

Plainfield School Board

Regular Meeting
Meriden, NH 03770
June 9, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

Present Board Members: Jenny Ramsey, Norm Berman, Jennifer Rybek Houde via zoom, Sydney Johnstone; Staff: Acting Superintendent Beth Bierwirth, Principal Audra Bucklin; 1 public attendee.
Recorded by R. Lohr

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Jenny Ramsey.

2. Public Comments

There was a statement read regarding on line meetings, transparency, fiscal responsibility, and CBA suggestions.

3. Agenda Review

It was announced that the employee handbook would be reviewed and up for approval at a later board meeting.

A motion was made by Johnstone and seconded by Ramsey to approve the amended agenda. The motion was approved.

4. Announcements

The Plainfield Board expressed its appreciation to Beth Bierwirth for serving as interim superintendent during the spring.

5. Consent Agenda

Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Sydney Johnstone and seconded by Norm Berman to approve the minutes of the Plainfield School Board meetings held on May 26, 2026 as submitted and amended.

Discussion: Item 6B was changed to explain the 3-4 grade details for next school year at the Plainfield School and changes were forwarded to Cindy Huett. **The motion was approved.**

6. Reports

Board Member Reports

The Board member reports on NHSBA seminars were moved to a future Board meeting.

7. Items for Discussion or Action

7A. Student Handbook Approval

There were suggested edits to the student handbook. There will be an additional “middle school student guide” produced later for the start of the school year. Orientation will be scheduled and held at the school.

7B. Summer Hiring

A motion was made by Johnstone and seconded by Berman to authorize the superintendent to conduct hiring during July and August with notification of the School Board Chair. The motion was approved.

7C. Encumbrance

Interim Superintendent Bierwirth recommended that \$35,000 be encumbered from the budget surplus for a new accounting system as funds are available as projected.

A motion was made by Ramsey and seconded by Johnstone to approve the spending of the encumbered amount of \$35,000 for the purchase of a new accounting system providing funds are available as projected above the amount reported for the unassigned fund balance at the Annual District Meeting. The motion was approved.

There was discussion about medical insurance cost issues and information was shared that according to the state, the NH Retirement rate would decline from 19.23% to 18.21%.

7D. Policy BEA: Regular Board Meetings

The Board discussed a first read of an additional clause in Policy BEA: Regular Board Meetings that would make digital recordings of the Board meeting available to the public.

8. Public Comment

There was a comment regarding posting a link to the Board meeting digital recording on the school website.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ramsey and seconded by Johnstone to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM. The motion was approved.

The next regular Plainfield School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM.