

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President
Claire Copley-Eisenberg, absent
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson, arrived 6:32 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

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.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

The members of the Winners Circle program gave a presentation on the new program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters disclosed under FERPA at 6:43 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-271)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to return to public session at 6:52 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-272)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Dr. Timm shared the meeting minutes from the May 14, 2026 Building Utilization Committee meeting. The committee met on May 28, 2026. During this meeting the committee broke into

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groups to work on crafting the Educational Impact Statement. There will be no meeting on June 11th.

The policy committee met on May 19th and they will be bringing a variety of policies for a first reading at tonight's meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm reviewed a new ELA curriculum called CKLA. He informed the BOE there would be a more robust presentation in July.
2. Dr. Timm shared the draft version of the 2026-27 BOE Meeting Calendar.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Hailey Lamping shared the following information:

1. Military History class visited the 5th grade
2. 5th grade dance
3. Ashokan trip
4. MS / HS Concert coming up on Thursday
5. EXP on the 12th
6. Fire and Rescue visited Cold Spring for Fire Safety
7. Winners Circle competed at Lime Rock

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To accept the minutes from the May 19, 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.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-273)

NEW BUSINESS- BUSINESS

Dr. Timm informed the Board that there was a last minute need to adjust the agenda to walk on an agreement for attorney services.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to adjust the agenda per the request of the Superintendent.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-274)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to add the following resolution to the agenda: Motion to approve the following resolution to approve an agreement between Dizon & Shedden PC and Pine Plains Central School District:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an agreement dated June 2, 2026 between the District and Dizon & Shedden, PC, as presented to the Board at this meeting, for Title IX investigation services for the District under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Megan Shedden and/or Melissa Dizon are hereby authorized to serve as Title IX Investigators pursuant to Board Policy 0111 at the rate of \$225 per hour.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-275)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Agreements between Melissa Atkinson, Physical Therapist for the 2026-27 school year for the purpose of providing Physical Therapy:

- Summer 2026 (ESY) for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- School year 2026-27 for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- Summer 2026 (ESY) for school-aged students (CSE) - \$95.00 per hour
- School year 2026-27 for school-aged students (CSE) - \$105,020 per year

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-276)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached Agreements between Amy Foley-Maeder, Occupational Therapist for the 2026-27 school year for the purpose of providing Occupational Therapy:

- Summer 2026 (ESY) for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- School year 2026-27 for preschool children (CPSE) - per NYS approved rate
- Summer 2026 (ESY) for school-aged students (CSE) - \$90.00 per hour
- School year 2026-27 for school-aged students (CSE) - \$108,000 per year

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-277)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached Agreement between Patrick Kelly, Speech Therapist for the 2026-27 school year and 2026 extended school year, at a cost of \$70.00 per half-hour (individual) \$100 per half-hour (group) to provide speech services to district students.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-278)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the district and Center for Spectrum Services for the purpose of providing educational services to a particular student for the 2026-27 school year and ESY at an estimated cost of \$81,196.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-279)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached 2026-27 contract between the District and Dutchess County to provide Preschool Special Education Services pursuant to 4410 Education Law.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-280)

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the district and Greenburgh North Castle UFSD for the purpose of providing educational services to a particular student for the 2026-27 school year and ESY at an estimated cost of \$79,173.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-281)

Mr. Couse inquired why the rates increased. Mrs. Rafferty explained that NYS sets the rates.

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the district and Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD for the purpose of providing educational services to a particular student in the estimated amount of \$75,622 for the 2026-27 school year and \$12,604 for ESY.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-282)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between J&D Ultracare Corp. and the District for the purpose of providing 1:1 LPN nursing services for a particular student for the 2026-27 school year at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-283)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the 2026-27 agreement between the District and Somos Bilingues for the purpose of providing bilingual CSE evaluations per the attached fee schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-284)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: Be It Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, that the Board hereby amends the following policies to change employee titles only on one reading:

1. 2410 Policy Development, adoption & Implementation – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
2. 4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption – Asst. Supt. for Instruction = Director of Curriculum + Instruction
3. 6110 Budget Planning and Development (policy & reg.) – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
4. 6240 Investments (policy & reg.) – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
5. 6245 Reserve Funds – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
6. 6415 Electronic Transactions or Wire Transfers – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
7. 6600 Fiscal Accounting and Reporting – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
8. 6645 Fixed Assets Capitalization and Inventories – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
9. 6741 Contracting for Professional Services – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official
10. 6800 Payroll Procedures – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official, Personnel Asst. = Personnel Admin.
11. 6900 Disposal of District Property – Asst. Supt. for Business + Finance = Business Official

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12. 9350 Staff Requests for Accommodations Under Americans with Disabilities Act As Amended (ADAAA) – Personnel Asst. = Personnel Admin.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-285)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a first reading, 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 #2025/26-286)

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-287)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

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 Kyle Ludwig, who possesses Students With Disabilities - Grades 7-12 - Generalist certification, to a four year probationary term as a Special Education Teacher in the Special Education Tenure area, effective September 3, 2026 and terminating on September 2, 2030 at a salary of \$76,210 (Step 5, Masters).

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-288)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from employee #2026-1 for a FMLA leave to be effective on or about October 16, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-289)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Erin Burruano from the position of Health / Physical Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-290)

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Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Oliver Goland from the position of Elementary Teacher, effective August 31, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-291)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Gerard Lisella from the position of Mathematics Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-292)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Bethany Vita from the position of Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-293)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Margaret Bonneville from the position of Typist, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-294)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Gary Higgins from the position of School Monitor, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-295)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve a request from Maryann Gunther for an unpaid leave of absence from May 13, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-296)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve EE#2025-26-15 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 May 27, 2026 per the documentation from the employee's physician.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-297)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve EE#2025-26-16 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 June 5, 2026 per the documentation from the employee's physician.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-298)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following workers for the June 16, 2026 Annual Meeting Revote and authorize the District Clerk to make any substitutes:

Justine Tompkins, Chairperson, Election Inspector

Mary Jenkins, Election Inspector

Steve Zacharchuk, Vote Machine Technician

Debbie Demchuk, Vote Teller

Dorothy Hedges, Vote Teller

Helene Sellerberg, Vote Teller

Joan Taylor, Vote Teller

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-299)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Dr. Timm and Mrs. Rafferty discussed the proposed budget for the revote on June 16, 2026. If this budget is defeated the district will have to go into contingency. To make up for a shortfall the district would have to eliminate several programs and positions.

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2025/26-300)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk