

Pine Plains Central School District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2025

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amie Fredericks, President  
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President  
Claire Copley-Eisenberg  
James Griffin, absent  
Heidi Johnson  
Joseph Kiernan  
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.

Dr. Timm acknowledged the Board of Education for Board of Education Appreciation week. The BOE was presented with certificates and tokens of thanks from the PPFE, Student Council, Shana Smith's Art Class, Stephanie Rhoades' Horticulture Class, Seymour Smith Students and Cold Spring Students and the District Office.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

Shana Smith, Art Teacher thanked the BOE for their service.

**REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Chris Boyd, Stissing Principal and Mrs. Sara Von Burg, Assistant Principal gave an overview of Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School focus for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Dr. Timm updated the Board on new legislation in regards to AED. Desha's Law goes into effect 1/20/2026.

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3. Dr. Timm discussed his right-sizing presentations he has been giving at local town board meetings. He also discussed the plans for the upcoming forums for staff and community members.
4. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' monthly reports.

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. Update on the Field Hockey team – MHALS
2. 5 or 6 Student – Athletes committing to colleges
3. Ag Day
4. Phone Policy impact research
5. Homecoming
6. Senior Halloween Parade
7. Bonfire

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve consent items 2-5:

2. To approve minutes from the September 16, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.
3. To approve financial Reports:
  - Treasurer's Report (July and August 2025)
  - Appropriations Report (July and August 2025)
  - Revenue Status Report (July and August 2025)
  - Extra-Classroom (June 2025)
  - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements - Warrants;
4. To acknowledge budget transfer (July and August 2025) in the amount of
  - a. July - \$97,509.70
  - b. August - \$90,000.00
5. 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.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-110)**

**NEW BUSINESS – OTHER**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the 2025-26 Tax Collection - Installment Payment Report (Dutchess County) per the attached documentation submitted by Joan Taylor, Tax Collector.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-111)**

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to ratify the results of the Capital Project vote held on October 15, 2025.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-112)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to create a new scholarship, the Richard Reeve Scholarship Award, per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-113)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to surplus copier machines and proposed purchase plan per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-114)**

Mr. Couse moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to acknowledge the change to a portion of the awarded summer curriculum grants, per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-115)**

**NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint Rachel Kaplan as a long-term leave mathematics teacher, 7th grade, effective October 15, 2025 at Step A1 of the PPF 2025-26 salary schedule.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-116)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Chris Ireland to the position of Auto Mechanic, a non-competitive class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective on or about November 3, 2025 at a step 11 of the SRP 2025-26 salary schedule.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-117)**

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve EE #2025-4 request for an extended sick leave according to Article XIV (2 - 2.2.5) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel beginning October 20, 2025 per the documentation from the employee's physician.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-118)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve EE#2025-5 request for an extended sick leave according to Article XIV (2 - 2.2.5) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Personnel beginning October 8, 2025 per the documentation from the employee's physician.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-119)**

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to change the employment status of Kathryn Law, School Monitor from probationary to permanent after successfully completing her 26 week probationary period.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-120)**

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as an advisor for the 2025-26 school year:

-Alec Sisco, Auditorium and Stage Technical Director

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-121)**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Ms. Copley-Eisenberg seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the substitute list for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

-Cacelia Wyman, Teacher

-Megan Sanger – Teacher

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-122)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Heather Porter, community member commented on Desha's Law.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

Mrs. Fredericks commented on the upcoming important dates:

November 4, 2025 - BOE Meeting and Superintendent's Conference Day

November 18, 2025 - BOE Meeting and Board Tour at Seymour Smith 6:00 pm

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 7:43 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-123)**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:21 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-124)**

### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-125)**

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia W. Tomaine,  
District Clerk