



PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

District News

Budget 2022

Elementary - 988-3291/High School - 988-3276

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2022-2023 Budget Vote and Board Election

VOTE

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

This year the Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will be held in-person at the Pine Valley Jr./Sr. High School from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots must be hand delivered or mailed to the District Clerk, Lindsay Anderson no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

School Board Election



WHO CAN VOTE?

You are entitled to vote if you:

- > Are a U.S. citizen
- > Are 18 years or older
- > Have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote

No pre-registration is required!



Proposition #1

Basic Budget \$17,607,694

Shall the budget for the year 2022-2023 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

Capital Improvements Reserve, 2022

Shall the District be authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property; the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than

\$1,500,000 (plus interest earned thereon); the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years

The four following candidates are running for one of the three-at large positions available on the Board of Education. (Names are listed in alphabetical order as they will appear on the ballot per Executive Order 202.26)

Heather Gregory | Joshua Howard | William Pekrul | Larry Zollinger

Dear Pine Valley Families and Community,

In preparation for the district-wide Budget Vote and Board of Education Election on May 17, 2022, 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 5, 2022 at the Public Hearing is available on our website at www.pval.org.

This year's budget will allow us to be responsive to the needs of our students and staff post pandemic. We will be working to not only bring back supports that were changed during the pandemic but enhance our programming to push student achievement forward. 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 levy increase of 0%. We are bringing a 0% tax increase to you at this time to be responsive to the needs of our families and community after two very difficult years.

The proposed 2022-2023 budget is \$1,170,017 more than last year's budget. This budget is up 2.72% since the pre-pandemic budget. This increase includes the purchase of 2 new large buses, a 30-passenger bus and a van replacement all of which is aidable at 90%. Additionally, this increase will allow us to utilize the SMARTschools bond act for camera replacement, phone system replacement and a new in-school public announcement system. SMARTschools funding is reimbursed at 100%. This budget includes money to maintain our parking lots. Additionally, the district is working to secure and utilize grant funding to embark on a full playground renovation at the tail end of the 2022/2023 year.

Most importantly this budget prioritizes programming for students. Every detail of local, state and grant allowable expenditures has been scrutinized to maximize the use of these funds and to provide more for our kids. The proposed 2022/2023 budget and the systematic utilization of grant funds will allow the purchase and implementation of a new English Language Arts program for 7th and 8th grade, a new Math program for Kindergarten to eighth grade, Creative Curriculum for our earliest learners in PreKindergarten and a handwriting program for our elementary students. Additionally, three teacher's aide positions are included in this budget to support more in house programming for some of our students with higher needs and behaviors, ELA and Math Coaches.

We understand that the past two years of the pandemic have not been easy. We are excited to move forward and to primarily focus on the work of improving student achievement and learning opportunities for all students. 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,

Ms. Bryna Moritz, *Superintendent*, and

The Pine Valley Board of Education

Mr. Jeffrey Chase, *President*;

Ms. Darlene Silleman, *Vice President*;

Mr. Gerald Clapp; Mr. Josh Howard; Mr. Terry Howe;

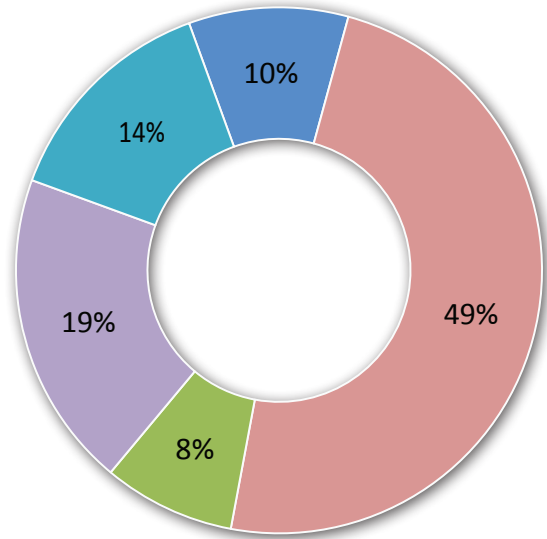
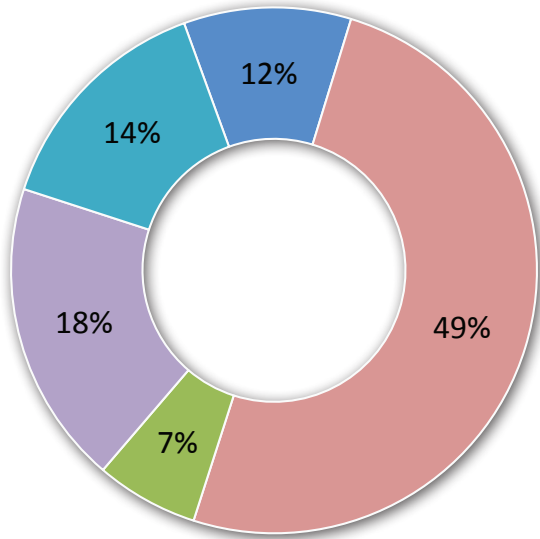
Mrs. Rose Kruszka; Ms. Kara Frontuto; Ms. Christie Lokietek;

and Mr. Lawrence Zollinger



2022-2023 Proposed Budget

2021-2022 Proposed Budget



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

	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	2021-2022 Adopted Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
General Support	2,052,296	1,613,084	439,212	27.23%
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. .				
Instruction	8,560,359	8,001,760	558,599	6.98%
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.				
Transportation	1,297,005	1,334,449	(37,444)	-2.81%
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.				
Employee Benefits	3,213,511	3,207,371	6,140	0.19%
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.				
Debt Service	2,484,523	2,281,013	203,510	8.92%
This category contains District-wide costs associated with serial bonds for school construction				
TOTAL BUDGET	17,607,694	16,437,677	1,170,017	7.12%

Capital Outlay Project

- The proposed budget includes \$100,000 for a capital outlay project.
- The project includes flooring modifications in various elementary classrooms.
- New York State will reimburse 93% of the project costs in the following year.
- This is part of our ongoing facilities improvement plan which continues to focus on and improve the educational environment for our children.
- Work will be scheduled in the summer of 2023.



Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$16,437,677	\$17,607,694	\$16,900,708
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-2022 School Year		\$1,170,017	\$463,031
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.12%	2.82%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.70%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,410,344	\$3,410,344	
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)	\$3,410,344	\$3,410,344	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$207,922	\$150,202	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,488,591	\$3,427,885	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$3,202,422	\$3,260,142	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$286,169	\$167,743	
Administrative Component	\$1,512,029	\$1,698,732	\$1,618,732
Program Component	\$11,645,434	\$12,249,404	\$11,622,418
Capital Component	\$3,280,214	\$3,659,558	\$3,659,558

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 District be authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund?	\$1,500,000

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$442.83

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Pine Valley school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Pine Valley High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Pine Valley High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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



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Superintendent

Ms. Carrie Davenport
*Director of Sp. Ed. and Curriculum &
Data Protection Officer*

Mrs. Jamie Rodgers,
Business Executive

Mrs. Kourtney Almeida
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Mrs. Brandi Meacham
Elementary Principal

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 (2022-2025) commencing on July 1, 2022

Heather Gregory

Heather is a graduate of Pine Valley Central School District and Wilmington College. She resides in Forestville with her husband and two children, who attend Pine Valley. Heather works as a public relations specialist for SUNY Jamestown Community College. Her interests are health, fitness, and nutrition; she is also an advocate for the Neurodiverse population and the agriculture industry.



Joshua Howard

Josh has been on the board since the Winter of 2018, filling in a vacancy for half a term until being first elected in 2019. I am a lifetime resident of the district. I was raised here and am now raising my two boys in South Dayton. My oldest son JaKobe is in the seventh grade, and my youngest son Jasper is in the third grade, and my wife Victoria is currently a Teacher's Aide at Pine Valley. As my kids keep growing, I try to be active within the community. I am a lifetime member of the Sheridan VFW, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2006-2008. I serve on the Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company's Board of Directors. I am currently the Treasurer/Secretary of the Board. Education is also key to me, I moved home from the military and attained a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership, as well as a Bachelor's in Business Administration, and an Associate in Hospital Management. Currently, I am pursuing my Leadership Coaching Certification through the University at Buffalo's Center for Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness.



William Pekrul

I live in Cherry Creek with my wife Alissa and my son William, who is in 1st grade at Pine Valley. We moved from our home state of Florida in May of 2020 to manage our family's lodging and event rental businesses, The Cabins at Farrington Hollow and The Barn at Farrington Hollow. My career is in the insurance and risk management industry, and I am currently a Property & Casualty Consultant for USI Insurance Services in Buffalo and Jamestown. I serve as this year's chairperson for the Buffalo CPCU Society's charity golf tournament benefiting Read to Succeed Buffalo, and I am involved with the United Way of Northern Chautauqua County, Rotary Club of Dunkirk-Fredonia, and Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals. I come from a family of educators, and I am a product of public education, so I understand and appreciate the value of public schools and the role they play in our community. I decided to run for school board because I want to support and promote Pine Valley's continued role as a safe and inspiring place for our community's children to learn and grow.



Larry Zollinger

Larry is a life-long resident of the district and graduated from Pine Valley Central School. He and his wife Melanie reside in South Dayton and are the parents of Colette, Erika, Jason and Ehrich. They have four granddaughters and two great grandchildren. He is a retired lab technician of Buffalo Color Corp. And currently is a part-time bus driver for CARTS. In his spare time, he raises free range turkeys and enjoys reading and playing trivia. He currently serves as a PV board member and has done so intermittently for twenty plus years and is a former village board member and former mayor of South Dayton. He is a life member of the South Dayton Fire Department.

