

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 7, 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.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Fredericks opened the public hearing on the 2025-26 Budget at 6:31 pm. The public hearing closed at 6:48 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 6:48 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-326)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:11 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-327)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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Compensation Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the non-represented employees and annual re-organization stipends. It was the consensus of the committee to meet again on May 20, 2025 at 8:00 pm.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

1. Prom
2. Cords for Blood Drive participants

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 1-3:

1. To accept the minutes from April 22, 2025.
2. To Approve the attached Financial Reports:
 - a. 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.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-328)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following extra-curricular clubs for the 2025-26 school year:

- Bombernation Buddies Club from Tier 1 (\$1,000) to Tier 2 (\$2,000)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-329)

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

-FCCLA Nationals, Orlando, FL: J. Blackburn

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-330)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to declare the following items as surplus per the memorandum from the Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal and Erin Marlow, Music Teacher:

-Library books

-Music Instrument

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-331)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the attached transportation agreement between the district and the Pine Plains Recreation Department for summer of 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-332)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to acknowledge the agreement between the Winners Circle Project, INC and the District for the for purposes of enabling secondary school students attending Stissing Mountain Jr/Sr High School to acquire advanced learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through immersion in the technical, mechanical and business aspects of automobile racing by building an actual race car at each District High School from the ground up ("Project Vehicle") and engaging in certain related specialized on-site and off-site educational enrichment and team building opportunities for the 2025-26 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-333)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between J&D Ultracare Corp. and the District for the purpose of providing nursing services for a particular student for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-334)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the time of the Board of Education meeting on May 21, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-335)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolutions:

1. to accept the resignation from Michael Dandola from the position of Food Service Helper, pending his appointment to the position of School Food Service Director, effective April 30, 2025.
2. to appoint Michael Dandola to the position of provisional Food Service Director, a competitive class civil service position effective May 1, 2025, at an annual salary of \$78,000 for the 2024-25 school year, pro-rated for time of service.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-336)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Erica Evanko to the position of long-term leave replacement for the position of Secondary English Teacher effective April 24, 2025 at a rate of A1 of the 2024-25 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-337)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following mentor(s) for the 2024-25 school year, pro-rated for time of service:

-Christina Ehret-Gaedje

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-338)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the 26-week probationary period:

-Nicholas Mirto, Food Service Helper

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-339)

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) to the substitute list for the 2024-25 school year:

-Tyler Benincasa, Teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-340)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

May 20, 2025 - Superintendent's Conference Day

May 20, 2025 - Budget Vote 7:00 am - 9:00 pm

May 21, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting (4:30 pm)

May 21, 2025 - Senior Award Night

May 23, 2025 - Give Back Day, School Closed

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day, Buildings Closed

May 27, 2025 - Give Back Day, School Closed

FACILITIES PLANNING WORKSHOP

Dr. Timm invited Scott Wolfe, CSARCH to discuss the possible upcoming Capital Project.

There was a conversation on what the thoughts on what the Capital Project should focus on, i.e. roofs, sports, courtyard.

Mr. Wolfe presented a presentation of all of the possible items and the costs of each portion and the timeline of the project from approval to finish.

Mr. McKibben discussed the Capital Outlay project being worked on in the library and the planned project for next year which consists of energy management system. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the planned Capital Outlay.

ADJOURN

Ms. Copley-Eisenberg moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-341)

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk