

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg, arrived 6:32 pm
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:31 pm
Joseph Kiernan, absent
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager, Absent
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Heidi Johnson arrived, 6:31 pm

The Audit – Financial Committee met to discuss 2024-25 year-end.

Claire Copley-Eisenberg arrived, 6:32 pm

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Timm discussed the Lead Testing and reporting Audit report with the Board of Education.

Mr. Lester Funk, Athletic Director and Mr. Chris Boyd, Stissing Principal discussed student eligibility and the handbook. The eligibility will span five weeks instead of quarterly.

Mr. Boyd discussed a new memorial device that will enhance the Community Connection.

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Dr. Timm gave an update on the upcoming Capital Project. He reviewed two versions of utilizing the capital reserve. It was the consensus of the Board to use up to the 9.1 million.

Mr. Couse thanked the Maintenance Department for their hardwork, as they save the district money when this department handles some large ticket items in house.

Dr. Timm shared two proposals to create new clubs. It was the consensus of the Board to review the creation of the elementary club, and to table the second as the proposal was in a draft stage.

Dr. Timm discussed the status of the preschool numbers. There is a need for an additional class.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the 2025-26 District Wide Safety Plan as presented during the public hearing on July 1, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-16)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the 2025-26 Code of Conduct as presented during the public hearing on July 1, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-17)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent items 1-4:

1. To accept minutes from the July 15, 2025 regular meeting;
2. To approve financial Reports - Claim Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements;
3. 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.
4. To acknowledge Food Service bids for the 2025-26 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-18)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to authorize the 2025-26 Tax Levy per the attached memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-19)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the District and the Devereux Foundation for the 2025 ESY and the 2025-26 school year for the purpose of providing educational needs and services for two particular students at a rate of \$206,080.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-20)

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and Laura Teetz MS CCC-SLP, ATP for the purpose of providing assistive technology consultation at a rate of \$200 per hour for the 2025-26 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-21)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Dutchess Community College concerning a concurrent enrollment program effective September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-22)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby changes the hours for voting to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. effective for all school district elections and votes occurring at least 30 days after the adoption of this resolution.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-23)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the bids from Auctions International for the following vehicles:

Vehicle	Year Built	Model	Current Mileage	VIN Number	Bid Amount
#223	2015	Bluebird – Diesel 48/72	170,447	1BABJCPA5FF308741	\$21,100
#224	2015	Bluebird – Diesel 48/72	179,988	1BABJCPA7FF308742	\$21,100
#229	2015	Collins – Gasoline 20/30	130,523	1FDEE4FL5FDA33010	\$10,300
#230	2015	Collins – Gasoline 20/30	130,411	1FDEE4FL5FDA32956	\$10,000
#233	2015	Bluebird Micro G5 – Gasoline 20/30	183,999	1GB3G3BG1F1279275	\$8,800

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-24)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to declare the attached list of educational materials as surplus per the memorandum from Julie Roberts, Seymour Principal.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-25)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to appoint a tenure-track teacher:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alexandra Vandemark, who possesses a Childhood Education

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(Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate and an Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Initial Certificate, to a four year probationary term as an Elementary Teacher in the Elementary Tenure area, effective September 1, 2025 and terminating on August 31, 2029. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the probationary term, and may not receive an ineffective APPR rating in the final year of probation at Step A1 per the PPFE 2025-26 Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-26)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint Sarah Beam to the position of Long-Term Leave for the position of Health / Physical Education Teacher effective September 2, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at Step XX of the PPFE 2025-26 Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-27)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Courtney Kaufmann from the position of English Language Arts Teacher, effective August 31, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-28)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Harrison from the position of Bus Driver - Auto Mechanic Helper, effective July 18, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-29)

Mrs Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Christine Eighmy from the position of Typist, effective August 28, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-30)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to 2025-26 Extra-Curricular Advisors:

<i>Tier</i>	<i>Extra-Curricular</i>	<i>Stipend</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Advisor</i>
Ag / Drama	Ag Day Advisor	\$2,000	Stissing	Jennifer Lydon
Tier 1	Ag Day Exhibits Coordinator	\$1,000	Stissing	Bruce Pecorella
Tier 1	Art Show Exhibits Co-Coordinator	\$500	Stissing	Kaitlin Niznik
Tier 1	Art Show Exhibits Co-Coordinator	\$500	Stissing	Shana Smith
Tier 1	Arts in Education Coordinator	\$1,000	Stissing	Jennifer Blackburn
Tier 1	Awards Program Coordinator	\$1,000	Stissing	Elizabeth Biernat
Tier 1	Board Games (CS)	\$1,000	Cold Spring	Maureen Canevari
Tier 1	Board Games (SS)	\$1,000	Seymour	Jennifer Macri
Tier 2	BomberNation Buddies Co-Advisor	\$667	Stissing	Christa Brenner
Tier 2	BomberNation Buddies Co-Advisor	\$667	Stissing	Maria Lombardo

