

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2026

Superintendent Merritt shared the sad news of the passing of David Le, a longtime P-CCS coach who dedicated many years to the district's high school and middle school swim programs. She extended heartfelt condolences to David's family and fellow coaches, and asked those present to observe a moment of silence in his honor.

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7 p.m. at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

President Christenson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Present: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Picard, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra

Absent: None

Administrators: Dr. Monica Merritt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent-Student & Family Engagement
Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Assistant Superintendent - Student Services
Jill Minnick, Chief Finance and Operations Officer
Jen Curry, Chief Academic Officer
Tiffany Roberts, Canton Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities
Kayla McDaniel, Director of Food and Nutrition

Others Present: Diane Robertson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board
Josh Patterson, SVA Student Co-Chair

Josh Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Adoption of the Agenda/Approval of the Consent Agenda

Action Item #26-04-59: Member Sidhu requested that the resolution for teacher and staff appreciation be added to the agenda as a first and final reading. It was moved by Member Sidhu and seconded by Member Kehoe to adopt the **amended** agenda and the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Picard, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra

Nays: None

The motion was carried 7-0

Leaves

Barlow, Jacqueline	Math East Middle School	Childcare Leave of Absence Effective 4-2-26 through 6-10-26
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Retirements

England, Colleen	Language Arts East Middle School	Retirement Effective 6-10-26
Majetic, Jerome	Social Studies Pioneer Middle School	Retirement Effective 6-10-26
Morris, Kenneth	Technical Coordinator Educational Support Center	Retirement Effective 4-30-26
Wunderlich, Maggie	Elementary Classroom-EI Teacher Dodson Elementary School	Retirement Effective 6-10-26

Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education from April 14, 2026, the Special Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2026, and the Special Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2026, were approved as presented.

B. Celebrating Success

Member Westra presented the Marybeth Carroll Extra Miler Award to Chris Belch, P-CEP Social Studies teacher, for his outstanding service to students. Through student-led World War II research projects, museum visits, and community tributes, Chris has helped preserve the stories of veterans for future generations. His students' work also contributed to the documentary "A Salute to Our WWII Generation, Let Us Not Forget!", and his efforts were recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which named him the 2026 Plymouth Post and State of Michigan High School Teacher of the Year.

C. Board Committee Reports/Action

President's Report – Lauren Christenson

President Christenson spoke about the Board Workshop held on April 22, where progress was made toward developing the Board governance document. She thanked her fellow Board members for their participation and noted that work on this project will be completed during the July Organizational Meeting. She also shared that Board members attended the Mental Health and Wellness Fair and the musical *Newsies* at Salem High School. In closing, President Christenson expressed appreciation for the dedicated teachers and staff of P-CCS in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week. Board members then read a resolution honoring the staff members who positively impact students on a daily basis.

Student Performance and Achievement Committee (SPA) – Judy Westra

Member Westra shared that the SPA Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next SPA committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Policy Advisory Committee (F&O) – Anupam Sidhu

Member Sidhu shared that the Policy Committee met this evening and finalized its recommendation to select Miller Johnson as the district's new policy provider. She noted that the next meeting will be held as a Committee of the Whole to provide all board members the opportunity to attend and ask questions before this decision is brought forward for a board vote. The next meeting of the whole is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom, and the public is welcome to attend.

Finance and Operations Committee - Patrick Kehoe

Member Kehoe shared that the Finance & Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next Finance and Operations Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Student Voice in Action Committee (SVA) - Lauren Christenson

Josh Patterson, SVA Student Co-chair, reported that the SVA Committee met on April 20, 2026, and reviewed candidates' applications for the committee's open co-chair position. An election was held with results to be announced later this week. The committee also reviewed its ongoing substance abuse awareness initiative. The next SVA Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. All are welcome to attend.

D. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt congratulated P-CEP Culinary Arts students on their exceptional achievements and strong representation of the district at both the state and national levels. At the SkillsUSA state competitions, students earned 1st and 2nd-place honors in both Culinary Arts and Restaurant Service, with Jonah Osborne and Ty Monahan taking 1st place in their respective events. Sam Wegrzyn and Kazu Suzuki also placed eighth nationally at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore with their restaurant concept, Tanuki's Table. Jonah and Ty will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta in June.

She also recognized Salem student Ali Alnaib for qualifying for the International Science and Engineering Fair after earning top honors at both the Metro Detroit and Michigan Science and Engineering fairs, highlighting the impressive academic talent and dedication of P-CCS students.

