

PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

Order of Business

7:00 PM Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Becky Tyrrell convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:03 PM. Foster White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mesdames Buchanan, Clark, Consalvo, Lauria, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell, and Messrs. Bruzas, Wasley and White

Also Present: Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools
David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Julian Steward, Student Representative
Paige Weimer, Student Representative

Absent: None

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A) Recognition of Becky Tyrrell, Rachel Buchanan and Lori Consalvo for years of service to the Plainville Board of Education

B) PCS Educator All-Stars:

--Kevin Levesque, PHS English/Language Arts Teacher

--Emily Wasley, PHS English/Language Arts Teacher

--Shaylene Krupinski, PHS English/Language Arts Teacher

C) A Special Video Presentation was shown in honor of Joan Calistro's retirement from her 38 years of service to the Plainville Board of Education

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Paige Weimer and Julian Steward gave a brief overview of PHS activities and festivities. Ms. Weimer reported on the following activities:

►The Girls' Swim team is currently 11 wins and 3 losses. The team won a big meet tonight and will need one more win to win the Conference Championship.

►The Swim team's Senior Night will be held on Thursday, October 16 beginning at 4 PM. Festivities will follow at 4:30 PM

- ▶ The Swim Team are raising money for Breast Cancer Research. They have raised over \$500 in one meet.
- ▶ The Volleyball Team has their Pink-out game tonight, also in support of Breast Cancer Research. They have 9 wins and 4 losses and have also qualified for States. Their Senior Night will be held on Monday, October 20.
- ▶ The Boys' Soccer team is at 9 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties. They also have qualified for States and their Senior Night will be held on Tuesday, October 21.

Julian Steward reported on the following:

- ▶ The Girls' Soccer team has 8 wins and 3 losses and have qualified for States. Their Senior Night is also being held on October 20.
- ▶ The Football Team has 2 wins and 2 losses. They have a game on Thursday, October 16 and their Senior Night will be held on Thursday, October 30.
- ▶ The Boys' Cross-Country team has 8 wins and 1 loss and the Girls' Cross-Country team has 7 wins and 1 loss. The team has taken home three trophies at two different ` invitationals. Their Senior Night took place on September 30.
- ▶ Tonight they had CCC's: Arden Wishart and Meg Brochu are two of the ten CCC self-division champions, as Arden placed 5th and Meg placed 4th.

Past Activities:

- ▶ The National Honor Society held their Annual Scavenger Hunt at Open House on September 24. Students got to roam around the building and learn about Plainville High School. They also met new teachers, discovered different parts of the building and learned more about new offered courses.
- ▶ The English National Honor Society put up a bulletin board in the 200 hallway in celebration of Banned Book Week. The bulletin board depicts the value of some of the books that are banned.
- ▶ The Science National Honor Society had their annual fall blood drive sponsored through the American Red Cross Association, where students and teachers alike donated their blood. Additionally, the Officers of the National Honor Society obtained food from Crumbles, Chick Fil A and other small donations from restaurants, at no cost.
- ▶ The Homecoming Dance took place on October 4th. The homecoming court included Cyriah Bernard and Julian Steward.
- ▶ Seniors took a recent trip to UCONN on October 9th where they toured with a UCONN student. Everyone had a great time. Ms. Barbagallo and Mrs. Pikiell did a great job providing the opportunity for students to visit the campus.
- ▶ Student leaders across the four grade levels attended the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference on October 7th, where they learned about the programs offered by the CIAC.
- ▶ On September 3rd, a team from Sacred Heart University came to Plainville High School to provide a college essay workshop which was very beneficial to students who want to go on to college.

Paige Weimer also reported on the following:

- ▶ The Annual Career Fair took place on October 3rd with over 100 professionals from 16 career clusters. She stated that her dad has participated throughout the years and always provides positive feedback of the event and his interaction with students.
- ▶ On Monday, October 6, the Annual College Fair took place with over 100 college representatives present.
- ▶ The Homecoming Carnival on October 3rd raised approximately \$3,000, which is a record-breaking amount. All proceeds will be distributed between the four grade levels.

Upcoming Events:

- ▶ The Student Council is sponsoring a Chick-Fil-A fundraiser on Thursday, October 16. A percentage of the meal price will go to the club.
- ▶ The National Honor Society is collecting costumes. They will be distributed to families in need on October 25. The costumes will be collected throughout next week in the PHS Learning Commons. Anyone wishing to donate a costume is asked to contact the High School office.
- ▶ Ms. Barbagallo will be taking Seniors on a tour of Tunxis Community College on October 17. Her new role as College and Career Counselor has had a major impact on students by attending these tours.

Mrs. Tyrrell praised Ms. Weimer and Mr. Steward for their reporting throughout the past few years. Mrs. Tyrrell will be retiring from the Board of Education in November and commented that she will miss them.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS—There were no Citizens’ Comments

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON—No Report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A) PHS Strategic Update—Jennifer DeLorenzo, PHS Principal:

Mr. Reas introduced Jennifer DeLorenzo, Plainville High School Principal, who gave a brief presentation on the High School’s student achievement.

Mrs. DeLorenzo gave a brief overview of the following items:

Class of 2025 Post Secondary Plans

- ▶ 82% of the Class of 2025 have gone on to higher education
- ▶ 5% of the Class of 2025 have gone on to Vocational or Trade Schools
- ▶ .5% of the Class of 2025 have gone into the Military
- ▶ 10% of the Class of 2025 have gone into the work force
- ▶ .5% of the Class of 2025 have entered the PHS Transition Program
- ▶ 1% of the Class of 2025 have been retained

- ▶ 66% of the Class of 2025 choosing higher education have entered four-year colleges
- ▶ 34% of the Class of 2025 choosing higher education have entered two-year colleges

- ▶ 76% have chosen in-state colleges
- ▶ 24% have chosen out-of-state colleges

- ▶ Seniors accepted into their first-choice college or trade school = 89%
- ▶ Seniors attending their first-choice college or trade school = 83%

- ▶ Out of 120 members of the Class of 2025 (79.5% of the class) took at least one college level class while at Plainville High School through one of the programs listed collectively. The members of the Class of 2025 earned 1,644 college credits).

▶ Advanced Placement	68 students or (45%)	207 credits
▶ CCSU Partnership	24 students or (16%)	138 credits
▶ ECE UCONN	82 students or (53%)	882 credits
▶ Goodwin University	20 students or (13%)	57 credits
Duel Enrollment		
▶ CT State Community College CCP	89 students or (59%)	360 credits

Credit Distinction Honors:

- ▶ Minimum credits required for Graduation = 25
- ▶ Graduation with Credit Distinction = 28
- ▶ Graduation with Highest Credit Distinction = 31+
- ▶ Approximately 77% of the Class of 2025 graduated with credits of distinction

Current Status:

- ▶ Total number of students at Plainville High School=673 (approximately 165 students per grade level)
- ▶ The Class of 2026 averaged a 104 point increase in SAT/PSAT scores.
- ▶ The Class of 2027 SAT/PSAT scores increased the average score by 42 points, almost 40 points above the State comparison.
- ▶ The Class of 2028 had the highest baseline score to date on the new /PSAT9 at 892, which is 83+ points above the State comparison.
- ▶ The Class of 2029 will test in Spring, 2026.

Testing Cycle:

- ▶ The Juniors (Class of 2027) will take the PSAT on October 22 and will take the School Day SAT in March
- ▶ Sophomores (Class of 2028) and Freshmen (Class of 2029) will take the PSAT on the same day in March
- ▶ Plainville High School received high ranking from the *U.S. News* as the BEST High School and is in the top 30% nationally.

AP Numbers:

- ▶ In 2024: AP Language Composition students had a 51% Pass Rate
 - ▶ In 2025: AP Language Composition students had a 91% Pass Rate
 - ▶ In 2024 AP Literature Composition students had a 67% Pass Rate
 - ▶ In 2025 AP Literature Composition students had a 84% Pass Rate
- Overall:
- ▶ In 2024 the percentage of exams with scores of 3 or higher = 66%
 - ▶ In 2025 the percentage of exams with scores of 3 or higher = 80%

Mrs. DeLorenzo described the High School Course Data for State Accountability Index and mentioned that approximately 86% of the Freshmen class attended Freshman Orientation Day. In addition, 35 rising Juniors and Seniors provided tours and offered guidance to freshmen students, in turn helping with the transition to Plainville High School.

Mrs. DeLorenzo also stated that Plainville High School students are enrolled in the Blue Devil Academy which guides students into the culture, how to make the most out of their high school years, personal/social development, career development and other information.

Mrs. DeLorenzo then introduced Oneda Lamont and Stephanie Barbagallo, PHS Guidance Counselors who gave a brief overview of student counseling and college and career prep.

Changes and New Additions:

- ▶ Counselors are using a Comprehensive School Counseling system, Diving Student Outcomes

- ▶ New Technology entitled SchoolLinks
- ▶ SchoolLinks: Driving Collaboration and Accountability
- ▶ 3 Pillar CCR Strategy (Explore, Prepare and Connect)

The College and Career Readiness Counselor supports students through individualized and group counseling to explore interests, set goals and plan for life after High School.

Career Gallery Prep:

- ▶ Morning announcements
- ▶ Videos: Why Think Careers Now?
- ▶ Events: Career Mythbusters, Teacher Tea Time and The Career Gallery. Other upcoming events include Tunxis Community College visitation on October 17, College application help sessions and FAFSA workshops.

Attendance:

Mrs. DeLorenzo discussed attendance at PHS—Every Student, Every Day and the methods used for improvement.

- ▶ Continued focus on attendance, both daily and classroom attendance.
- ▶ Messaging and communication around attendance, midpoint letters, parent meetings.
- ▶ Use of systems and procedures to better monitor.
- ▶ Use of MTSS meetings to meet student and family needs
- ▶ Attendance review letters and meetings

Mastery Focus: If the selected Marzano 2 Design area strategies and implemented into our classroom structure, then student engagement and achievement will improve.

Faculty Book Study:

Mrs. DeLorenzo handed out a book entitled, *The No Complaining Rule*, by Jon Gordon to board members. This is a story about positive ways to turn complaints into solutions, innovations, and success. Every complaint represents an opportunity to turn something negative into a positive. This book has also been disseminated to PHS faculty for discussion.

In conclusion: Mrs. DeLorenzo reminded everyone of the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences coming up next week and explained that officers from the National Honor Society are working on a date for the student induction ceremony, possibly in November.

Discussion ensued.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Reas stated as follows:

- ▶ We had out new teachers in, to get the first line of information around our team program, which is the State’s Teacher Induction Program. He stated that it is exciting to see all of the energy our new teachers bring into our fold.
- ▶ There is something called a DRIP grant (district repair and improvement projects). It is a State grant intended for Capital Projects and allows the district to obtain approximately \$130,000 for projects every year. It will be ideal to have this steady flow of income from the State to help out with items in the capital projects plan.
- ▶ BVH Integrated Services was awarded the contract to become the Commissioning Agent for the Middle School Project. They will now join Downes Construction, Construction Manager At-Risk and KBA Architects, making sure the process goes well. We are now in the process of our planning phases and deciding what to start first,

second, etc., creating the least amount of impact for the students and also moving the program along in a cost-effective way. We will also try to have our first year of construction and our last year of construction extended during the summer and will try to shift some of those days, which will allow the project to be less disruptive for students.

▶ Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week, October 22, 23 and 24. Being a part of your child's education, getting involved, asking questions, does show a significant impact on student learning. We encourage parents to attend these parent/teacher conferences.

▶ Mr. Reas thanked the negotiating team (Mr. White, Mr. Bruzas, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Tyrrell) for their help in negotiating the teachers' contract. We now have a settlement and are working on a few details, in hopes of the Board ratifying the contract.

▶ As discussed earlier, the Career and College Fair here at PHS is amazing. The folks coming in from the community to talk to the students were more excited than the students, and the students were already excited. This Fair is a gem.

▶ Mr. Reas commented on Ms. Calistro's years with the Board of Education. He stated that it has been an amazing experience. He stated that she always lets him know how important some things are, and he has always appreciated her directness. He stated that she will be missed and commended the Board for creating the video in honor of her retirement.

VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities and Finance Subcommittee Report

Mr. White stated that he hopes to make a practice of visiting our school facilities, as it has not been done over the last couple of years. He also asked that a meeting be convened soon to discuss the new DRIP grant and where the funds can be expended, i.e., the High School tennis courts or the announcer's booth at Tinty Stadium.

B. Policy Subcommittee Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence gave a brief overview of the policies and regulations which are up for approval this evening.

C. Curriculum Subcommittee Report

The next Curriculum Subcommittee meeting is set for October 27.

D. Outreach Subcommittee Report

Mrs. Buchanan stated that that she, Mr. White and Mr. Bruzas had a meeting of the Outreach Subcommittee at the Career Fair. It was determined that they fulfilled the obligation of the Outreach Subcommittee, as they were reaching out to community members, students and teachers, and attended to share what a Board of Education member does.

E. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report

Mr. White stated that the PHS PAC met on September 10 at 7 PM in the PHS Collab.

▶ The PAC recently conducted a bottle drive last Saturday, October 11th and it had a great turnout.

▶ Today was the last day for everyone to turn in their order sheets for the pie/cookie dough fundraiser. Pies and cookie dough will be delivered on November 6th.

▶ The PAC balance came in at \$1,268.44. Funds are used for scholarships and class picnics. Attendance at these meetings have been low.

F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report—No Report

G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report

Mr. Bruzas reported on the following:

- ▶ The Linden Scholastic Book Fair was the largest they have had to date. All students who need support to get a book were able to do so free of charge. Teachers were also allowed to select books for their classrooms.
- ▶ The Wolf Pack game is coming up soon.
- ▶ The butter braid fundraiser is beginning.
- ▶ Trunk or Treat is happening on November 1
- ▶ The Linden PTO is collecting items for the Community Food Pantry which is in dire need of many items, as we move closer to the holidays.
- ▶ Linden celebrated National Custodian Appreciation Day on October 2, honoring the great work the custodian's do every day.

H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following items:

- ▶ The MSP PTC last met on September 9th. The first kick-off meeting went well with a few parents attending. She mentioned at the PTO/PTC/PAC is a great way to get involved.
- ▶ The PTC welcomed back students and teachers with some treats, through parent donations.
- ▶ The PTC is currently holding a Spiritwear fundraiser
- ▶ At the recent MSP Open House the PTC shared various snacks that parents could purchase.
- ▶ At their last meeting the PTC spoke about potential fundraisers, i.e., Restaurant Night.
- ▶ The PTC is meeting this evening at 7 PM in the MSP Library

I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report

Mrs. Buchanan reported on the following dates:

- ▶ Mrs. Buchanan said it was an honor to serve as the liaison for the Wheeler PTO. They do a lot of great things.
- ▶ Wheeler had a successful mum fundraiser in September.
- ▶ Trunk or Treat is coming up on October 24 with October 27th as their rain date.
- ▶ Today was the last day to turn in the pie fundraiser order form.
- ▶ The next Wheeler PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16 at 6 PM in the Wheeler Media Center.
- ▶ Mrs. Buchanan commented that Mr. Batchelder made mention in the *Wheeler Flash* that absenteeism finished off at 12% during the last school year and compared it to 16% in the 23-24 school year. Great job!

J. CREC Council Report

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that she finds it difficult to attend CREC Council meetings as they are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 11:30 AM to 1:30 AM in Hartford. Since she changed jobs it is difficult to attend. Attendance does go back and forth and she will continue on the CREC foundation board as she has been a member since its inception.

She stated that someone on the Board might want to attend these meetings if they have the ability to do so. The CREC Council has a representative from all districts that feed into CREC. A lot of the discussions revolve around budgeting,

issues and implications of the State, Magnet schools, tuitions, etc. She stated that if anyone is interested, she is available to answer any questions anyone may have.

K. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that she made a decision a couple of weeks ago regarding the Board Open Forum. She stated that she brought the Open Forum to the Board and many members were against it, feeling that things could go askew. However, when instituted, it started off fine but at times did go off in a different direction. She then felt that this is not the tool the Board needed. Her intension is to remove it, and next month when a new Board is assembled with a new Chair, the Board can then discuss bringing the Open Forum back. She stated that taking the Open Forum off the agenda in politically difficult and did cause a little tension. But because she is leaving, she will not be here for any of the fallout and it isn't fair to put that on someone else, when it was her idea. Therefore, the Board can now vote it back onto the agenda, if they so choose.

Mrs. Tyrrell then wished her fellow Board members well. She sends her Congratulations to everyone. She stated that the district is being left in good hands. She then thanked Brian Reas, Superintendent of Schools, David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent and Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations. She also thanked Joan Calistro who she said is always the background hero, as are Mr. Ross and his IT team. She stated that there are many people always doing the work quietly and no one notices them, but they're there and they're always reliable. She commented that it was a great run and appreciates everyone's work.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS--None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A) Quarterly Special Education Cost Report

Mr. Adlerstein stated that it is hard to project where outplaced tuitions will be. He stated that fiscal year 2025 ended favorably to budget by \$253,872 in our outplacements account. This includes \$123,727 excess cost reimbursement through the legislative process that we only learned of in June. Our reimbursement related to School Choice and other students was also higher than forecasted earlier by \$69,653 in the final invoicing of incurred expenses. As we begin fiscal year 2026, our total outplaced students have net increased by one student.

Mrs. Clark asked if there were any issues in getting funding for special needs? Are there any issues in the next couple of years or changes at the federal level?

Mr. Reas stated that all of this comes under the IDEA grant and that basically the funds will stay the same but there may be changes on how to use the funds.

B) Policy No. 5141.31 Students: Wellness—Revise--1st Reading

C) Rescind Regulation No. 5141.31 Students: Wellness

D) Policy No. 4350 Personnel: Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Personnel—NEW—1st Reading

E) Policy No. 5142 Students: Meal Charging Policy—REVISE—1st Reading

F) Rescind Policy No. 3542.43 Business: Food Service Changes

G) Rescind Policy No. 3542.1 Business: Purposes and Facilities: Food Services

H) Rescind Regulation No. 5141.3 Students: Health Assessment and Immunization

I) Rescind Policy No. 5111 Students: Admission/Placement

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XI. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

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- (B) Food Service Report
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- (E) HR Report (Informational Item)
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 - ▶ American Red Cross to PHS Scholarship Fund.....\$1,000

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Mrs. Clark mentioned that the 2026 Graduation date should be reported to the public.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro
Recorder of Minutes

The minutes presented within this document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of the agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at www.plainvilleschools.org. These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following regular Board of Education Business meeting.

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