

PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

2017-2018 Budget Vote and Board Election

VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

12:00 noon to 9:00 pm

Jr./Sr. High School

New Gym Foyer

(facing the high school, please enter doors on the end far right)

Handicapped accessibility available through the entrance between the main front doors and the far right doors by new gym.



A Message from Superintendent Scott Payne

The Pine Valley School District is proud to present a budget that is based on supporting the goals established by the Board of Education surrounding *College and Career Ready Students, Engagement with the School and Community, Increasing Student Achievement, Fiscal Responsibility and Feedback*. This year's budget is one that preserves and enhances programs including revamping our one-one technology program, establishing a replacement cycle and providing additional technology support and resources with continued support for PTECH and support for the BOCES Capital Project. I invite you to vote on May 16th.

The following activities have also been planned for May 16th, and we hope you will attend one, two or all three:

- **School Health Fair**
2-5 pm - Jr./Sr. High School New Gym
- **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**
5-7 pm - Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria – Eat in or Take Out
Adults \$10 Students \$7
- **Spring Band Concert (Grades 5-12)**
7 pm - Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

WHO CAN VOTE?

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



OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM

- We use the Optical Scan Voting System utilizing the services of the Chautauqua County Board of Elections.



Proposition #1 – Basic Budget \$16,333,281

Shall the budget for the year 2017-2018 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 – Student Representative (non-voting)

Shall a student be selected pursuant to Section 1804(12) of the New York Education Law as an ex officio member of the Board of Education of the Pine Valley Central School District, and that such ex officio member shall be entitled to a) sit with the board members at all public meetings of the board, and b) participate in all board hearings and meetings, but shall not a) have a vote, b) be allowed to attend executive session, or c) be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at board meetings, and shall be subject to the further terms and conditions of Section 1804(12) of the Education Law.

Proposition #3 – Reduce Seats on Board on Education

Shall the number of seats on the Board of Education be reduced from nine to seven. The position of school board member is non-compensated.

Proposition #4 – Snow Removal Equipment Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Snow Removal Equipment Fund for the purpose of purchasing snow removal equipment. The ultimate amount of such Fund shall not be greater than \$200,000 plus interest thereon; the probable term of such Fund shall be not later than July 1, 2025; the source of the monies for the Fund shall be the unappropriated fund balance of the District.

Which of five (5) candidates should be elected to five (5) seats on the Board of Education?

(names are in the order they will appear on ballot)

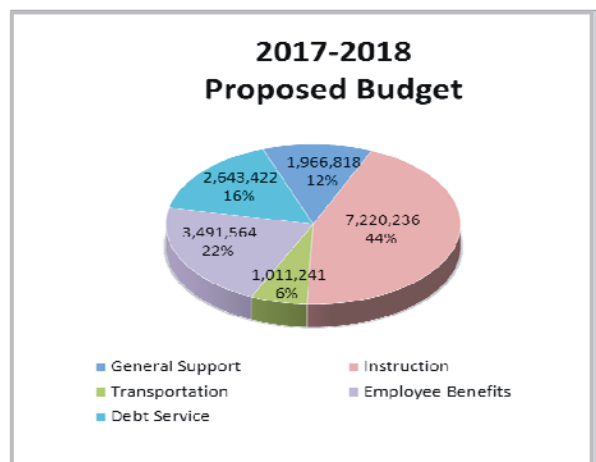
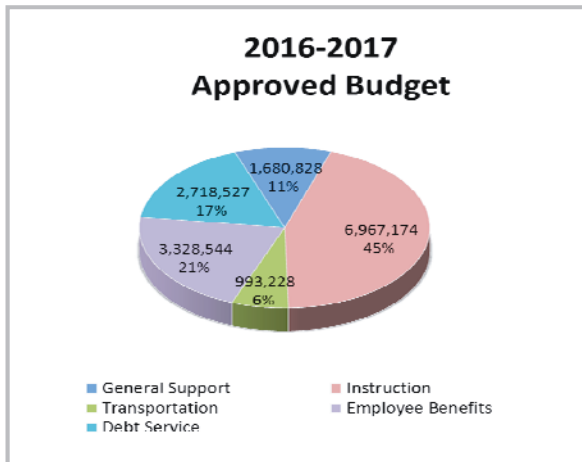
Sherry Gruszynski

Christie Lokietek

Rex Butcher

Jacquelyn Smuda

Jeffrey Chase



	2016-2017 Approved Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<u>General Support</u>	1,680,828	1,966,818	285,990	17.01%
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>	6,967,174	7,220,236	253,062	3.63%
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>	993,228	1,011,241	18,013	1.81%
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.				
<u>Employee Benefits</u>	3,328,544	3,491,564	163,020	4.90%
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>	2,718,527	2,643,422	(73,105)	-2.76%
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	15,688,301	16,333,281	644,980	4.11%

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted	Budget Proposed for the	*Contingency Budget for
	for the 2016-17 School Year	2017-18 School Year	the 2017-18 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	15,688,301	16,333,281	15,728,122
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		644,980	39,821
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.11%	0.25%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.0126	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	3,296,932	3,343,147	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions	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)	3,296,932	3,343,147	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	3,296,932	3,343,147	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	3,296,932	3,343,147	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	0	0	
Administrative Component	1,798,865	2,153,304	1,749,068
Program Component	10,095,872	10,456,455	10,389,372
Capital Component	3,793,564	3,723,522	3,589,683
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.			
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		528.84	
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-18 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 16, 2017 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Pine Valley 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.			

Capital Outlay Project

- The proposed budget includes \$100,000 for a capital outlay project.
- The project includes new cafeteria/kitchen equipment and 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 2017-2018 school year.

ABSENTEE VOTING

- You may vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to appear at the polling place on May 16th. To receive an absentee ballot, voters must obtain an application from the district office. The application must be returned to the district office at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or at least one day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter at the district office from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Absentee ballots will be counted only if they are returned no later than 5:00 pm on election day. For more information, call Debbie Hooker, District Clerk, at 988-3293 ext. 3307.



**ON TUESDAY, MAY 16th, RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON FOUR PROPOSITIONS and
ELECT FIVE (5) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES – Electing FIVE at-large positions on the Board of Education

Top three vote getters: 3- year terms

4th & 5th highest vote getters: 1-year terms

- ✓ Two (2) candidates will be elected to three-year terms (2017-2020) commencing on July 1, 2017 to fill the vacancies created by the expiration on June 30, 2017 of the terms of members Rex Butcher and Jeffrey Chase.
- ✓ One (1) candidate will be elected to a three-year term commencing immediately and terminating on June 30, 2020 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Angelo Graziano.
- ✓ One (1) candidate will be elected to a one-year term commencing immediately and terminating on June 30, 2018 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Adam Lukasik with this position being re-aligned as a three-year term in the May 2018 election.
- ✓ One (1) candidate will be elected to a one-year term commencing immediately and terminating on June 30, 2018 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Nancy Stock.



Sherry Gruszynski

A Pine Valley graduate, Sherry returned to the district in 2001 and resides in South Dayton with her husband Bernie. She is a nursing administrator with the Western New York DDSO, attends the Free Methodist Church and is a former Firebell. She is currently serving on the board for a vacant seat.



Christie Lokietek

Christie and her husband Matthew have been district residents since 2013 residing in Cherry Creek with their children Caleb and Lydia. She is a graduate of Binghamton City Schools and is employed as a teacher with Dunkirk City Schools. She is a member of Family Church – Fredonia and involved with International Students Fellowship. She is currently serving on the board for a vacant seat.



Rex Butcher

A graduate of Pine Valley, Rex received a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Cleveland State University and is currently president and CEO of Aura Consulting LLC. He and his wife Darlene returned to the PV school district in 2012 and reside on the South Dayton-Silver Creek Road in Forestville with sons Austin and Brendon. He is a member of the PV School Board and currently serves on the negotiations and financial committees.



Jacquelyn Smuda

Jackie resides in South Dayton with her husband Stephen and children Karson and Kirkland. A graduate of Pine Valley, she returned to the district in 2001. She's a graduate of D'Youville College and works as a physical therapist with Willcare. Jackie is a member of Community in Action and the Pine Valley Mothers Club and is currently serving on the board for a vacant seat.



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. To further pursue his commitment to our community, Jeff serves on the Ellington Town Council. In his spare time, he enjoys watching his children and other Pine Valley athletes' sporting events. He also enjoys the outdoors and working on his family's farm in South Dayton. Jeff has been a board member for 14 years.

Did you know?

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

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Patricia Krenzer, *President*
Mr. Rex Butcher, *Vice President*
Mr. Jeffrey Chase
Mrs. Sherry Gruszynski
Mr. David Kohler
Mrs. Rose Kruszka
Mrs. Christie Lokietek
Mrs. Jacquelyn Smuda
Mr. Lawrence Zollinger

Administration

Mr. Scott Payne, *Superintendent*
Mrs. Jamie Rodgers, *Asst. Business Executive*
Mrs. Kelly Wetzler, *Director of Curriculum & Instr. Technology*
and *Interim Jr./Sr. High School Principal*
Mrs. Kelly Zimmerman, *Elem. Principal/Director of Special Ed.*

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