

**PISECO COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT
1722 ROUTE 8, POST OFFICE BOX 7
PISECO, NEW YORK 12139**

Minutes from the August 8, 2024 School Board Meeting

Members in Attendance: Chris Michienzi, Sue Casey, Jaime Parslow

Others in Attendance: Richard Rose, Vickie Orr

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5pm by President, Chris Michienzi.
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Jaime Parslow and seconded by Sue Casey to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2024 Reorganization Meeting, all in favor. A motion was made by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Sue Casey to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2024 School Board Meeting, all in favor.
4. **Financial Reports:**
WHEREAS, the financial reports have been presented by the Superintendent of Schools, and reviewed by the Board of Education;
THEREFORE, upon a motion by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Jaime Parslow, all in favor, the Treasurer's Report for June of 2024 was accepted; the financial reports for the period July 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024 consisting of the appropriation and revenue status reports, the trial balance and the warrants, have been reviewed; and General Fund warrant number A-02 dated July 12, 2024 in the amount of \$51,949.89 and General Fund warrant number A-03 dated July 26, 2024 in the amount of \$5,373.55 are approved for payment. Attached.
5. **Set Tax Levy:** A motion was made by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Jaime Parslow to set the tax levy for 2024-25 at \$598,194, all in favor. The total Budget amount is \$785,569. Attached
6. **Letter to be Included in the Tax Bills:** Richard Rose reviewed with the Board the letter he has written that will be included in the mailed tax bills. Attached
7. **Regional Study for Electrification of Transportation Fleet:** A motion was made by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Jaime Parslow to approve the Piseco Common School District's participation in a regional study on the electrification of our transportation fleet, all in favor. This study is being done through HFM BOCES.
8. **ONC BOCES Authorization:** RESOLVED, upon a motion by Jaime Parslow and seconded by Chris Michienzi, all in favor, the trustees authorized the Central Business Office at ONC BOCES access to the General, Trust and Agency and Payroll accounts of the district, deposited at NBT Bank, for the purpose of making necessary transfers from one account to another.
9. **Student Enrollment:** The Board reviewed the projected student enrollment for 2024-25.

- 10. Substitute Bus Drivers:** The Board approved Steve Woerhle and John Rajca as substitute bus drivers for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was made by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Sue Casey, all in favor.
- 11. Revised Fitness Center Rules:** A motion was made by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Sue Casey to approve the revised Fitness Center Rules, all in favor. Attached
- 12. Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 12, 2024 @ 5pm.
- 13. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Chris Michienzi and seconded by Sue Casey to adjourn, all in favor.

Victoria Orr 8/14/2024

Piseco Common School
Monthly Cash Balances
June 30, 2024

	Balance 6/1/2024	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 6/30/2024
General Fund:				
Checking	(32,964.80)	153,790.35	42,749.95	78,075.60
Unemployment	25,588.84	0.37	-	25,589.21
Retirement	51,170.73	0.74	-	51,171.47
Property Loss	15,355.27	0.22	-	15,355.49
Employee Benefit	25,593.59	0.37	-	25,593.96
Repair	100,542.19	1.46	-	100,543.65
Total Reserves	218,250.62	3.16	-	218,253.77
Total General Fund Checking	185,285.81	153,793.51	42,749.95	296,329.37
3-Month Fixed CD	93,002.18	375.20	-	93,377.38
10-Month Promo CD	92,885.78	374.73	-	93,260.51
Checking-Trust & Agency	1,218.20	13,467.40	12,390.86	2,294.74
Checking-Payroll	4,441.58	-	-	4,441.58
General NYLAF ***	610,904.01	2,114.10	150,000.00	463,018.11
Capital Reserve	995,000.00	-	-	995,000.00
Total NYLAF	1,605,904.01	2,114.10	150,000.00	1,458,018.11
Total General Fund	1,796,849.60	169,375.01	205,140.81	1,761,083.80
Capital Fund:				
Checking	35,183.07	-	2,718.58	32,464.49
Expendable Trusts:				
Educ. Enhancement Fund	-	-	-	-
Lynn Billington Memorial Fund	793.44	1.96	-	795.40
Investment Account-FAM FUND	57,406.05	-	5,013.65	52,392.40

Piseco Common School
Summary of Warrants

August 8, 2024

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-03	7/12/24	General	\$ 51,949.89
A-04	7/26/24	General	\$ 5,373.55

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August 2024

Dear Residents and Taxpayers of the Piseco Common School District,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a great summer. Your enclosed school tax bill means that September is upon us. The sunny days are waning and soon the colors of fall will return.

I am pleased to inform you that the tax levy for the Piseco Common School District will decrease five percent for the 2024/25 school year. This is the result of decreased expenses due to a declining enrollment, and the ability to apply part of our fund balance toward the tax levy. Piseco continues to have one of the lowest tax rates in New York State. While the true value tax rate for school districts across the State averages just under \$20 per thousand, Piseco's true value tax rate is \$1.04 per thousand. Your school district is in great financial shape and is positioned to remain so for many years.

Piseco Common School will have 18 students this year. Elementary and middle school students attend Lake Pleasant School. High school students attend Wells Central School.

We continue to share our school building and grounds with the Town of Arietta, which has its offices in the school building as well as the Town of Arietta Court. The Cooperative Extension also has an office in one of our classrooms. We have a library with wi-fi and computers, a gym, and a fitness center.

Many taxpayers have become members of the fitness center in the school. It is open only to district residents and taxpayers. A brief orientation is required to become a member. Each member is given a key (fob) which will unlock the exterior door to the center. Members may access the center at any time between 5 am to 9 pm every day of the year. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in the continued success of this venture. If you have not done so already, I hope that you will take advantage of this tremendous asset to our community. More information about the fitness center is available at the district office.

With best regards,



Richard G. Rose, Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL HISTORY

Votes for Proposed Budgets, Capital Projects & School Board Members

Piseco Common School

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBER ELECTED</u>
2007/08	1,076,400	5.37%	932,421.00	6.25%	27 Yes, 4 No	Kathryn Wilt
2008/09	1,134,480	5.40%	990,501	6.23%	25 Yes, 2 No	B. Edwards
2009/10	1,333,765	17.57%	1,088,973	9.94%	26 Yes, 0 No	Michelle Boni
5/18/10	40,000				30 Yes, 0 No	
2010/11	1,389,119	4.15%	1,245,140	14.34%	28 Yes, 2 No	Kathryn Wilt
2011/12	1,503,658	8.25%	1,390,175	11.65%	43 Yes, 12 No	B. Edwards
2012/13	1,515,089	0.76%	1,416,606	1.90%	43 Yes, 12 No	M. Boni
7/12/12					112 Yes, 27 No	
2013/14	1,010,549	-33.30%	1,010,549	-28.66%	116 Yes, 11 No	C. Michienzi, S. Pierce
2014/15	1,010,549	0.00%	1,010,549	0.00%	62 Yes, 2 No	S. Casey
12/16/14	500,000				41 Yes, 2 No	
2015/16	1,010,549	0.00%	1,010,549	0.00%	49 Yes, 2 No	S. Pierce
2016/17	1,010,549	0.00%	1,010,549	0.00%	41 Yes, 3 No	C. Michienzi
5/15/16					37 Yes, 2 No	
2017/18	1,010,549	0.00%	904,185	-10.53%	43 Yes, 0 No	S. Casey
2018/19	1,010,549	0.00%	813,767	-10.00%	35 Yes, 1 No	S. Pierce
2019/20	909,545	-9.99%	773,079	-5.00%	32 Yes, 0 No	C. Michienzi
2020/21	909,545	0.00%	734,425	-5.00%	88 Yes, 5 No	S. Casey
					87 Yes, 5 No	
					86 Yes, 7 No	
					85 Yes, 7 No	
					39 Yes, 0 No	J. Parslow
2021/22	837,275	-7.95%	697,704	-5.00%	32 Yes, 1 No	C. Michienzi
2022/23	795,360	-5.01%	662,819	-5.00%	33 Yes, 0 No	Sue Casey
					38 Yes, 1 No	J. Parslow
2023/24	785,569	-1.23%	629,678	-5.00%	29 Yes, 1 No	
2024/25	785,569	0.00%	598,194	-5.00%		

Fitness Center Rules

The Piseco School District provides this fitness room for the benefit of residents of the Piseco Community.

The following rules are in effect:

- 1. The fitness center is for the use of Piseco School District taxpayers and residents only.** Taxpayers and residents include those who have their permanent home in the Piseco School District, taxpayers who own property in the Piseco School District but live elsewhere, and people who rent property in the school district as their permanent residence. Children of residents who are temporarily living somewhere else are also eligible.
 - **All participants must register with the District Office before using the fitness center.** All family members, no matter what age, must sign up for the fitness center individually and show proof of residence. Participants must attend a brief orientation to learn how to operate the exercise equipment, review the rules of operation, sign a waiver of liability, and receive a pass key before using the fitness center.
 - **Participants will be issued keys that will allow access after school hours. Lost keys must be reported to the District Office.** Participants shall not loan their keys to anyone except family members who are not eligible to receive their own pass keys (those under 18). Participants should not open the door for anyone while exercising. If someone does not have a key to gain access on his/he own, he/she should not be using the center.
 - **The fitness center is open from 5 am to 9 pm daily.** Pass keys will not unlock the doors before 5 am or after 9 pm.
- 2. Participants exercise at their own risk.** No one can exercise in the fitness center without signing a waiver of liability. Parents must also sign the waiver of liability for children under 18.
- 3. All participants must be over the age of 14.**
 - **No children under the age of 14 are allowed in the fitness center.**
 - **All participants 14 to 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult member at all times.**
 - **No key will be issued to anyone less than 18 years old.**

- 4. Fitness equipment must be used in a manner consistent with its safe and proper use.** Equipment should be wiped down by participants after use with the sanitary wipes provided in the dispensers on the wall. Participants should make sure the exterior door is closed tight upon leaving and the lights are turned off. **Equipment must not be removed from the fitness center.**
- 5. Appropriate exercise clothing, including athletic footwear which covers the entire foot, is required.** Street shoes should be removed at the exterior door. Participants should not exercise in the same footwear that is worn outside. The carpet will be used for stretching, yoga, etc. and efforts are necessary to keep it free of dirt, mud, and snow.
- 6. Food is not allowed in the fitness center. Drinks are permitted in covered and sealed containers. Glass bottles are prohibited.**
- 7. Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and safe manner.** Time on any exercise machine should be limited to 30 minutes when someone is waiting to use it. Whenever possible, participants should avoid exercising alone.
- 8. All injuries or equipment problems should be reported to the District Office immediately.** Simply call the office at (518)548-7555 any time and leave a message. Include your name and number. **In case of emergency, call 911.** The phone in the fitness center is for emergency use only and will only call 911.
- 9. Disregard for any fitness center rule or failure to cooperate with school employees will result in loss of fitness center privileges.** Participants who lose fitness center privileges will discover that their pass keys will no longer unlock the doors to the center. Those who gain access to the center after they lose use privileges will be arrested for trespassing. The standard time for the loss of privileges is 30 days. The second loss of privileges will be for one year, or permanent.
- 10. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged to replace lost keys.** This fee will be returned if the lost key is found and returned.

**Any Questions and comments should be directed to the
District Office at (518)548-7555**