2025 to January 15, 2025.

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

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint Christine Eighmy to the position of Substitute Caller for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year at a stipend of \$4,391.92, pro-rated for time of service.

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

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Sarah Beam to the position of Long term Leave for the position of Health / Physical Education Teacher at Step A1 of the PPFE 2024-25 salary schedule effective on or about March 1, 2025.

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

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Sarah Beam to the position of Long term Leave for the position of Health / Physical Education Teacher at Step A1 of the PPFE 2024-25 salary schedule effective on or about March 1, 2025.

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

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

- Danielle Privatte, Teacher
- Dean DeLano, Teacher
- Meredith Michetti, Teacher, Assistant, Aide
- Thomas Westpfal, Scorekeeper
- Maeve Szwed, Teacher

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

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective January 16, 2025 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at step 1 of the SRP 2024-25 salary schedule.

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

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Melissa Curtis to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective January 16, 2025 for a twenty-six week probationary period, at step 1 of the SRP 2024-25 salary schedule.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Stapf asked what the status of the Winners Circle program.

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

1/20/25: Buildings Closed, Martin Luther King Day

1/22/24: Board of Education meeting (Stissing) - 6:30 pm

1/29/25: Recess Day - Lunar New Year

2/5/25: Board of Education meeting (Stissing) - 6:30 pm

It was the consensus of the Board to have BOCES present their budget on March 19th.

Mrs. Fredericks wants to review the status of the Board Goals at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 7:25 pm.

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

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:15 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-215)

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ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-216)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem