

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-27 BUDGET AND ELECTION

Dr. Timm opened the public hearing on the budget at 6:31 pm. Mrs. Rafferty presented the final budget that was adopted by the Board of Education on April 21, 2026.

Two members of the public commented on the budget process, concerns regarding lack of response from administration on the emailed budget questions, inquiry on what happens if the budget does not pass and questions on line items in the budget.

The Board, Dr. Timm and Mrs. Rafferty answered the questions.

Dr. Timm closed the public hearing at 6:58 pm.

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:59 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 the paraprofessionals, librarians, assistant principal, administrative professionals and the bus drivers for their respective days of recognition.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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Dr. Timm shared the meeting minutes from the April 16, 2026 Building Utilization Committee meeting. He noted the meeting will be held at Cold Spring Early Learning Center at 6:00 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm discussed that Section 1 (for sports) is seeking support of their quest to amend tournaments for public and private schools. School administrators statewide have been actively debating a system that allows private schools to compete for sectional and state championships alongside public schools where talent pools are restricted by district boundaries.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. Prom was successful;
2. Senior Decision Day;
3. Annual Rent-a-Senior;
4. Sports Senior Nights wrapping up;
5. Teacher Appreciation week celebrated with treats and notes;
6. Pine Plains Racing Team attended a car show in Rhinebeck.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve consent items 1-6:

1. To accept the minutes from the April 7, 2026, April 21, 2026 and April 28, 2026 regular meetings.
2. To approve the following Financial Reports:
-Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
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.
4. 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. 050526 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
5. To approve the agreement between the district and Childrens' Home of Kingston for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. The estimated total cost for one student for the remainder of the year is \$11,496 as presented at this meeting.
6. To declare the following items as obsolete per the memorandum from Janine Babcock, Director of Pupil Personnel Services:
School Mate CD player w/ headphones
Trampoline (damaged)
Eureka Math (outdated edition)
Write Source, Skills (grades 4 and 5)
McGraw Hill, Who We Are As Americans Pearson Phonics (2 books)

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McGraw Hill Flashcards

McGraw Hill SRA readers

Houghton Mifflin Phonics Options Publishing, Best Practices in Reading Hooked on Phonics

McGraw Hill, My Learning Stations Math

Scholastic Map Skills for Today

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-259)

NEW BUSINESS- BUSINESS

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to walk on a resolution to change the time of the May 19, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-260)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to change the May 19, 2026 Board of Education meeting from 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-261)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) as 2026 Summer School Principal at a shared stipend of \$8,598:

-Julie Roberts

-Janine Babcock

-Kristen Fischetti

-Chris Boyd

-Sara Von Burg

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-262)

Mr. Couse requested a presentation on the regulations of summer school.

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution to appoint a tenure-track teacher:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ashley Minard, who possesses Mathematics 7-12 Certification and a Mathematics 5-6 Extension, to a three-year probationary term as a Mathematics Teacher in the Mathematics Tenure area, effective September 3, 2026 and terminating on September 2, 2029 at a salary of \$84,157 (Step 9, Masters).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-263)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Stephen Krasinski to the position of bus driver, a non-competitive class civil service position, effective May 1, 2026 for a twenty-six-week probationary period, at step 1 of the SRP 2025-26 salary schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-264)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to extend the request from employee #2025-1 for an extended sick leave per Article XIV of the SRP agreement until May 12, 2026

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per the medical documentation submitted.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-265)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the 26-week probationary period:

-Chris Ireland, Auto Mechanic

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-266)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individual(s) to the substitute list for the 2025-26 school year:

-Elizabeth Smalley, Teacher

-James McCaughey, III - Bus Monitor - Bus Trainee

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-267)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks commented on the upcoming important dates:

May 14, 2026 - Building Utilization Advisory Committee - Cold Spring

May 19, 2026 - Superintendent's Conference Day

May 19, 2026 - Budget Vote 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

May 19, 2026 - Board of Education Meeting (8:00 pm)

May 21, 2026 - Senior Award Night

May 28, 2026 - Building Utilization Advisory Committee

Mrs. Fredericks requested that the Board complete their self-evaluation.

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 7:14 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-268)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to return to public session at 7:47 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-269)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-270)

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk