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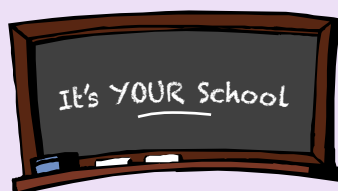
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

This year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, all qualified voters shall vote only by absentee ballot. The District will make a good faith effort to distribute absentee ballots to all qualified voters as required by Executive Order 202.26.

Voters who do not receive absentee ballots should contact Debbie Hooker, District Clerk via email at dhooker@pval.org or telephone at 716-988-3655.

Absentee ballots must be mailed and received at the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020.

School Board Election



WHO CAN VOTE?

You are entitled to vote if:

- you are a U.S. citizen
- 18 years or older
- have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- no pre-registration is required

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Dear Pine Valley Panthers and Community Members,

In preparation for the district-wide Budget Vote and Board of Education election on June 9, 2020, we present this year's District Budget Newsletter. In addition to these pages, the full detail of this year's budget as presented on May 28, 2020 at the Budget Hearing is available on our website at www.pval.org.

This year's budget has evolved since January due to exhaustive analysis by the administrative team and Board of Education, and the ever-changing situation with COVID 19. Every line item has been analyzed to ensure fiscal responsibility to you, our taxpayers, long-term sustainability for the district, and student-focused programming. This year we are proposing a tax increase of 1%. This modest increase would have a \$7.02 annual impact on those with a \$100,000 house. Due to future uncertainty in revenue from the state, it is necessary to secure as much stable funding as possible and to be fiscally conservative.

The proposed 2020-2021 budget is \$1.3 million less than this year's budget. It includes more programming in house for students, a new English Language Arts program in K-6, and a school-wide writing program to improve student achievement. We ask that you please vote via your absentee ballot.

We understand that this is a difficult time for all of our families and taxpayers. Please know that we take our responsibility to the taxpayers seriously. In every decision, we work hard to balance our responsibility to our taxpayers with our responsibility to provide an excellent education to the children of this community. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very Truly Yours,

Bryna Moritz Booth, Superintendent and
The Pine Valley Board of Education

Proposition #1 – Basic Budget \$15,763,272

Shall the budget for the year 2020-2021 as approved by the Board of Education be adopted and the required funds therefore be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the school district?

Proposition #2 – Purchase of Buses/Van Using the District's Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase two school buses and one van for use in the transportation program of the District at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$280,000 and to transfer or apply (during the current fiscal year of the District) up to \$280,000 from the District's Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund (established in May of 2015) to the District's general fund to pay for such purchases.

Which of three (3) candidates should be elected to three seats on the Board of Education?

(names are listed in alphabetical order as they will appear on the ballot per Executive Order 202.26)

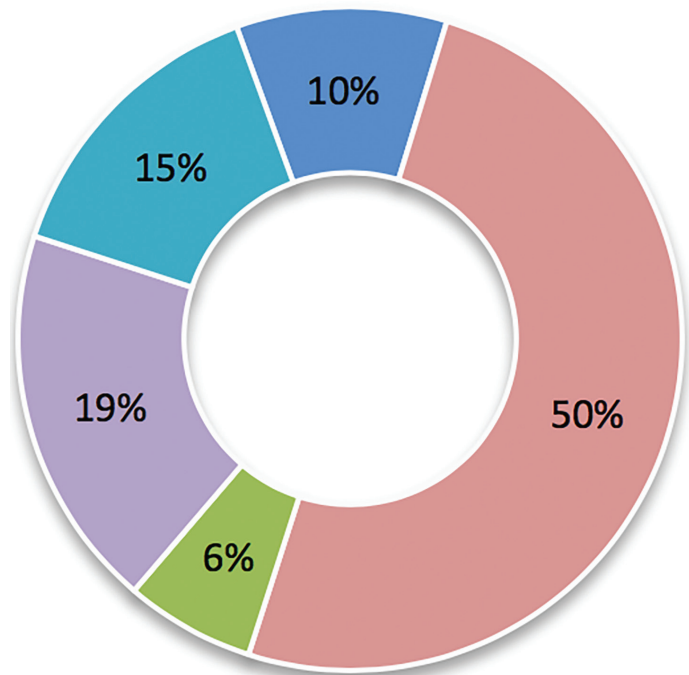
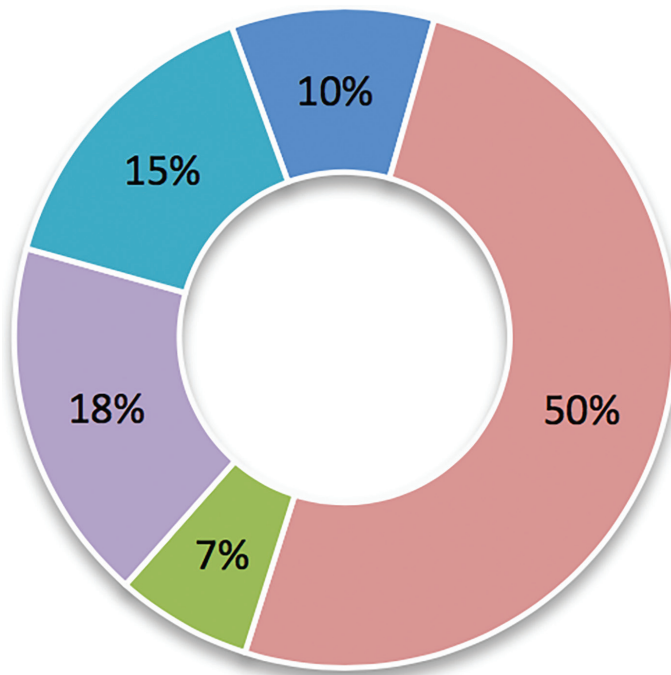
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2019-2020 Approved Budget

2020-2021 Proposed Budget



■ General Support ■ Instruction ■ Transportation ■ Employee Benefits ■ Debt Service

| | 2019-2020 Approved Budget | 2020-2021 Proposed Budget | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <u>General Support</u> | 1,704,634 | 1,619,271 | (85,363) | -5.01% |
| The General Support section of the budget covers managerial functions for the entire District including funding for the Board of Education, School Superintendent and financial operations of the district; operations and maintenance of school buildings and grounds, fire and liability insurance coverage, personnel management, legal expenses, public information expenses including related BOCES administrative charges. | | | | |
| <u>Instruction</u> | 8,653,370 | 7,918,047 | (735,323) | -8.50% |
| Instruction is the core area of the school budget generally covering salaries for administrators, teachers, aides, clerical staff, school nurses, psychologists, guidance counselors, library media specialist and other essential staff members. This section also covers all materials, supplies and equipment necessary to support the educational needs of our students. Co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities are also included in the Instruction section of the budget. | | | | |
| <u>Transportation</u> | 1,141,786 | 997,064 | (144,722) | -12.68% |
| The district utilizes its own employees to provide transportation services to students for regular transportation within and outside of District boundaries for instructional purposes, co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities. | | | | |
| <u>Employee Benefits</u> | 3,051,022 | 2,951,976 | (99,046) | -3.25% |
| This category consists of a variety of employee benefits including required contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and Employee Retirement System, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Insurance and Health Insurance benefits. | | | | |
| <u>Debt Service</u> | 2,589,844 | 2,276,913 | (312,931) | -12.08% |
| This category contains District-wide costs associated with serial bonds for school construction including costs related to the current water project and debt for school bus purchases. | | | | |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 17,140,656 | 15,763,271 | (1,377,385) | -8.04% |

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

(Pursuant to Executive Order, names are in the order they will appear on the ballot)

Electing THREE at-large positions on the Board of Education:

✓ Three (3) candidates will be elected to three-year terms (2020-2023) commencing on July 1, 2020



Jeffrey Chase

A life-long resident, Jeff lives in Conewango Valley with his wife Stacy and three sons, Dylan, Dawson and Garrett. A graduate of Pine Valley and JCC, he is the Director of Nursing at Heritage Park Rehab and Skilled Nursing. Jeff takes pride in his community and has previously served as a councilman in the Town of Ellington. In his spare time, he enjoys being outdoors, helping on his family's farm in South Dayton, and spending time with family. He enjoys watching Pine Valley sporting events and has always been a proud Pine Valley Panther. Jeff has been a board member for 18 years serving as vice president for five years and most recently as president.



Kara Frontuto

Kara and her husband Michael reside in Conewango Valley with their children Tyler, Evan and Noah and have been district residents for nine years. She graduated from Forestville Central School and received her Bachelors in Social Work from SUNY Fredonia. Kara is employed by the NYS Department of Labor as a Labor Service Representative. She is a summer soccer coach and enjoys spending time with family, camping, hiking and watching her sons play soccer.



Christie Lokietek

Christie has been a district resident for eight years and resides with her husband of 25 years and their two children, Caleb and Lydia, on Aldrich Hill Road in Cherry Creek. She is a graduate of Binghamton City Schools, is employed as a teacher with Dunkirk City Schools, and has taught in school settings for over 20 years. Christie enjoys serving in her church, Victory Family Church in Ripley, spending time with her family, pets and gardening. She has been a board member since 2017 and appreciates the opportunity to serve on our Board as she strongly believes in being a good citizen in whatever community she lives in.

Did you know?

School Board Members receive NO compensation for their work. Their tireless efforts are noteworthy and appreciated!

**Pine Valley Central School District
South Dayton, NY 14138**

Board of Education Members

Mr. Jeffrey Chase, *President*
Mr. Joshua Howard, *Vice President*
Mr. Gerald Clapp
Mr. Terry Howe
Mrs. Rose Kruszka
Mrs. Christie Lokietek
Mrs. Darlene Silleman
Ms. Jacquelyn Smuda
Mr. Lawrence Zollinger

Administration

Mrs. Bryna Moritz Booth, *Superintendent*
Ms. Carrie Davenport, *Director of Curriculum & Instr. Technology
and Interim Director of Special Education*
Mrs. Jamie Rodgers, *Business Executive*
Mr. Joshua Tedone, Jr./Sr. *High School Principal*
Mr. David Davison, *Interim Elementary Principal*

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**RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON TWO PROPOSITIONS and
ELECT THREE (3) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

| OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL | Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year | Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year | Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year* |
|---|--|---|---|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | \$17,140,656 | \$15,763,271 | \$15,644,927 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2020-2021 School Year | | -\$1,377,385 | -\$1,495,729 |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | -8.04% | -8.73% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 1.81% | |
| | | | |
| A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$3,343,147 | \$3,376,578 | |
| B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable | 0 | 0 | |
| C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable** | 0 | 0 | |
| D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy | 0 | 0 | |
| E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D) | \$3,343,147 | \$3,376,578 | |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | 0 | \$195,697 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$3,343,147 | \$3,406,947 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) | \$3,343,147 | \$3,376,578 | |
| I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)** | 0 | \$30,369 | |
| | | | |
| Administrative Component | \$1,679,742 | \$1,623,244 | \$1,543,244 |
| Program Component | \$11,808,374 | \$10,859,762 | \$10,830,918 |
| Capital Component | \$3,652,540 | \$3,280,265 | \$3,270,765 |
| | | | |
| The contingent budget includes legal obligation expenditures specifically authorized by statute, and other items necessary to maintain educational programs, preserve property, and ensure the health and safety of the students and staff. The contingent budget does not include the purchase of new equipment, including the purchase of school buses, public use of school building and/or grounds, and nonessential maintenance. | | | |
| Description | | | Amount |
| Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase two school buses and one van for use in the transportation program of the District from the transportation reserve | | | 280,000 |

| | Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year |
|---|--|
| Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ | \$472.96 |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Pine Valley school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held by absentee ballot. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters and shall be returned to the district by June 9th by 5:00 pm.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.