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Tier 2	BomberNation Buddies Co-Advisor	\$667	Stissing	Pam Benziger
Tier 3	Broadcasting	\$4,000	Stissing	Nick Dean
Class Advisors	Class Advisor - Grade 9	\$1,300	Stissing	Nicole Merritt
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 10	\$650	Stissing	Jennifer Griffin
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 10	\$650	Stissing	Ryan Orton
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 11	\$1,750	Stissing	Jennifer Blackburn
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 11	\$1,750	Stissing	Stephanie Rhoades
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 12	\$1,750	Stissing	Jennifer Griffin
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 12	\$1,750	Stissing	Juliana Zengen
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 6	\$650	Stissing	Kerri Seidel
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 6	\$650	Stissing	Samantha Lydon
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 7	\$650	Stissing	Brendan LoBrutto
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 7	\$650	Stissing	Jill Simmons
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 8	\$650	Stissing	Kim Antal
Class Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 8	\$650	Stissing	Scott Dell'Amore
Tier 1	DCMEA / NYSSMA Elementary Co-Advisor	\$500	Seymour	Amanda Pollizzato
Tier 1	DCMEA / NYSSMA Elementary Co-Advisor	\$500	Seymour	Carla Newsome
Tier 1	DCMEA / NYSSMA Secondary Advisor	\$1,000	Stissing	Erin Marlow
Tier 1	Digital Photography Club	\$1,000	Stissing	Craig Morton
Other	EF Travel Club	Volunteer	Stissing	Ryan Orton
Tier 3	FCCLA	\$4,000	Stissing	Jennifer Blackburn
Ag / Drama	FFA Advisor	\$5,000	Stissing	Stephanie Rhoades
Tier 1	Fiber Arts	\$1,000	Seymour	Erin Essery
Tier 1	First Responders Club	\$1,000	Stissing	Michael Cooper
Tier 1	Inside-Out Club (SS)	\$1,000	Seymour	Amber Rennie

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Tier 2	Intramural Program (SS)	\$2,000	Seymour	Jeremy Weber
Tier 2	Key Club Advisor	\$2,000	Stissing	John Schoonmaker
Tier 1	Lego Club (CS)	\$1,000	Cold Spring	Maureen Canevari
Tier 2	Literary Magazine Advisor	\$2,000	Stissing	Kim Lyman
Tier 1	Math Club (SS)	\$1,000	Seymour	Jennifer Macri
Tier 1	Mathematics Honor Society	\$1,000	Stissing	Jennifer Griffin
Tier 1	Mindfulness Club (SS)	\$1,000	Seymour	Jennifer Macri
Tier 3	Mock Trial Co-Advisor (HS)	\$2,000	Stissing	John Schoonmaker
Tier 3	Mock Trial Co-Advisor (HS)	\$2,000	Stissing	Ryan Orton
Ag / Drama	Music and Vocal Director	\$3,500	Stissing	Alec Sisco
Tier 2	National Honor Society Co-Advisor	\$1,000	Stissing	Jennifer Griffin
Tier 2	National Honor Society Co-Advisor	\$1,000	Stissing	Marleily Vargas
Tier 1	Newspaper Advisor (SS)	\$1,000	Seymour	Josephine Washington
Tier 1	Nurture Nature Club Co-Advisor (CS)	\$500	Cold Spring	Amy Duncan
Tier 1	Nurture Nature Club Co-Advisor (CS)	\$500	Cold Spring	Elizabeth Murray
Tier 1	Peer and Community Connection Co-Advisor (SM)	\$500	Stissing	Brittany Cruickshank
Tier 1	Peer and Community Connection Co-Advisor (SM)	\$500	Stissing	Jessica Wisniewski
Tier 2	S.A.D.D. / SUCCESS Co-Advisor	\$1,000	Stissing	Gabby Baker
Tier 2	S.A.D.D. / SUCCESS Co-Advisor	\$1,000	Stissing	Jessica Wisniewski
Tier 2	S.T.O.P. Advisor/GSA	\$2,000	Stissing	Sean White
Tier 1	Sci Fi Club Advisor	\$1,000	Stissing	Scott Dell'Amore
Tier 1	Science Club - Co-Advisor (CS)	\$500	Cold Spring	Amy Duncan
Tier 1	Science Club - Co-Advisor (CS)	\$500	Cold Spring	Elizabeth Murray
Tier 2	Student Activities Co-Coordinator (HS)	\$1,000	Stissing	Gerard Lisella
Tier 2	Student Activities Co-Coordinator (HS)	\$1,000	Stissing	Ryan Orton
Tier 2	Student Activities Co-Coordinator (Jr HS)	\$1,000	Stissing	Gerard Lisella
Tier 2	Student Activities Co-Coordinator (Jr HS)	\$1,000	Stissing	Ryan Orton

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Tier 2	Student Council Advisor (SS)	\$2,000	Seymour	Jenesis Campbell
Ag / Drama	Theater Director - Fall	\$6,500	Stissing	Greg Locker
Ag / Drama	Theater Director - Spring	\$6,500	Stissing	Alec Sisco
Tier 2	Varsity Club Advisor	\$2,000	Stissing	Eric Sullivan
Tier 3	Yearbook Co-Advisor (HS)	\$2,000	Stissing	Craig Morton
Tier 3	Yearbook Co-Advisor (HS)	\$2,000	Stissing	Susan Lydon
Tier 2	Yearbook Co-Advisor (SS)	\$666.67	Seymour	April Stark
Tier 2	Yearbook Co-Advisor (SS)	\$666.67	Seymour	Heather Berardo
Tier 2	Yearbook Co-Advisor (SS)	\$666.67	Seymour	Josephine Washington
Tier 1	Yoga Club (SS)	\$1,000	Seymour	Amanda Pollizzato

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-31)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Jennifer Lydon as the Substitute Caller for the 2025-26 school year with a stipend of \$4,524.00

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-32)

Mr. Griffin moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as a substitute for the 2025-26 school year:

Ryan Ambrose - Custodial Worker

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-33)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

The Board of Education discussed the creation of the Board Goals for the 2025-26 school year.

ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-34)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk

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