In addition, Superintendent Merritt reminded families to complete the district's annual Family School Relationship Survey by May 1, noting the importance of feedback in strengthening school-community partnerships and supporting student success.

In conclusion, she shared that Kindergarten and Young 5's orientation for incoming families will take place on May 12 at each child's home elementary school. The district looks forward to warmly welcoming its newest students and families as they begin their educational journey with P-CCS.

First Reading Resolution

- Consider Approval of a resolution for a Video Scoreboard Donation for the Canton Natatorium. Tiffany Roberts, Canton High School APAA, provided a summary of this recommendation to replace the Canton Natatorium scoreboard, which is 30 years old and not fully operational. A Swimmerd 165" LCD scoreboard system is recommended at a cost of \$39,999, which will be fully funded by booster donations and sponsorships, with no cost to the district, with installation expected by August 2026. (First Reading)

Board Members were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

E. Citizens' Comments

- JJ Lockwood spoke on budget decisions that support classrooms
- Jodi Overhold Ring spoke about two teachers recognized by the VFW Auxiliary
- Laurie Mayers spoke in support of the "Say Yes to Recess" new legislation
- Craig Olzak spoke on Autism Acceptance Month and his family's experience
- Rachel Hayes spoke on creating an environment where students feel seen, valued, and supported
- Michelle Moustakas spoke about the Mental Health and Wellness Fair

F. Administrative Reports/Recommendations

Finance and Operations – Jill Minnick

Food and Nutrition Services Updates (Goals B, D, & E) (Presentation)

Kayla McDaniel, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, presented an overview of the district's Food and Nutrition Program, highlighting its alignment with the Whole Child model and the goals of the P-CCS Dynamic Plan. She reported that approximately 2.2 million meals were served during the 2024–25 school year, with participation at about 50% of students daily, and that participation is projected to increase this year. The department's ongoing priorities include enhancing student experience, improving meal access and quality, increasing operational efficiency, supporting staff development, and expanding partnerships, including the use of locally sourced foods. Ms. McDaniel also noted that the program has received six Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards from the USDA and Action for Healthy Kids.

Board members were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Teaching and Learning – Jen Curry

Final Reading Resolutions

- Action Item #26-04-60:** It was moved by Member Westra and seconded by Member Vos to Consider Approval of a Resolution for a High School Math Curriculum Adoption. The district recommends adopting the Imagine Learning IM 360 curriculum as the new high school mathematics resource. The program aligns with Michigan standards, emphasizes problem-solving and conceptual understanding, and was selected following a comprehensive, multi-year review and pilot process. Implementation is planned over two years beginning in 2026–2027. The total cost associated with this recommended purchase is \$1,206,676 and includes a six-year subscription, workbooks, student digital subscriptions, teacher editions, professional development, and all ancillary materials. (Final Reading)

Ayes: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Picard, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra

Nays: None

The motion was carried 7-0

- Action Item #26-04-61:** It was moved by Member Westra and seconded by Member Ahmed to Consider Approval of a Resolution to Multilingual Learner Curriculum Revision. The district recommends adopting National Geographic Lift instructional materials for high school Multilingual Learner (EL) courses (ELs 1 and 2), beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. The recommendation follows a successful pilot demonstrating strong student engagement, appropriate scaffolding, and cultural relevance. The total cost of \$9,306.22 will be funded through the General Fund. (Final Reading)

Ayes: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Picard, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra
Nays: None
The motion was carried 7-0

G. Remaining Citizens' Comments

None

H. Action Items / Discussion

Final Reading Resolution

- **Action Item #26-04-62:** It was moved by Member Kehoe and Seconded by Member Vos to Consider Approval of a Resolution for a Sponsorship Agreement with Henry Ford Health System. (Final Reading)

Ayes: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Picard, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra
Nays: None
The motion was carried 7-0

- **Action Item #26-04-63:** This first and final resolution was added as an agenda amendment. It was moved by Member Sidhu and seconded by Member Kehoe to Consider Approval of a Resolution in Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (May 4-8, 2026) and to honor all staff who support students at every level. The resolution highlights the importance of this observance in bringing attention to the education profession, acknowledges teachers and staff as a vital force in the learning process, and commends their ongoing dedication, time, energy, and commitment to ensuring students gain the knowledge and skills needed for success in college, careers, service, and life. (First and Final Reading)

Ayes: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Picard, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra
Nays: None
The motion was carried 7-0

I. Follow-up Board Questions

None

J. Adjournment

President Christenson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Judy Westra
Secretary, Board of Education

*Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on 5-12-26/dr