

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, arrived at 6:44 pm
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, absent
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk
Madison Rego, BOE Student Rep., Absent

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 recognized the Maintenance Department for Maintenance Appreciation Day.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee met regarding the year end audit. There is a need for the policy committee to meet before the next meeting at 5:30 pm.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, presented the status of her department and her budget for the 2025-26 school year. Mrs. Laura Rafferty, Business Official, reviewed the BOCES budget.

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:44 pm

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm discussed the following topics:

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- a. Draft budget with the propositions will be forth coming at the next meeting;
- b. Recognized Amber Rennie for executing the Heimlich maneuver and saving a choking student.
- c. Update on the Capital Outlay project happening in the library from April 1 – April 30, 2025.
- d. Discussed the upcoming Capital Project.
- e. BOCES nominations

Dr. Timm asked the Board if they were ready to nominate any one for the BOCES Board Member Election. It was the consensus of the Board to make the nominations tonight.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add the motion to nominate the BOCES Board Member nominations.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-257)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to nominate the following individuals to serve on the Board of Education of the Dutchess Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

1. Ralph Chiumento, Spackenkill
2. Gully Stanford, Hyde Park
3. Mark Fleischhauer, Rhinebeck

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-258)

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

No report, absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the attached contract between the District and Columbia County to provide Preschool Special Education Services pursuant to 4410 Education law.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-259)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached contract between the District and Melissa Atkinson for the purpose of providing pre-school physical therapy pursuant to Education Law 4401 for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-260)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached contract between the District and Amy Foley-Maeder for the purpose of providing pre-school occupational therapy pursuant to Education Law 4401 for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-261)

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 1-4:

1. To accept the minutes from February 5, 2025 and February 19, 2025 regular meetings.
2. To Approve the attached Financial Reports:
-Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements - Warrants
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 acknowledge the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the following change order in connection with the 2024-25 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
 - #CO 01-001 in the amount of (\$12,168) for M. Frank Higgins & Co.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-262)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached Taconic Hills Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for four (4) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$823.96 per student, for a total of \$3,295.84 for the 2024-2025 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-263)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached Arlington Central School District's contract for health and welfare services for nine (9) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,058.79 per student, for a total of \$9,529.11 for the 2024-2025 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-264)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following overnight field trips:

- State FFA Convention, Syracuse, NY; Rhoades
- Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY; Berardo

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-265)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual as a coach for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- Calab McCaul, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-266)

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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:

-Jacqueline Cookingham, Teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-267)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

March 7-9, 2025: STG Production of Something Rotten

March 14, 2025 - Superintendent's Conference Day

March 19, 2025 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm, Stissing Library

March 21, 2025 - Senior to Senior Breakfast, 8:00 am - 9:30 am

WORKSHOP

Dr. Ross Haber, a consultant from Western Suffolk BOCES Planning Services, presented on enrollment projections and a facilities analysis of the district.

The Board commented on the presentation. They requested another workshop that highlighted an open conversation on this analysis.

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-268)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk