

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President
Amie Buehler
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan, arrived 6:05 pm
Jean Stapf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 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.

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Heidi Johnson for the unexpired term commencing August 4, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Replacing Claire Copley-Eisenberg)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF SECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Audit – Financial Planning Committee met on August 4, 2026; minutes were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Kiernan arrived at 6:05 pm.

Mrs. Janine Babcock, gave a presentation on the goals, challenges and regulations of the Special Education Department.

Dr. Timm discussed the following topics:

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1. Update on the Capital Project
2. Pilot Discussion

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to modify the agenda to include a resolution on the Hudson Project.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-63)

OLD BUSINESS

none

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve consent items 1-5:

1. To accept minutes from the August 4, 2026 regular meeting;
2. To approve financial Reports - Claim 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 that pertains to the 2025-26 APPR Implementation:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the 2025-26 APPR Implementation Certification Form for its Annual Professional Performance Review for classroom teachers and building principals covered pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
5. To approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC and its attorneys to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"
WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;
WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution

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and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education authorizes the use of DPAs negotiated by the RIC ROC and its attorneys, consistent with its needs and the needs of its students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education reserves to itself the right to make determinations regarding the use of such DPAs and the software and/or technology resources to which they relate and to consult with its own legal counsel to review any specific issues or concerns before executing any DPA.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-64)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pine Plains Central School District has been informed of a project of Fifth Generation Partners LLC and Hudson Co, LLC a/k/a Hudson Co of DE, LLC d/b/a The Hudson Company (hereinafter referred to as “The Hudson Company”) with the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), known as The Hudson Company 2025 Project (the “Project”), in connection with The Hudson Company’s construction of a mill, manufacturing and showroom facility for the production of reclaimed and recycled wood products on approximately 10.84 acres of land located at 2436 Route 83 in the Town of Pine Plains (Tax Map Grid No. 134200-6871-00-455865-0000); and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance the Agency contemplates providing includes an abatement of real property taxes for a term of fifteen (15) years, as set forth in the PILOT Schedule annexed hereto as Exhibit A (the “PILOT Schedule”), which deviates from the standard PILOT schedule in the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption and Criteria Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Plains Central School District is an affected tax jurisdiction with respect to the Project, and the Agency’s Final Authorizing Resolution conditions the execution and delivery of the Agency’s transaction documents upon the Agency’s Executive Director first receiving the formal board approval of the Pine Plains Central School District and the Town of Pine Plains of the Project and the proposed PILOT Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District has received and reviewed information describing the Project and the proposed PILOT Schedule, as presented to the Board at this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District hereby supports the Project and approves and consents to the proposed PILOT Schedule, annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter in support of the Project to the Agency.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-65)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the

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position of 504 Coordinator for the 2026-27 school year:

Elizabeth Murray - Elementary 504 Coordinator, \$1,000 Stipend

Lindsey Lowry - Secondary 504 Co-Coordinator, \$1,750 Stipend

Sara Von Burg - Secondary 504 Co-Coordinator, \$1,750 Stipend

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-66)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint Austin Leonardi to the position of Long-Term Leave for the position of Elementary Education Teacher effective September 3, 2026 through February 3, 2026 at Step A1 of the PPFE 2026-27 Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-67)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Joann Fennelly from the position of Cook, effective June 30, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-68)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to change the employment status of Megan Tierney from part-time to full-time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2026.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-69)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Vincent Leggiere to the position of Food Service Helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 3, 2026 at a rate of Step 2 of the 2026-17 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-70)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Madison Lyon to the position of Food Service Helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 3, 2026 at a rate of Step 2 of the 2026-17 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-71)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to appoint Mikaela Ware to the position of Food Service Helper, a labor class civil service position, for a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 3, 2026 at a rate of Step 5 of the 2026-17 SRP Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-72)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to accept the resignation of James Jackson from the position of Assistant Football Coach for the 2026-27 school year.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-73)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to appoint Kyle Stracher to the position of Assistant Football Coach for the 2026-27 school year, pending completion of all requirements.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-74)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to appoint the following coaching volunteers, pending completion of all requirements:

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Jennifer Lydon, Golf Coach
John Curtis, Football Coach

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-75)

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the community raised a concern regarding vehicles passing stopped school buses in Columbia County.

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Fredericks tasked the Board to think about the Superintendent goals for the 2026-27 school year.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-76)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk