

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, absent
Joseph Kiernan, arrived at 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, left 8:44 pm

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Fredericks opened the public hearing for changes to the District-Wide Safety Plan:

In compliance with Education Law §2801-a(n) (Desha's Law) and Public Health Law §917, Pine Plains Central School District has established a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) to ensure a prompt, coordinated, and effective response to incidents of sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies occurring on any school site or at any school-sponsored event, including athletic programs. This section provides the district-wide framework for cardiac emergency preparedness and response, to be supplemented by building-specific CERP annexes within each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Building-level annexes must include venue-specific response protocols for all athletic facilities and off-site events, identifying AED locations, access routes, and trained personnel coverage.

Any comments or concerns will be taken for the next 30 days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the possible litigation at 6:33 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-151)

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Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:35 pm.

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:19 pm.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-152)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mr. Teddy Secor, Town of Stanford resident, spoke in regards to the Right-Sizing Plan of the district.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Audit-Financial Planning Committee met on December 10, 2025.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mrs. Kristen Fischetti, Cold Spring Principal gave an overview of Cold Spring Early Learning Center's focus for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Budget Calendar
3. 2025-26 Board of Education Meeting Calendar
4. Capital Project Update
5. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' monthly reports.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. Winter Concerts
2. Spirit Week is upcoming in all of the buildings
3. National Honor Society inducted new members
4. Field trips
5. Senior Class is busy with applications and planning for the Prom and Senior Trip

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve consent items 2-7:

2. To approve minutes from the November 18, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.
3. To approve financial Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's reports (October and November 2025)
 - b. Revenue Status Report (October and November 2025)
 - c. Appropriations Report (October and November 2025)
 - d. Extra-Classroom Report (October and November 2025)

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- e. Cafeteria Report (October and November 2025)
 - f. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements – Warrants
 4. To acknowledge the following budget transfers:
 - a. October 2025 - \$56,479.29
 - b. November 2025 - \$64,300.19
 5. To approve the 2025-26 Tax Assessment Change Log
 6. 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.
 7. To approve 2026-2027 Budget calendar, as presented.:
- VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-153)**

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: Bond resolution dated December 16, 2025 of the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District authorizing not to exceed \$3,800,000 aggregate principal amount of serial general obligation bonds and the expenditure of \$9,100,000 from the capital reserve fund to finance the construction, reconstruction, repair, renovation and improvement of various school district buildings, facilities and sites, the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and payment of incidental costs related thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$12,900,000, the expenditure of such sums for such purpose, levy of tax in annual installments in payment thereof, and determining other matters in connection therewith.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-154)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the district and Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DCBCH) in which the district permits DCBCH to use the district buildings, grounds and equipment for mass immunizations and prophylaxis, in the event of a public emergency.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-155)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following overnight field trip:

-Winter Weekend at Camp Oswegatchie, Croghan, NY : S. Rhoades.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-156)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached contract between Dutchess BOCES and the District for the purpose of providing transportation for district students for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$1,009,015.43.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-157)

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and Dutchess County in regards to the Opt-In Agreement to Participate in the County of Dutchess / Bus Patrol School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-158)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to grant Employee 2025-26-5, 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 December 4, 2025 pending documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-159)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of Andrew Harlin from probationary to permanent after successfully completing his twenty-six-week probationary period, effective December 31, 2025.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-160)

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

-Nancy Merriam, School Monitor

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-161)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Saricola, Town of Stanford, spoke in regards to the Right-Sizing Plan of the district.

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks commented on the upcoming important dates:

December 23, 2025: Half Day of School

December 23 - January 2, 2026: Winter Recess

December 24 & 25: Buildings Closed

December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026: Buildings Closed

Claire Copley-Eisenberg left at 8:06 pm

Claire Copley-Eisenberg returned at 8:10 pm

WORKSHOP: FUTURE READY FORUM DISCUSSION

Dr. Timm presented his updated slide deck on the Future Ready Forum that he shared with the community, staff and local town boards.

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Dr. Timm started to review the results from the survey taken during the staff and community forums.

The Board of Education questioned / commented the following items:

1. Transportation analysis;
2. Plan for students that would have to move buildings;
3. Current capital project impact if Seymour was selected to close;
4. Start time of buildings

Hailey Lamping left at 8:44 pm.

Dr. Timm plans to continue this conversation at the next meeting so that the entire survey can be reviewed.

It was the consensus of the Board to go forward with the Architectural designs.

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:33 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-162)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk