

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Dutchess BOCES, Thomas Skean, Construction Trades Teacher, presented Matthew Spada, a CTI student with the May 2026 DC BOCES Student of Distinction Award.

AWARDS

Mrs. Fredericks and Dr. Timm acknowledged students that participated in Music programs and received the Seal of Biliteracy and the Seal of Civic Readiness. They handed out certificates to the following students:

Lee Griffin, Mixed Chorus, 2025 Zone 10 Area All State
Soren McBride, Baritone Saxophone, 2026 Junior High All County
Frieda Hahn, Chorus, 2026 Elementary All County
Sophia Mikolinacz, Chorus, 2026 Elementary All County
Michelle Blackburn, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Violet Bliss, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Alyssa Fredericks, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Bryan Garcia Garcia, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Lee Griffin, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Emmaline Haire, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Ashley Lopez, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Fatima Lopez, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)

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Riley Millar, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Siena Millar, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Olivia Osofsky, NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)
Michelle Blackburn, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
Alyssa Fredericks, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
Hailey Lamping, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
Fatima Lopez, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
Riley Millar, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
Siena Millar, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
Savannah Strawn, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness

TENURE RECIPIENTS

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Gian Starr in the Director of Curriculum tenure area effective July 1, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-301)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Kristen Fischetti in the Elementary Principal tenure area effective July 1, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-302)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Christopher Boyd in the Secondary Principal tenure area effective August 22, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-303)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Sara Von Burg in the Assistant Principal tenure area effective September 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-304)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Jillian Blass in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective July 1, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-305)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Sandra DiMilia in the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-306)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to award tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Samantha Simone in the Elementary / Special Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2026.

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-307)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to acknowledge tenure on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to Amy Duncan in the Social Worker tenure area effective March 1, 2026. (Mrs. Duncan previously was awarded tenure at another meeting, she is being recognized at today's celebration)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-308)

RETIREES

The following retirees were presented with a book donated to one of the school's libraries in their name as a commemorative of the time they worked for Pine Plains Central School District:

Peg Bonneville - Remarkably Bright Creatures by, Shelby Van Pelt

Tanya Mayhew - Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit by, Lyanda Lynn Haupt

Josephine Washington - Nory Ryan's Song by, Patricia Reilly Giff

PPCSD HEROES

Amber Rennie was presented with a Life Saving Award (second year in a row!) for saving a choking student.

The Board paused the meeting at 6:48 pm to offer the student and staff light refreshments for the celebration of the students and staff receiving awards.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk

Julia Tomaine, District Clerk left the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Patricia Audenino as Clerk Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-309)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm shared the Administrators' monthly reports

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. Senior Trip to Six Flags
2. Upcoming Graduation Rehearsal, School walkthrough, Senior Picnic and Graduation!!

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To approve the following Financial Reports:
-Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
2. 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.
3. to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby set Wednesday, July 8, 2026 as the date for the Organizational Meeting for the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District at 6:30 pm.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-310)

NEW BUSINESS- BUSINESS

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the district and Childrens' Home of Kingston for the 2026-27 school year. and ESY The estimated total cost for one student for the year is \$67,061 as presented at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-311)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the District and the Devereux Foundation for the 2026 ESY and the 2026-27 school year for the purpose of providing educational needs and services for one particular students at a rate of \$95,647.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-312)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and Laura Teetz MS CCC-SLP, ATP for the purpose of providing assistive technology consultation at a rate of \$200 per hour for the 2026-27 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-313)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached transportation agreement between the district and the Pine Plains Recreation Department for summer of 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-314)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a second reading and adoption, at the recommendation of the policy committee:

2210 Board Organizational Meeting

4325 Academic Intervention Services Policy and Regulation

4740 Academic Recognition

4765 Virtual, Blended, and Remote Learning

5100 Student Attendance

5151 Students in Temporary Housing Policy and Regulation

5205 Eligibility for Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities

5422 Diapering and Toileting Protocols

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-315)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Curriculum Grants per the memorandum from Gian Starr, Director of Curriculum and Instruction in the amount of \$27,900.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-316)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2026-2 for a FMLA leave to be effective on or about November 25, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-317)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as 2026-27 Fall Coaches, per the memorandum from Lester Funk, Athletic Director, pending completion of all requirements:

Field Hockey:

Sarah Beam- Varsity Head Coach

Kerri Seidel- Assistant Coach (Modified Head Coach)

Volleyball:

Alec Sisco- Varsity Head Coach

Merideth Michetti- Assistant Coach (JV Head Coach)

Zachary Funk- Assistant Coach (Modified Head Coach)

Football:

Michael Cooper- Varsity Head Coach

Brian Walsh – Assistant Varsity Coach

Daniel Dibernadino – Assistant Varsity Coach

Jim Jackson - Assistant Coach (Modified Head Coach)

Jeremy Weber - Assistant Coach (Modified Head Coach)

Peter O'Connor – Assistant Varsity Coach, Volunteer

Girls Soccer:

Varsity- Kim Antal / Amber Rennie- Co Varsity Head Coaches

Boys Soccer:

John Blackburn- Varsity Head Coach

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Boys Golf:

John Schoonmaker- Varsity Head Coach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-318)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from Megan Harder for a Child Rearing Leave, effective September 3, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as per Article VI, Section 6.3.1 of the Pine Plains Federation of Educators, Inc. contract.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-319)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to change the employment status of Amanda Smith, Food Service Helper, from probationary to permanent after successfully completing her twenty-six-week probationary period.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-320)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to 2026 Summer School Program:

Hailey Daubman - Special Education Teacher

Emily Hughes – Special Education Teacher

Christa Brenner – Teacher Assistant

Kerri Seidel – Teacher Assistant

Kelly Nielsen – Teacher Assistant/Substitute

Keeia Hicks– Teacher Aide

Cheryl Zubradt– Teacher Aide

Margaret (Greta) Anderson – Co-Secretary/Nurse

Jennifer Funk – Co-Secretary/Nurse

Jennifer Heath – Co-Secretary/Nurse

Amy Duncan – Social Worker

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-321)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Madeline Hardy from the position of Typist, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-322)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as 2026 Summer Temporary Custodial Helpers:

-Christy Hall

-Ryan Ambrose

-Lauren Ambrose

-Samantha Rankin

-Jeanne Strolly

-Rowelin Wyant

-Melanie Roach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-323)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following substitutes for the 2025-26:

-Megan Brenner, Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Teacher Aide

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-324)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-325)

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Audenino,
Clerk Pro Tem