

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg, absent
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

OPEN MEETING

The Board toured the Seymour Smith Building at 6:00 pm. 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Ms. Julia Roberts, Seymour Smith Principal gave an overview of Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center's focus for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Capital Project
3. Desha's Law
4. Future Ready Forum Update
5. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' monthly reports.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. Upcoming cellphone survey results

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2. Students are actively applying for colleges
3. Field trip to BOCES
4. Winter sports season starting
5. Fall play had positive feedback
6. Shrek auditions are happening soon
7. Winter concerts are upcoming

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

2. To approve minutes from the October 21, 2025 and November 4, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.
3. To approve financial Reports:
-Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements - Warrants;
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 Brian Timm has 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 Administrator.
6. To approve the following by-laws for the 2025-26 school year:

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-136)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to authorize the filing of the 2025 - 2026 returned tax claims:

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector shall be relieved of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax amount due when a complete list of the delinquent tax items has been certified to the Board of Education, and when the Tax Collector has affixed her affidavit to such statement and has filed an account for the handling of the Tax Warrant.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District does hereby relieve the Tax Collector of all responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list and does hereby authorize the filing of 2025 – 2026 tax claims.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-137)

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-138)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute Consent Order and Judgments in tax certiorari proceedings captioned Burton Kassell v. Town of Milan & Pine Plains Central School District, Mishpaha Barn LLC v. Town of Milan & Pine Plains Central School District, Mishpaha Residence LLC v. Town of Milan & Pine Plains Central School District, and Twoha Land v. Town of Milan & Pine Plains Central School District;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Order and Judgments.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-139)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the attached contract between the district and Lenore Strocchia-Rivera, PhD, Psychologist of Learning Insights for the purpose of completing a neuropsychological evaluation on a particular student(s) at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-140)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to create the Stissing Mtn Racers/Pine Plains Racing, Tier 1.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-141)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign an employment related agreement regarding Employee No. 111825 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-142)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add a proposal.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-143)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the proposal from Environmental Design Partnership, LLP. for the purpose of providing two limited topographic surveys for a lump sum of \$6,000, as presented at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-144)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to change the employment status of Michael Dandola from Provisional to Permanent after successfully completing his 26 week

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probationary status effective November 12, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-145)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Madison Michetti as a Volunteer Assistant coach for Winter Track for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-146)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as a substitute for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all requirements:

-Kristin Kucha, teacher

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-147)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the possible litigation at 7:29 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-148)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:30 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-149)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-150)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk