

Pine Plains BOE
June 1, 2022
Public Response

Dear Community Member:

I am writing in response to the questions you posed during public comment at the June 1, 2022 Pine Plains Board of Education meeting.

You asked about ways for community members to contact board members. While attending Board of Education meetings is one such way, the format these meetings must follow does not allow for conversation and perspectives from each member. Due to this requirement, I too agree that there must be other ways. One such way is for board members to receive an email. When an email is sent to the entire board, the president responds as the representative for the board. If an email is sent to an individual member, that member is the one responsible for responding. Additional ways that community members contact me are through face-to-face meetings at events including school functions, town functions or just bumping into each other around town. A phone call and message can also be left with Julia Tomaine, the District Clerk at 518-398-7181 x1408. As I mentioned at the Meet the Candidates event, discussion between community members and board members must occur outside of public comment at board meetings. I am looking forward to new opportunities for communication to occur in the future.

Another question you posed was whether students evaluate their teachers at the end of the school year. Some teachers do ask their students to evaluate them but this is done on an individual basis and NOT part of any formal evaluation. If you would like to know what these evaluations look like, I recommend reaching out to a member of the administrative team since this is not connected to the board level.

You also made a request for community members to be surveyed when topics arise. Over the last few years there have been surveys requested for community members to complete such as the ones for how to spend money granted from the federal government. With additional means of communication, I hope conversations will serve the same purpose as a survey.

Thank you for your questions.

Sincerely,

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PPCSD Vice-President