

Pine Plains Central School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amie Fredericks, President
Fred Couse, Jr. , Vice President, arrived at 6:05 pm
Amie Buehler
James Griffin
Heidi Johnson
Joseph Kiernan
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 6:04 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.

Mr. Couse arrived at 6:05 pm.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

REPORT OF SECIAL COMMITTEES

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Policy Committee met on September 2, 2026; minutes were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Ms. Wendy Burton, former Supervisor Wendy Burton, and current member of the Board of Directors for the New York Association of Towns, discussed having a local high school student participate on the Town of Stanford Board as a non-voting member. Dr. Timm noted that he would have Mr. Boyd be the liaison and ask him to poll the student body if there was any interest in serving on the Town of Stanford Board.
2. Mr. Lester Funk, Athletic Director, updated the Board on the following items:
 - a. Athletics Department Priorities for 2026-27

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- b. Upcoming Dedication and Induction Events
 - c. Football Merger and Team Stats
 - d. Facility Improvements and Upgrades
 - e. Fencing and Branding Opportunities
3. Dr. Timm discussed the status of the Capital Project.

OLD BUSINESS

none

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Griffin moved and Mr. Kiernan seconded a motion to approve consent items 2-6:

- 2. To accept minutes from the September 2, 2026 regular meeting;
- 3. To accept financial documents - Warrants
- 4. 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.
- 5. To approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that the following individuals have completed training which meets the requirements of § NYCRR 30-3.10 and the Pine Plains Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan, for certification as a Lead Evaluator of Teachers:
 - Julie Roberts
 - Kristen Fischetti
 - Christopher Boyd
 - Gian Starr
 - Janine Babcock
 - Sara Von Burg
- 6. To approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Brian Timm has completed training which meets the requirements of § NYCRR 30-3.10 and the Pine Plains Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan, for certification as a Lead Evaluator of Administrator.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-92)

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to accept the following policies as a first reading, as recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 2120.2 – Voting Procedures
- 5280 – Interscholastic Athletics
- 8113 – Extreme Heat Conditions

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8635 – Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification
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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-93)

Mr. Couse moved and Mr. Griffin seconded a motion to approve the following agreements for non-resident students attending PPCSD for the 2026-27 school year:

- a. Webutuck CSD agreement
- b. Spackenkill CSD agreement

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-94)

Mr. Couse moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:
Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw Perelson, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Guillaume Cuvelier et al v. Town of Stanford & Pine Plains Central School District;
AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-95)

NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

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

- a. Jean Donnelly (1/2 year)
- b. Courtney Reichelt

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-96)

Mr. Griffin moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion the following individuals as extra-curricular advisors for the 2026-27 school year:

<i>Tier</i>	<i>Extra-Curricular</i>	<i>Stipend</i>	<i>Advisor</i>
Class			
Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 10	\$650	Megan Staats
Class			
Advisors	Class Co-Advisor - Grade 10	\$650	Peter O'Connor
Tier 1	Stissing Mtn Racers/Pine Plains Racing Co-Advisor	\$500	James Benincasa
Tier 1	Stissing Mtn Racers/Pine Plains Racing Co-Advisor	\$500	Jennifer Blackburn
	Stissing Performing Arts Club for Students (SPACS)		
Tier 2	Co-Advisor	\$1,000	Elle Renaldo
	Stissing Performing Arts Club for Students (SPACS)		
Tier 2	Co-Advisor	\$1,000	Gabby Baker
Tier 2	Varsity Club Advisor	\$2,000	Jennifer Lydon

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-97)

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

September 17, 2026: SM Jr./Sr. HS Open House

September 21, 2026: Recess Day

September 24, 2026: SSILC Open House

October 6, 2026: Board of Education Meeting

October 9-10, 2026: Ag Day

Mr. Kiernan commented that he attended the Cold Spring open house. He said Mrs. Fischetti put on a great open house.

Mrs. Fredericks shared with the Board that two retirees passed away:

- Sue Near, retired Bus Driver, passed away on August 26, 2026.
- Margaret Gillis, retired Audio / Visual Aide, passed away on August 2, 2026.

WORKSHOP

Dr. Timm opened up the workshop on the Educational Impact Statement. He shared with the Board that the Public Hearing minutes from September 2nd were still being finalized. He said it's important for the District to start having preliminary conversations regarding the educational impact statement and to take into account some of the public concern and feedback that was received from the public hearing.

He opened the floor for dialog from the Board if the District moved in the direction of transferring students and staff from Cold Spring to Seymour, and what the District would want in regards for the repurposing of Cold Spring; renting or selling.

The other point that was brought up in the public hearing, was an indication that there still needs some work to be done to understand the financial implications of consolidating. With that comment Dr. Timm suggested that this topic would be an executive session conversation as it is related to both the employment history of certain individuals as well as the interplay with collective bargaining agreements.

The workshop ended with the Board entering into executive session. Mrs. Fredericks informed the audience that the Board would not be conducting any business when they returned to public session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Kiernan moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:18 pm to discuss the employment history of particular individuals, collective bargaining under the Taylor Law for PPFE, SRP and PPAA, and to obtain advise from legal counsel.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-98)

Mrs. Stapf moved and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to return to public session at 8:25 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-99)

ADJOURN

Mr. Kiernan moved and Mrs. Stapf seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (Motion #2026/27-100)

Respectfully submitted,

Julia W. Tomaine,
District Clerk