

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Arent, President
Amie Fredericks, Vice-President
Fred Couse
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Julia Tomaine, District Clerk
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager
John Bopp, III, Student BOE Member, *absent*

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Arent. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. She informed the audience that earlier in the evening the Board of Education conducted their annual tour of the building at 6:30 pm and thanked Ms. Roberts for the tour of the building.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Dr. Timm discussed the status of the Electric Vehicle Committee. It was the determination of the committee to have a fleet assessment conducted by Central Hudson. This assessment is at no cost to the district. The other choice was to use New York Bus Sales. Their assessment was not cost effective. There was a conversation between the Board and Dr. Timm about the differences between the services from each provider.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

There is a need for the compensation committee to meet. It was the consensus of the committee to meet on January 4, 2023 before the Board of Education meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Ms. Julie Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal reported on the status of her building, fall benchmark data, the building goals and the AIS program shift from PPS to the building level.
2. Dr. Timm gave a brief update on the following:
 - a. Status of Capital Project
 - b. Dutchess Community College dual enrollment issues (no tuition to tuition based)
 - c. Strategic Planning and upcoming Calendar of Events
 - d. Highlighted Administrative BOE reports

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to authorize the filing of the 2022 - 2023 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 hereby relieve the Tax Collector of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list and does hereby authorize the filing of 2022 – 2023 tax claims.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-74)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items #2-14:

2. To accept approve the regular Board of Education meeting minutes from November 16, 2022.
3. To approve the following financial documents:
 - Treasurer's Report (October)
 - Appropriations Report (October)
 - Revenue Status Report (October)
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
4. To acknowledge a budget transfer in the amount of \$34,308.97.
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 declare a Detecto ProDoc Digital Column Scale as obsolete per the memorandum from Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal.
7. To approve an overnight field trip, Sleep Out, S. Rhoades and J. Blackburn
8. To approve the Tax Assessment Change Log.
9. To approve the 2023-24 Budget Development Calendar.

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10. To approve a request to merge Lacrosse with Pine Plains CSD, Red Hook CSD and Rhinebeck CSD, with the understanding Red Hook will be the hosting school for the 2022-23 school year

11. To change the employment status of Julia Watson Tomaine from Provisional to Probationary Personnel Administrator, a competitive class position, for a twenty-six week probationary period effective November 15, 2022.

12. To approve an extended sick leave for Maria Lombardo, effective on or about November 17, 2022 per the medical documentation on file.

13. To approve an extended sick leave request for Alicia Swartz, effective on or about December 9, 2022 per the medical documentation on file

14. To appoint Jaylen Beliveau to the position of basketball scorekeeper for the 2022-23 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-75)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the community commented on the following topics:

- Items on the agenda
- Flag at half-staff
- Strategic planning event
- Feedback from the previous meeting

Three-minute timer ended.

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to extend the time limit this evening.

Yea: *Anne Arent, Fred Couse, Amie Fredericks, Joseph Kiernan, Jean Stapf*

Nay: *Heidi Johnson, James R Griffin*

Motion Passed. **(Motion #2022/23-76)**

Mr. Cavey continued his comments.

- Who does the BOE serve
- Questioned assembly last week.

BOARD COMMENTS

Amie Fredericks discussed the topics covered at the last meeting of the DCSBA:

- Methods of recruiting new BOE members
- Board communication protocol
- BOCES Capital Project ending

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- Next meeting on 1/5/23, virtual, encouraged admin and BOE to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 8:07 pm to discuss employment history of a particular person and potential litigation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-77)

The District Clerk was excused and Mrs. Arent was declared Clerk Pro Tem.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:48 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-78)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2022/23-79)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arent, Clerk Pro Tem