

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2025

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amie Fredericks, President  
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President  
Claire Copley-Eisenberg, arrived 4:42 pm  
Fred Couse, Jr.  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson, arrived 4:33 pm  
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 4:30 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 acknowledged the passing of Anna Wheeler, retired School Lunch Manager. On behalf of the Board of Education, she passed on condolences to the family.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to ratify the election results of the Annual Meeting and Election tallied on May 20, 2025.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-344)**

*Heidi Johnson arrived at 4:33 pm.*

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Compensation Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the non-represented employees and annual re-organization stipends.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Timm presented the Administrators' monthly reports

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**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

1. Senior awards are tonight

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 1-6:

1. To accept the minutes from May 6, 2025.
2. To Approve the attached Financial Reports:
  - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements – Warrants
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Cafeteria Report
  - d. Appropriations and Revenue Status Reports
  - e. Extra-Classroom
3. Acknowledge a budget transfer in the amount of \$348,378.17.
4. 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.
5. To acknowledged 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 01-002 in the amount of \$632.31 for M. Frank Higgins & Co.
6. To declare the attached list of printers as obsolete per the memorandum from James Benincasa, Technology Teacher.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-345)**

**NEW BUSINESS – OTHER**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to amend motion #2024/25-332 to the following to approve the attached transportation agreement between the district and the Pine Plains Recreation Department - Beach for summer of 2025.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-346)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached transportation agreement between the district and the Pine Plains Recreation Department - Summer Camp for summer of 2025.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-347)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:  
Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to an Amended Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Four Paws Farm, LLC v. Town of Clermont & Pine Plains Central School District;

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AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Amended Consent Judgment.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-348)**

**NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL**

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

-Leandra Costa, Teacher, TA and Aide

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-349)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**BOARD COMMENT**

*Ms. Copley-Eisenberg arrived at 4:42 pm*

Mrs. Fredericks discussed the upcoming important dates:

May 23, 2025 - Give Back Day, School Closed

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day, Buildings Closed

May 27, 2025 - Give Back Day, School Closed

June 4-5, 2025 - 5th Grade Ashokan trip

June 4, 2025 - BOE Meeting

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 4:43 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-350)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 5:15 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-351)**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:16 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-352)**

Respectfully submitted,

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Amie Fredericks,  
Clerk Pro Tem