

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President, arrived 6:34 pm
Claire Copley-Eisenberg, arrived 6:32 pm
Fred Couse, Jr.
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:33 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 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.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Mrs. Fredericks and Dr. Timm presented music awards to the following students:

- David Kalb, Percussion, Zone 10 Area All-State
- James Griffin, Chorus, DCMEA Junior-High All-County Festival
- Cole Antal, Chorus, DCMEA Elementary All-County Festival
- Ashton Clas, Clarinet, Band, DCMEA Elementary All-County Festival
- Scarlett Jennings, Chorus, DCMEA Elementary All-County Festival

Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum, shared information about the two seals that students can achieve: In addition to diplomas, New York State empowers school districts to confer additional endorsements, or Seals, to students. Our students are being recognized today for their achievements in receiving the Seal of Biliteracy and/or the Seal of Civic Readiness.

Mrs. Fredericks and Dr. Timm presented the following students their certificates for the Seal of Biliteracy and Seal of Civic Readiness:

NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) Recipient

- Ren Babcock
- Patrick Cronin
- Joseph DiCarlo

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- Catlin Dillinger
- Jordan Dolansky
- Molly Eiffert
- Brandon Falco
- Mairead French
- Emma Henderson
- Tyler Knapp
- Madison Rego
- Alana Scofield
- Anderson Simons
- Charlotte Smith

NYS Seal of Civic Readiness Recipients

- Ren Babcock
- Joseph DiCarlo
- Catlin Dillinger
- Molly Eiffert
- Eliza Essery
- Brandon Falco
- Mairead French
- Emma Henderson
- David Kalb
- Tyler Knapp
- Jayla Lilley
- Naomi McClinton
- Madison Rego
- Patrick Roach
- Alana Scofield
- Kristian Siderias
- Charlotte Smith
- Gabriella Torre
- Lia Zamko

At 6:45 pm, the Board of Education paused the meeting to celebrate the students that received the above achievements. The Food Service Department prepared light refreshments for all to enjoy. They returned to public session at 7:01 pm and continued with the regular meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

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REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm shared upcoming events with the Board of Education:
 - a. Expo at Cold Spring, June 6, 2025
 - b. Expo at Seymour, June 13, 2025
 - c. Graduation on the June 21, 2025
2. Dr. Timm discussed potentially changing the day of the week for the Board of Education meetings for the 2025-26 school year and also the time of the Budget Vote and BOE Election hours. The Board requested data on the polls and times it was busy. It was the consensus of the Board to change the regularly scheduled meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month for the 2025-26 school year.
3. Dr. Timm suggested that the second meeting in July, rather than holding a regular meeting, the Board should have their retreat.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

1. Senior awards were well attended
2. Seymour students were attending the annual Ashokan trip this week
3. Senior Class Trip is upcoming
4. Unified Basketball had a successful season.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 2-4:

2. To accept the minutes from May 7, 2025, May 20, 2025 and May 21, 2025.
3. To Approve the attached Financial Reports:
 - a. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements – Warrants
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.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-353)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin 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 for the 2025-26 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-354)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Agreements between Melissa Atkinson, Physical Therapist for the 2025-26 school year for the purpose of providing Physical Therapy:

- Summer 2025 (ESY) for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- School year 2025-26 for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- Summer 2025 (ESY) for school-aged students (CSE) - \$90.00 per hour
- School year 2025-26 for school-aged students (CSE) - \$102,960 per year

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-355)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the attached Agreements between Amy Foley-Maeder, Occupational Therapist for the 2025-26 school year for the purpose of providing Occupational Therapy:

- Summer 2025 (ESY) for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- School year 2025-26 for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- Summer 2025 (ESY) for school-aged students (CSE) - \$85.00 per hour
- School year 2025-26 for school-aged students (CSE) - \$106,000 per year

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-356)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the district and Green Chimneys Children's Services for the purpose of providing educational services for a particular student for the 2025-26 school year and ESY at an estimated cost of \$79,373.00.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-357)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Agreement between Patrick Kelly, Speech Therapist for the 2025-26 school year and 2025 extended school year, at a cost of \$70.00 per half-hour (individual) \$100 per half-hour (group) to provide speech services to district students.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-358)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and LearnWell for the purpose of providing homebound instruction at an estimated cost of \$74.50/hour for virtual teaching services for the 2025-26 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-359)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the district and Center for Spectrum Services for the purpose of providing educational services to a particular student for the 2025-26 school year and ESY at an estimated cost of \$75,462.00.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-360)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjust the personnel agenda to add a resolution to appoint a Food Service Helper.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-361)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Christina Sanseverino from the position of School Monitor, effective May 16, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-362)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:

-Zachery Funk, Teacher, TA

-Samantha Rankin, Teacher Aide, TA

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-363)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Jacquelyn Brousseau to the position of part-time food service helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty six week probationary period, effective June 9, 2025 at a Step 11 per the SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-364)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks reminded the Board to complete their self-evaluation and the evaluation for the Superintendent.

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 7:16 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-365)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:30 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-366)

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2024/25-367)

Respectfully submitted,

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Amie Fredericks,
Clerk Pro Tem