

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
James Griffin, absent
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:32 pm
Joseph Kiernan, arrived 6:35 pm
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk
Hailey Lamping, Student BOE Member, absent

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.

Mrs. Fredericks acknowledged Aileen Waltke, Payroll Clerk for Payroll Appreciation Week. She also acknowledged the Technology Department for IT Professionals Week! Thank you Rich, Jed, Frank and Linda!!

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Timm discussed the following with the Board of Education:

1. Capital Project Update
 - a. The website is updated with the Capital Project flyer and other promotional materials.
2. Discussion on the STG Lighting and Sound extra-curricular advisor position.
3. Administrators' Reports

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve consent items 2-6:

2. To approve minutes from the August 19, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.
3. To approve financial Reports - Claim Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements;
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.
5. To approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that the following individuals have completed training which meets the requirements of § NYCRR 30-3.10 and the Pine Plains Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan, for certification as a Lead Evaluator of Teachers:
-Julie Roberts
-Kristen Fischetti
-Christopher Boyd
-Gian Starr
-Janine Babcock
-Sara Von Burg
6. To acknowledge the attached proposal for Agriculture CTE Pathway per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-75)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a first reading, as recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 1120-R School District Records
- 5500 Student Records
- 5500-R Student Records
- 5550 Student Privacy Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment
- 8635 Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification
- 8635-R Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification
- 2120.2 Voting Procedures

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-76)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the revised Agreement between the district and the County of Dutchess and the Sheriff of Dutchess County for the placement of a School Resource Officer at a rate of \$109,000 for the 2025-26 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-77)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the 2025-26 Tax Assessment Change Log.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-78)

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the changes to the school meal prices per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-79)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following overnight field trip:

-AG Fair Camp Out, S. Rhoades

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-80)

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Public School Fire Safety Reports as presented on September 16, 2025. It is noted that there were no non-conformances and new Certificates of Occupancy have been issued. Additionally, it is noted that legal notice will be published at least once in newspapers of record.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-81)

Mr. Couse congratulated the Facilities staff.

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2025-2 for a FMLA leave to be effective on or about January 27, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-82)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to grant Employee 2025-26-3, an extended sick leave, according to Article VI (2) (a) (b) (i-v) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc. effective on or about September 15, 2025, pending documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-83)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a to appoint Robert Mahoney to the position of School Monitor, a labor class civil service position for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 17, 2025, at Step 5 of the SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-84)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Daniela Cosina to the position of temporary teacher aide, effective September 17, 2025 at a rate of Step 1 per the 2025-26 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-85)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of the following employees after the successful completion of the 26 week probationary period:

- Melissa Curtis, Bus Driver
- Joseph Cotton, Bus Driver
- Janice Weise, Bus Driver

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-86)

Mr. Kiernan asked if the bus roster was complete.

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint the following workers for the October 15, 2025 Special Capital Project Vote and authorize the District Clerk to make any substitutes, if necessary at a rate of \$320 for the day:

- Justine Tompkins, Chairperson, Election Inspector
- Mary Jenkins, Election Inspector
- Pat Knapp, Vote Machine Technician
- Debbie Demchuk, Vote Teller
- Dorothy Hedges, Vote Teller
- Helene Sellerberg, Vote Teller

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-87)

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as a Fall Coach for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

- John Curtis, Football Assistant, volunteer

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-88)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the substitute list for the 2025-26 school year:

- Ashley Graff, Teacher Aide, Teaching Assistant, Teacher
- Dominic Scovel, Bus Driver Trainee - School Monitor
- Roland Wyant, Custodial Worker
- Kiera Mckadden, Teacher Aide, Teaching Assistant, Teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-89)

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sonny Marks, Bus Driver discussed the following topic:
-Radios in the Bus Garage

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks commented on the upcoming important dates:
September 16, 2025: BOE Meeting
September 18, 2025: SM Jr./Sr. HS Open House
September 23, 2025: Recess Day - Rosh Hashanah
September 25, 2025: SSILC Open House
October 9, 2025: Stanford Town Hall, 7:00pm
October 16, 2025: Ancram, 7:00 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 7:14 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-90)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:09 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-91)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-92)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk