

Pine Plains Central School District
Annual Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. Vice President
Amie Buehler
James Griffin
Joseph Kiernan
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Timm, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Rafferty, Business Manager
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk

OPEN MEETING

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Tomaine opened the public hearing on the 2026-27 District Safety Plan and the 2026-27 Code of Conduct at 6:31 pm. There were no changes to either of the plans. No one from the public commented. The public hearing was closed at 6:32 pm.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Julia W. Tomaine administered the Oath of Office to the following elected Trustees and officials:

- A. Mr. James Griffin, Board Member, for a three (3) year term, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.
- B. Mrs. Amie Buehler, Board Member, for a three (3) year term, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.
- C. Dr. Brian Timm, Superintendent, for the 2026-27 school year.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. Tomaine called for nominations for President of the 2026-2027 Board of Education.

Mr. Couse nominated Amie Fredericks and Mr. Kiernan seconded the nomination. Mrs. Tomaine called for any other nominations. No other nominations were made and she called for a vote:

Votes Cast for Amie Fredericks

Amie Buehler	-	Yes
Fred Couse	-	Yes
Amie Fredericks	-	Yes
James Griffin	-	Yes
Joseph Kiernan	-	Yes
Jean Stapf	-	Yes

Mrs. Tomaine administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Fredericks as President of the Board of Education.

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Mrs. Tomaine, District Clerk called for nominations for Vice-President of the 2026-2027 Board of Education. Mr. Griffin nominated Fred Couse as Vice President and Mrs. Fredericks seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Tomaine called for any other nominations. No other nominations were made and she called for a vote:

Votes Cast for Fred Couse.

Amie Buehler	-	Yes
Fred Couse	-	Yes
Amie Fredericks	-	Yes
James Griffin	-	Yes
Joseph Kiernan	-	Yes
Jean Stapf	-	Yes

Mrs. Tomaine administered the Oath of Office to Fred Couse as Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Fredericks administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Tomaine for the District Clerk position for the 2026-27 school year.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Annual Appointments for the 2026-27 school year:

1. To appoint District Officers, Stipends/Fees/Contracts, effective July 1, 2026 for the 2026-27 school year:

Position	Individual	Rate
District Clerk	Julia Watson Tomaine	\$18,006.00
District Treasurer	Maria Sonnenberg	\$68,802.00
Deputy Treasurer	Brian Timm	\$0.00
School Tax Collector	Joan Taylor	\$18,627.00
Claims Auditor	Joan Taylor	\$7,080.00
Deputy Claims Auditor	Marilyn Bialousz	\$137.00
School Attorney	Guercio & Guercio	\$52,500.00
School Architects	CS ARCH	Fee Per Project
Broker Dental Insurance, Student Accident Insurance	J.J. Stanis and Company, Inc.	\$0.00
School Physician	Optum Medical Care, PC - Dr. Jean Jaeger, MD	\$15,000
School Hearing Officer	Michael Tierney	\$400/incident

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Attendance Officers	Christopher Boyd, Julie Roberts, Kristen Fischetti	\$0.00
Records Access Officer (FOIL)	Laura Rafferty, Julia W. Tomaine	\$0.00
Records Access Appeal Officer	Brian Timm	\$0.00
Records Management Officer	Maria Sonnenberg	\$0.00
Purchasing Agent	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00
Webmaster (District Website)	Julia Watson Tomaine	\$2,485.00
Website Coordinator	Julia Watson Tomaine	\$0.00
District Auditor (External)	RBT CPAs, LLP	\$30,500.00
AHERA Asbestos Designee	Richard McKibben	\$2,165.00
Asbestos Designee	Michael McCarthy	\$1,545.00
Asbestos (Licensed)	Lewis Slater	\$1,200.00
Asbestos (Licensed)	Scott Fitzpatrick	\$1,200.00
Position	Individual	Rate
Asbestos (Licensed)	Brian Walsh	\$1,200.00
Asbestos (Licensed)	Christopher Wyant	\$1,200.00
Chemical Hygiene Officer	Richard McKibben	\$0.00
School Pesticide Representative	Richard McKibben	\$0.00
Privacy Officer (HIPAA)	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00
Conferences, Conventions and Workshop Attendance	Brian Timm	\$0.00
Application for grants in Aid (State and Federal)	Janine Babcock, Gian Starr	\$0.00
Central Treasurer for Extra Classroom Activity Funds	Jennifer Lydon	\$3,328.00
Title IX/VII Compliance Officers	Janine Babcock, Lindsey Lowry, Gian Starr, Julie Roberts, Kristen Fischetti, Christopher Boyd, Sara Von Burg	\$0.00
Section 504/Title II ADA Compliance Officer	Janine Babcock	\$0.00
Title VI Compliance Officer	Brian Timm	\$0.00
EEOC Compliance Officer	Julia Watson Tomaine	\$0.00
Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth	Janine Babcock	\$0.00
Designated Education Official - Court Liaison	Christopher Boyd	\$0.00
District Residency Designee	Gian Starr	\$0.00
Federal Child Nutrition Program Review Official	Michael Dandola	\$0.00
Federal Child Nutrition Program Verification Official	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00
Federal Child Nutrition Program Hearing Official	Brian Timm	\$0.00
District Trustee to Dutchess County Workers Compensation Cooperative	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00
Trustee to New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS)	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00
Receiver of Bids	Mary Fetzko	\$0.00

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Property Control Manager	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00
Title IX Coordinator	Gian Starr (District)	\$0.00
Dignity For All Student Act Coordinators	Kristen Fischetti, Christopher Boyd, Gian Starr, Julie Roberts, Sara Von Burg	\$0.00
District Data Administrator	Julia Watson Tomaine	\$0.00
Data Protection Officer - Cyber Security	Richard Harlin	\$8,240.00
District Data Supervisor	Gian Starr	\$0.00
District Trustee to the Dutchess County Workers' Compensation Cooperative (Alternative)	Maria Sonnenberg	\$0.00
District Chief School Safety Officer	Brian Timm	\$0.00
Dignity For All Student Act Coordinators	Kristen Fischetti, Gian Starr, Julie Roberts, Christopher Boyd	\$0.00
Director of Physical Education and Health	Jeremy Weber	\$10,156
DEHIC Trustee	Brian Timm	\$0.00
DEHIC Alternate Trustee	Laura Rafferty	\$0.00

2. To appoint the following individuals to the District-Wide Safety Team for the 2026-27 school year as required by the Commissioner's Regulation §155.17:
 - Brian Timm, District Chief School Safety Officer
 - Margaret Anderson
 - Patricia Audenino
 - Janine Babcock
 - Heather Berardo
 - Kristen Fischetti
 - Jennifer Funk, RN
 - James Griffin
 - Jennifer Heath, RN
 - Michael McCarthy
 - Jennifer McCord
 - Rich McKibben
 - Elizabeth Murray
 - Laura Rafferty
 - Julie Roberts
 - Kelly Roger
 - Gian Starr
 - Julia Tomaine
 - Sara Von Burg
 - Brian Walsh
 - Christopher Wyant
 - Juliana Zengen, RN
 - School Resource Officer – Deputy Sheriff

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3. To appoint Members to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) for the 2026-27 School Year:

Chairpersons:

- Janine Babcock – Chairperson
- Lindsey Lowry - Alternate Chairperson
- Elizabeth Murray - Alternate Chairperson
- Gian Starr – Alternate Chairperson
- Maria Lombardo - Alternate Chairperson

Psychologists:

- Elizabeth Murray
- Lindsey Lowry

Parent Members:

- Renee Dallmann
- Pam Tompkins
- James Jackson

Teaching Members (will alternate):

- Stephanie Brockway
- Jennifer Brocco
- Hailey Daubman
- Christina Ehret-Gaetje
- Danielle Granuzzo
- Alisa Hinsch
- Caryl Kottmann
- Maria Lombardo
- Kyle Ludwig
- Shawn Maher
- Catherine Sellick
- Samantha Simone
- Julie Wendover
- Regular Education Teacher(s)

New York State Education Department's approved list of Impartial Hearing Officers from the web-based Impartial Hearing Officer Reporting System

Surrogate Parent:

- Kathy Bartles

School Physician: Optum Medical Group, PC - Dr. Jean Jaeger, MD

4. To appoint the following members to the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for the 2026-27 school year:

Chairpersons:

- Elizabeth Murray - Chairperson
- Lindsey Lowry - Alternate Chairperson
- Janine Babcock - Alternate Chairperson

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Gian Starr - Alternate Chairperson

Maria Lombardo - Alternate Chairperson

Psychologists:

Elizabeth Murray

Lindsey Lowry

Parent Members:

Renee Dallmann

James Jackson

Pam Tompkins

Special Education Teachers: (will alternate)

Stephanie Brockway

Jennifer Brocco

Hailey Daubman

Alisa Hinsch

Caryl Kottmann

Maria Lombardo

Samantha Simone

Regular Education Teacher (will alternate)

Trudi Kubsch

Lisa Costa

Ariana Carley

Maureen Carney

Laura Rosato

Other Regular Education Teachers

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School Physician: Optum Medical, PC - Dr. Jean Jaeger, MD

County Representatives

Janine Fitzmaurice - Dutchess

Lauren Clark - Columbia

Agency Representatives (depends on parent choice of agency to perform evaluation)

5. To appoint the following Members to the Subcommittee on Special Education for the 2026-27 school year:

Chairpersons:

Janine Babcock – chairperson

Elizabeth Murray – alternate chairperson

Lindsey Lowry – alternate chairperson

Gian Starr – alternate chairperson

Maria Lombardo – alternate chairperson

Psychologists:

Elizabeth Murray

Lindsey Lowry

Parent Members:

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Renee Dallmann
James Jackson
Pamela Tompkins

Teaching Members (will alternate):

Stephanie Brockway
Jennifer Brocco
Hailey Daubman
Christina Ehret-Gaedje
Danielle Granuzzo
Alisa Hinsch
Caryl Kottmann
Maria Lombardo
Shawn Maher
Kyle Ludwig
Catherine Sellick
Samantha Simone
Julie Wendover
Regular Education Teacher(s)

6. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED in the event that Christopher Boyd, Principal of the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School (“High School”) is not physically present in the High School on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2026-27 school year, the Assistant Principal, Sara Von Burg, be appointed “Acting Principal” for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above-referenced persons.
7. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED in the event that Julie Roberts, Principal of the Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center (“Seymour Smith”) is not physically present in the school on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2026-27 school year, the Cold Spring Principal, Kristen Fischetti, be appointed “Acting Principal” for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above-referenced persons.
8. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED in the event that Kristen Fischetti, Principal of the Cold Spring Early Learning Center (“Cold Spring”) is not physically present in the school on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2026-27 school year, the Seymour Smith Principal, Julie Roberts, be appointed “Acting Principal” for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above-referenced persons.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-1)

AUTHORIZATIONS

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following Authorizations for the 2026-27 school year:

1. To approve the following Check Signatures for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Maria Sonnenberg
 - b. Brian Timm
 - c. Christopher Boyd (Extra Classroom Activity Account)
 - d. Jennifer Lydon (Extra Classroom Activity Account)
2. To approve the following Petty Cash Funds for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. District Office – Julia Watson Tomaine, District Clerk: \$100.00
 - b. District Office – Patricia Audenino, Secretary to the Superintendent: \$100.00
 - c. District Office – Mary Fetzko, Account Clerk: \$100.00
 - d. District Office – Joan Taylor, Tax Collector: \$350.00
 - e. Stissing Mountain Jr. / Sr. High School – Christopher Boyd, Principal: \$100.00
 - f. Cold Spring Early Learning Center – Kristen Fischetti, Principal: \$100.00
 - g. Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center – Julie Roberts, Principal: \$100.00
 - h. Transportation Department – Kelly Roger, Transportation: \$100.00
3. To approve Commercial Crime Insurance Coverage with a \$2,000,000 per loss limit (covers all district employees.) Coverage provided by Travelers Casualty/Northern Insuring Agency (NYSIR Affiliate). Coverage letter attached.
4. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to engage the services of temporary personnel if the Board is unable to take prompt action to hire these individuals. The Superintendent of Schools shall submit a list of such persons to the Board for its approval at the next meeting.
5. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to incur reasonable expenses, payable by the Pine Plains Central School District within budgetary limitations, for consultants, curriculum advisors, in-service workshop personnel and materials.

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6. To approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the District Clerk to accept service of official documents on behalf of the District for the 2026-27 school year.
7. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make budgetary transfers in amounts no higher than \$50,000 per transfer.
8. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to certify all payrolls, and that in the absence of the Superintendent, the Business Official or District Clerk is authorized to certify all payrolls.
9. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to approve meeting, conference, and convention attendance for the District Treasurer, District Clerk, administrators, and all other employees within budget limitations.
10. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to employ personnel on a part-time, per diem, or substitute basis, at the approved rates for such personnel.
11. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to consult with professionals and purchase professional services as necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Board and Superintendent, and mission of the school district.
12. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools (or designee) is authorized as the Official Contact to communicate with the Media.
13. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Official or the District Clerk is authorized to sign on all official documents in the Superintendent's absence.
14. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Treasurer is authorized to accept all drafts, checks, and other dealings with District Funds which bear the signature or official facsimile of the District Treasurer or Superintendent of Schools.
15. To approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Treasurer is authorized to continually invest idle funds in certificates of deposit or interest accounts that offer the most favorable rates.

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16. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to request renewals of Federal, State and other grants, and is further authorized to request new Federal, State and other grants with Board notification, or to otherwise execute certifications for such grants, with Board notification, as may be necessary to secure said funding.

17. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pine Plains Central School District participates in the cooperative bidding efforts coordinated by Dutchess County BOCES, State of New York, or other entities for the 2026-27 school year.

18. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District re-adopt the Code of Conduct (including Code of Ethics) and District-Wide Safety Plan.

19. To approve the following resolution:

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent and District Clerk to make editorial and reference changes (e.g., spelling errors, grammatical errors, employee title changes and resulting contact information changes, references/links, formatting) to policies that do not affect the substance of the policy without action by the Board. Any such policy will be presented to the Board for its review.

20. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District re-adopt all Board of Education policies.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-2)

DESIGNATIONS

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to designate the following as Official Bank Depositories (Maximum of \$20,000,000) for the 2026-27 School Year:

1. Bank of Millbrook, Millbrook, NY
2. New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS)
3. Metropolitan Commercial Bank

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-3)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to designate the following as Official Newspapers for the 2026-27 School Year:

1. Poughkeepsie Journal : (Mr. Griffin noted that he was an employee of a subsidiary of the Poughkeepsie Journal)
2. Kingston Daily Freeman

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-4)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establish the following Standard Work Day for Pine Plains Central School District employees whose titles are reported to Employees' Retirement System (ERS), as required by the NYS and Local Retirement System, effective July 1, 2026:

8.0 Hr/Day Positions

Account Clerk
Head Automotive Mechanic
Automotive Mechanic
Bus Driver - Auto Mechanic Helper
Business Official (Manager I)
Clerk 12 Month
Custodial Worker
Custodial Worker - Summer
Custodian
Director of Facilities II
Dispatcher - Office Assistant
Head Bus Driver
Head Custodian
Maintenance Worker
Head Maintenance Mechanic
Microcomputer Network Specialist
Microcomputer System Director
Payroll Clerk
Personnel Administrator
School Courier/Custodial Worker
School Food Service Director I
Secretary to the Superintendent
Assistant Supervisor of Transportation
Typist 10 Month
Typist 12 Month
Subs

7.0 Hr/Day Positions

Assistant Cook
Athletic Trainer
Cook
RN
Subs
6.5 Hr/Day Position
School Monitor (Cold Spring)

6.0 Hr/Day Positions

Bus Driver

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Bus Driver/Custodial Worker
Bus Driver Summer
Food Service Helper
Health Aide
LPN
School Monitor
School Monitor Summer
Senior Food Service Helper
Teacher Aide
Teacher Aide - Summer
Subs

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-5)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the Board of Education Meeting Calendar for the 2026-27 school year:

2026 – 2027 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

The Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District holds regular meetings on the **first and third Tuesday** of every month at **6:00 p.m.** in the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School Library **unless otherwise noted**. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Education except when the Board meets in executive session. Advance notification will be given of any change to this calendar.

2026

July 8, 2026 (Wednesday)	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library - <i>Annual Organizational Meeting.</i>
July 21, 2026 (Retreat)	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School – Library 5:30 pm
August 4, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
August 18, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
September 2, 2026 (Wednesday)	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
September 15, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
October 6, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School – Library
October 20, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School – Library Annual Tour (5:30 pm)
November 3, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School – Library
November 17, 2026	Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center – Library Annual Tour (5:30 pm)
December 1, 2026	Cold Spring Early Learning Center – Gymnasium Annual Tour (5:30 pm)

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December 15, 2026	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School – Library
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2027

January 5, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
January 19, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
February 2, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
February 16, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
March 2, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
March 16, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
April 6, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
April 20, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
April 27, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library (BOCES Budget Vote) (7:30 am)
May 4, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
May 18, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School – Library (8:30 pm)
June 1, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
June 15, 2027	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School - Library
July 6, 2027 (tentative)	Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School Library: - Annual Organizational Meeting

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-6)

OTHER APPROVALS

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the rates of pay for substitutes and other miscellaneous positions for the 2026-27 school year:

A.	Mileage Reimbursement Rate:	IRS Rate
B.	Substitute Teacher Rate:	\$220 per day – Retired PPCSD Teacher \$130 per day – Certified (1-45 days worked) \$180 per day - Certified (46-90 days worked) \$220 per day – Certified (91+ days) \$120 per day - Teaching Assistant, Uncertified Teacher
C.	Substitute School Nurse:	\$160 per day - RN \$140 per day - LPN \$120 per day - Non-licensed EMT, etc.
D.	Other Substitute Rates:	Minimum Wage - Teacher Aide, School Monitor, Clerical, Food Service Helper \$18.50 per hour - Custodial / Maintenance

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		\$18.50 per hour – Summer Custodial (current staff) Minimum Wage - Summer Custodial (student / new staff) \$30.00 per hour – Auto Mechanic Step 11 – Bus Driver, PPCSD Retiree Step 1 - Bus Driver Step 1 - Bus Driver Trainee (<i>Bus Driver schedule</i>) \$320.00 per day - Vote Teller \$320.00 per day - Machine Technician \$320.00 per day – Election Inspector
E.	Custodial / Maintenance Rate:	\$35.00 per hour (after hours use of facilities by outside groups)
F.	Bus Driver Rate:	\$35.00 per hour (use by outside groups) \$1.00 additional per hour – Driver Trainer* \$2.00 additional per hour – 19A* *Additional rate only when performing this service.
G.	Bus Mileage Rate	\$5.00 per mile (use by community groups) \$8.00 per mile (use by outside groups)
H.	Copy Rate:	.25 cents per page
I.	Personal Phone Use -Long Distance	.25 cents per call Actual charge
J.	After School Study Hall / Detention Rates	\$43.94 per hour - Certified Minimum Wage Hourly Rate - Non-Certified
K.	Workers at Football, Basketball and Volleyball Games	\$125 per game – Athletic Site Supervisor \$80 per game – Chaperones (Football) \$50 per game – Chaperones (All others) \$100 per game, plus mileage (Regional / Sectional Chaperone) \$50 per game - Announcer \$32 per game - Announcer (student) \$50 per game - Time Clock Monitor \$32 per game - Time Clock Monitor (student) \$50 per game - Scorekeeper \$32 per game - Scorekeeper (student) \$50 per game – Football Chain Gang (Football Aide)
L.	Translator / Interpreter	\$22 per hour / \$60 per document
M.	2026-27 Substitute List	*Reappoint all 2025-26 substitutes

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-7)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the attached schedule of Facility Usage Fees.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-8)

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following representatives to the Audit – Financial Planning Committee for the 2026-27 school year:

- Fred Couse, Jr.
- Amie Fredericks
- Jean Stapf

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-9)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Amie Fredericks to the Executive Committee of the Dutchess County School Board Association for the 2026-27 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-10)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Fred Couse, Jr. as a representative to the Jean Hart Memorial Fund.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-11)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint James Griffin as NYSSBA Legislative (Advocate) Liaison and Joseph Kiernan as the alternate for the 2026-27 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-12)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following representatives to the Policy Committee for the 2026-27 school year:

- Amie Buehler
- Joseph Kiernan
- James Griffin

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-13)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint the following representatives to the PPCSD School Artifact Committee for the 2026-27 school year:

- Joseph Kiernan
- Fred Couse, Jr.
- James Griffin

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-14)

ADJOURN

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to adjourn from the 2026-27 Annual Organizational Meeting at 6:47 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-15)

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OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:48pm by Mrs. Fredericks, Board President. 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 Claire Copley-Eisenberg's resignation from her three-year term as a Board of Education member (7/1/24 – 6/30/27). She reviewed the three choices the Board of Education could decide with the open seat:

1. The Board of Education can fill it with a willing applicant;
2. Leave the seat vacant
3. Hold a Special Election

It was the consensus of the Board to fill the position, the Board wished Claire well.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

A community member questioned the Board of Education Calendars availability,

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Dr. Timm polled the Audit – Financial Planning Committee on their availability to meet over the summer.

Dr. Timm shared the minutes from the Building Utilization Advisory Committee. Dr. Timm discussed the timeline of the committee. Currently the members are working on the Educational Impact Statement. It should be finalized by the next Board of Education meeting. There will be a public hearing on the document and a vote in the fall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Timm discussed the following topics:
 - a. RFP Legal Services
 - b. Capital Project Update
 - c. Potential PILOT

There was a lengthy conversation on the capital project progress and the impact of a PILOT.

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to walk on an agreement for special legal services.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-16)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to walk on a proposal with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for the current Capital Project.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-17)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 1-3:

1. To approve the regular meeting minutes from the May 26, 2026, June 2, 2026 and June 16, 2026 Board of Education meetings and the public hearing minutes from June 9, 2026.
2. To approve the following financial documents:
 - a. Treasurer's Report (May 2026)
 - b. Cafeteria Report (April and May 2026)
 - c. Appropriations and Revenue Status Report (May 2026)
 - d. Extra-Classroom Report (May 2026)
 - e. Claims Auditor's Reports and Cash Disbursements
 - f. Acknowledge Budget Transfer in the amount of 238,502.61
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 #2026/27-18)

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve and ratify election results of the Annual Meeting Re-Vote tallied on June 16, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-19)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the district and Cardinal Hayes School for Special Children for the purpose of providing educational service to one student for the 2026-27 school year and ESY at an estimated cost of \$86,361.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-20)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and LearnWell for the purpose of providing homebound instruction at an estimated cost of \$76.00/hour for virtual teaching services for the 2026-27 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-21)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the district and R. G. Timbs, Inc. for the purpose of providing general financial services per the attached services schedule for the 2026-27 school year.

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-22)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
Whereas, the Board of Education approved a Corrective Action Plan (“CAP”) in response to the Single Audit at the Board Meeting on January 20, 2026, and the CAP has subsequently been amended;

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approved the amended CAP, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-23)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following conference requests:

1. Brian Timm and Amie Fredericks to attend the MHSSC School Law Conference - Newburgh, 8/7/26
2. Brian Timm to attend the Fall Leadership Summit, 9/27- 9/28/26
3. Brian Timm to attend 2027 Winter Institute and Lobby Day, 3/5 -3/7/27
4. Amie Buehler to attend NYSSBA's State-Mandated Training (on-line)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-24)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement dated May 29, 2026, between the District and the Pine Plains Federation of Education, for a one-year successor agreement to the parties’ 2023-26 Collective Bargaining Agreement; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the expenditure of money necessary to implement the economic provisions of the parties’ 2026-27 Memorandum of Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, which extends the terms of the parties’ 2023-26 Collective Bargaining Agreement by one year, through June 30, 2027. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-25)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement dated March 20, 2026, between the District and the Pine Plains School Related Professionals’ Association, for a one-year successor agreement to the parties’ 2023-26 Collective Bargaining Agreement; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the expenditure of money necessary to implement the economic provisions of the parties’ 2026-27 Memorandum of Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, which extends the terms of the parties’ 2023-26 Collective Bargaining Agreement by one year, through June 30, 2027. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-26)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the terms of and ratifies the Superintendent

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of Schools' execution of an employment related agreement dated June 16, 2026 between the District and Employee No. 61626, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-27)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. griffin seconded a motion to approve the non-represented employees' salary schedule and agreement for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Compensation Committee per the attached Memorandum from Julia Watson Tomaine, Personnel Administrator.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-28)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District (the "Board of Education") included in its 2026-2027 budget that was approved by the District's voters on June 16, 2026, a \$100,000 inter-fund transfer to the capital fund for a project to install the initial infrastructure for the Schneider Electric EcoStruxure BMS system, along with the removal of Automatrix controls to simplify energy systems and boost operational efficiency at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, including, associated work related thereto (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, together known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only lead agency for the Proposed Action, is responsible for assessing whether the Project would have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) [maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in the structure or facility] and/or (10) [routine activities of educational institutions] of the SEQRA Regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, as the only lead agency, hereby designates itself as the lead agency under SEQRA for the Proposed Action, determines that installation of the initial infrastructure for the Schneider Electric EcoStruxure BMS system, along with the removal of Automatrix controls to improve functionality at the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, including associated work required in connection therewith, is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) and/or (10) of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have any significant environmental impacts, and that no further review of the Proposed Action is required.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-29)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached proposal between the District and Day Automation for the purpose of providing the following for the 100K Capital Outlay: materials, labor, installation, project management, software, engineering, check-out, training, close out documentation, and warranty.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-30)

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Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept a donation from NYSIR in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for the purposes of staff appreciation.

Revenue code A2705 and Expense Code A1240.450

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-31)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Guercio & Guercio, LLP setting forth the terms and conditions for attorney services, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-32)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firm of Shaw Perelson, LLP to serve as special counsel for the District for the 2026-2027 school year to perform representation regarding tax certiorari matters. Such services will be performed at the hourly rate of \$230, pursuant to the provisions of an engagement letter dated July 8, 2026, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-33)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the attached agreement between the District and Atlantic Testing Laboratories for the purpose of special inspection and construction materials engineering and testing services not to exceed approximately \$5,000.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-34)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the request from Emily Elsasser 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 #2026/27-35)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Michael McCarthy as the Clerk of the Works for the District's 2025 Capital Project per the memorandum from Laura Rafferty, Business Official.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-36)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the Transportation Administration Oversight stipend for Richard McKibben in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2026-27 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-37)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Kenneth Meccariello, School Monitor, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2026.

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-38)

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Joseph Cotton, Bus Driver, effective June 26, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-39)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint James McCaughey to the position of Bus Driver, a non-competitive class civil service position for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective July 1, 2026 at Step 1 of the 2026-27 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-40)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals for 2026 Summer Transportation:

Tami Austin, Monitor
Rita Boyles, Driver
Rose Burns, Driver
Aislynn Demchuk, Monitor
Samantha Harrison, Driver
Vincent Marks, Driver
Autumn Matthews, Monitor
Kelly Matthews, Monitor
Tanya Mayhew, Driver
Nancy Merriam, Driver
Sara Nannetti, Driver
Jacqueline Sprauer, Monitor

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-41)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals as substitutes for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school year:

-Kristina Comesanas, Food Service Helper

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-42)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board commented on the following items:

1. Coach Funk receiving the Coach of the Year for Class C Softball;
2. Developing Board Goals;
3. Discussion of presentations the Board would like to see in the upcoming school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters made exempt under State Law at 7:41 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-43)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:15 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-44)

ADJOURN

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-45)

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Fredericks, Clerk Pro Tem