

Pine Plains Central School District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

Budget Workshop

Mrs. Rafferty presented the revised 2026-27 budget for the revote being held on June 16, 2026. The budget was reduced by \$290,569 to bring the budget to the tax cap. The vote will need a majority of individuals voting in order for this budget to pass. The timeline for this shortened budget vote timetable is as follows:

- **May 26, 2026:** Budget adoption and approval
- **June 9, 2026:** Public budget hearing
- **June 16, 2026:** Budget re-vote (7 AM – 8 PM)

Dr. Timm shared if voters reject the budget twice, the district would move to a contingency budget. This would freeze the tax levy at the previous year's level but would require eliminating:

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- Pre-K Program
- Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities
- Multiple staff positions (teachers, counselors, librarians, and support staff)

Board questions and comments followed. A detailed list of athletics and extra-curricular positions were requested.

NEW BUSINESS- BUSINESS

Mr Griffin moved and Mr. Couse 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 June 16, 2026 Annual Meeting Revote:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$40,488,222 for school district purposes, an increase of \$1,775,886 or 4.59%, for the 2026-2027 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

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

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.

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	\$38,712,396	\$40,488,222	4.59%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$27,885,802	\$28,831,591	3.39%
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	\$28,831,591	
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, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) <u>Excluding</u> Levy to support Library Debt	\$27,885,802	\$28,831,591	
I. Difference (G-H); (Negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	\$70,214	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	783	791	1.02%
Consumer Price Index (CPI)			
	ACTUAL 2025-2026	ESTIMATED 2026-2027	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$17,324,683	\$8,324,683	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,548,495	\$1,619,329	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance, as a Percent of the Total Budget	-4.00%	4.00%	

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public commented on the potential cuts to staff and program.

BOARD COMMENT

Board Members commented on the Winners Circle program finale at Lime Rock.

ADJOURN

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk