

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:33 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

FCCLA Club presented to the Board of Education on the focus of the club and the upcoming trip for Nationals. FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. This organization focuses on three main areas: personal growth, leadership development, and community service.

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Dr. Timm shared the meeting minutes from the March 26, 2026 Building Utilization Committee meeting. Dr. Timm invited all the Board of Education to attend the meetings.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Laura Rafferty, Business Official, conducted a Budget Workshop. She presented the final draft budget for the 2026-2027, which outlined the district's financial plans and the challenges they face in creating a balanced budget. The district proposed a total budget of approximately \$40.8 million, representing a 5.34% increase from the previous year. The proposed tax levy increase is 4.43%, which exceeds the state's 2% tax cap limit.

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Mrs. Fredericks shared her frustration as she is an educator, that it pains her that the district needed to cut programming when there was a solution to the shortfall in finances in January, by closing a building.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' reports
2. Dr. Timm shared with the Board the lower Hudson Education Letter of Support
3. Mrs. Tomaine discussed the BOCES Budget Vote and Election, she polled the Board for a quorum for the short meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. National Math Honor Society Induction of 6-7 members
2. Fort Ticonderoga Field Trip upcoming
3. Prom next weekend
4. Town of Stanford 911 Memorial, students will be assisting in recognizing those that were lost on 9/11.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve consent items 1-3:

1. To approve the meeting minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting
2. To approve the attached Financial Reports:
 - Treasurer's Report (March 2026)
 - Appropriations Report (March 2026)
 - Revenue Status Report (March 2026)
 - Extra-Classroom Report (March 2026)
 - Cafeteria Report (March 2026)
 - Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements – Warrants
 - Acknowledge Budget Transfer in the amount of \$213,897.81 for March 2026
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.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-242)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution for adoption of the 2026-2027 School District Budget, to be placed on the ballot at the May 19, 2026 Annual Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$40,778,791 for school district purposes, an increase of \$2,066,455, for the 2026-2027 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor. This budget requires a tax levy increase of 4.43% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.4%

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for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by 60 percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-243)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card as presented to the Board at this meeting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Official is directed to submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-244)

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD			
PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	BUDGETED 2025-2026	PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027	PERCENT CHANGE
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$38,712,336	\$40,778,791	5.34%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$27,885,802	\$29,122,160	4.43%
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$27,885,802	\$29,122,160	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit. <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$27,956,016	\$28,831,591	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$27,885,802	\$29,122,160	
I. Difference (G-H); (Negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	\$70,214	(\$290,569)	
Public School Enrollment	783	791	1.02%
Consumer Price Index (CPI)			
	ACTUAL 2025-2026	ESTIMATED 2026-2027	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$17,324,685	\$8,324,685	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,548,495	\$1,631,152	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance, as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%	

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, has invited sealed bids for the furnishing of labor for the District’s 2025 Capital Project, Phase 1, specifically for site work construction, electrical construction and elevator refurbishment (“Project”), which bids were opened publicly on April 2, 2026, and two (2) bids were received for site work construction, three (3) bid were received for electrical construction, and one (1) bid was received for elevator refurbishment; and WHEREAS, the District’s Architect, CSArch conducted an analysis of the bids and has vetted

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the apparent low bidders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines, based on the analysis of the bids and recommendation of CSArch, dated April 13, 2026, as presented to the Board at this meeting, that the following bidders are the lowest responsible and responsive bidders for the Project:

1. Contract 1-01 Site Work Construction (SC) be awarded to DelSignore Blacktop Paving, Inc. of Troy, NY, for the base bid amount of \$1,132,240, plus: Alternate 1-1 (Running Track South "D" Zone) in the amount of \$84,139 and Alternate 1-2 (Tennis Courts Fencing & Rebound Wall) in the amount of \$95,000; for the Total Contract Price of \$1,311,379;
2. Contract 1-04 Electrical Construction (EC) be awarded to Stone Creek Electric LLC of South Cairo, NY, for the base bid amount of \$664,300; for the Total Contract Price of \$664,300;
3. Contract 1-07 Elevator Refurbishment (ER) be awarded to Taconic Elevator Co., Inc. of Poughkeepsie, NY, for the base bid amount of \$135,000; for the Total Contract Price of \$135,000

OR

3. Contract 1-07 Elevator Refurbishment (ER) be awarded to Taconic Elevator Co., Inc. of Poughkeepsie, NY, for the base bid amount of \$135,000 plus: Alternate 1-3 (Cylinder/Plunger Replacement) in the amount of \$85,000; for the Total Contract Price of \$220,000; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the contracts to the bidders specified hereinabove for the Site Work Construction, Electrical Construction and Elevator Refurbishment, for the prices specified and in accordance with the plans and specifications for such public works project, said contracts to be executed by the President of the Board of Education; and to provide for the furnishing of the required security for the performance of said contracts (e.g., performance bond and labor and materials payment bonds) in the amount of the individual contract prices and in the form specified in the Bid Documents.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-245)

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

-FCCLA Nationals, Washington DC: Blackburn

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-246)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to excess textbooks per the memorandum from Julie Roberts, Seymour Principal.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-247)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to acknowledge the submission of the letter of support of the petition filed by the Lower Hudson Education Coalition ("LHEC") in Case 26-00643, requesting that the Commission initiate a dedicated informational proceeding to examine electric utility readiness to support school bus fleet electrification under Education Law§ 3638, as presented at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-248)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Olivia Snyder to the position of long-term leave replacement for the position of Special Education Teacher effective May 5, 2026 at a rate of A1 of the 2025-26 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-249)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve EE#2025-26-13 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 April 22, 2026 per the documentation from the employee's physician.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-250)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from Megan Staats for an unpaid leave of absence effective, May 5, 2026 per the attached documentation.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-251)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the 2025-26 Substitute List, pending completion of all requirements:

-Tiffany Teresnyak, School Monitor

-Melanie Roach - Custodial Worker

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-252)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the community commented on the budget and the budget process.

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks commented on the upcoming important dates:

April 28, 2026: BOE Meeting, 7:30 AM

April 30, 2026: Building Utilization Committee Meeting, Seymour, 6:00 pm

May 5, 2026 - BOE Meeting, Stissing

April 14, 2026: Building Utilization Committee Meeting, Stissing, 6:00 pm

May 19, 2026: Budget Vote and Election

May 19, 2026: BOE Meeting, 8:00 pm

May 19, 2026: Sup't Conference Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 7:19 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-253)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:00 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-254)

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ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-255)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk