

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President,
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
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 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.

DUTCHESS BOCES BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Jodi Delucia, District BOCES Superintendent and Mr. Matthew Metzger, Business Official presented the 2025-26 Dutchess BOCES Budget materials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the employment of a particular person(s) at 6:48 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-269)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:02 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-270)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee meeting minutes were supplied to the Board.

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The Policy Committee met regarding the year end audit.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Lester Funk, Athletic Director and Mr. Richard Harlin, Technology shared the status of their respective departments and Laura Rafferty, Business Official, reviewed the Athletic and technology budgets for the 2025-26 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm discussed the following topics:
 - a. Upcoming MHSSC Forum on EV buses;
 - b. Give back snow days;
 - c. Administrators reports;
 - d. BOCES nominations

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

No report, absent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes from March 5, 2025.
2. To Approve the attached Financial Reports:
 - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements – Warrants
 - b. Treasurer's Report – February
 - c. Revenue Status Report – February
 - d. Appropriations Report – February
 - e. Cafeteria Report – February
 - f. Extra-Classroom – February
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 a budget transfer in the amount of \$141,943.94:

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-271)

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NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached Kingston City School District's contract for health and welfare services for three (3) resident students attending non-public schools at a rate of \$1,517.00 per student, for a total of \$4,551.00 for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-272)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to amend Motion #2024/25-228-5 to change the amount of the per student charge for the Spackenkill Union Free School District Health and Welfare agreement from \$1,355.31 to \$1,353.72 due to clerical error.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-273)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the list of library books to discard as described in the memorandum from Craig Morton, Library Media Specialist.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-274)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to discard technology equipment per the memorandum from Richard Harlin, Technology Director.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-275)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 20, 2025:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to be known as the "Buildings and Facilities Improvements Reserve Fund 2025," which shall be for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to the District's buildings and facilities, including athletic facilities and fields, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, planning costs, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum amount of such fund shall be \$15,000,000 (plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon), with a maximum term of 10 years; the source of the funding to be (1) funds to be transferred from the previously established capital reserve funds, in the amount of \$2,300,000 from the 2019 capital reserve and \$3,365,209.75 from the 2021 capital reserve (plus any additional interest in said funds on the date of transfer), and such transfers are hereby authorized; (2) unexpended unassigned fund balance in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year; (3) funds transferred from other existing reserves; and/or 4) legally available funds available to the District.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-276)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, to be conducted on May 20, 2025:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York be authorized to purchase two (2) 71-passenger school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$164,163 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$328,326 and (1) 8-passenger Chevy Suburban, at a maximum estimated cost of \$68,043; and that the sum of \$396,369, or so much thereof as may be necessary is authorized to be expended from the District's "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" approved by the voters on May 17, 2022, to pay for the cost of the bus purchases.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-277)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Summer School Proposal.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-278)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to change the employment status to permanent of the following individual(s) that have completed the twenty-six week probationary period:

- Gail Aaberg, Head Bus Driver, 4/2/25
- Keeia Hicks, Teacher Aide, 4/10/25
- Gary Higgins, School Monitor, 4/2/25
- Jennifer VanAnden, School Monitor, 4/3/25

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-279)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the 2024-25 Substitute list, pending completion of all requirements:

- Christian Locker, Teacher
- Angela Zubradt, Teacher
- Kelsey Atkinson, Teacher
- Samantha Rankin, Custodial Worker

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-280)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following coaching appointment for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- William Strang, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-281)

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

March 20, 2025 - Math Honor Society - 7:00 pm

March 21, 2025 - Senior to Senior Breakfast

April 9, 2025 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria

April 10, 2025 - Exchange Concert @ Stissing 7:00 pm

April 11, 2025 - Career Fair (Stissing)

April 11, 2025 - Half Day of School

April 14 - 18, 2025 - Spring Break, Offices closed on Good Friday

April 21, 2025 - Nominating Petitions due by 5:00 pm

April 22, 2025 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria

WORKSHOP

Dr. Timm discussed the Facilities Utilization information shared at the workshop on March 5, 2025. He had an open conversation on all the data that was given in the Buildings Utilization Study. He reminded the Board that we had to be mindful of the status of Foundation Aid. He plans on holding public forums for the community, faculty and staff to open communication channels.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold public forums on the reduction of a building. The Board wanted more data on Transportation and Personnel costs. Mr. Couse wanted to keep the status quo of the buildings regardless of the Foundation Aid, the Board agreed. The board requested a checklist of items that needed to be researched.

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-282)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk