

PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

2018-2019 Budget Vote and Board Election

VOTE

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

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 Central School District is pleased to offer a budget that is **3% below** last year's expenditure budget. Our administrative team worked diligently to implement principles of a zero-based budget for the 2018-19 school year. The team examined each line item in the budget determining how to meet the needs of the organization while providing quality programming for our students. This process started from a 'zero base' with every function analyzed to assess programming and costs. Additionally, this budget continues to support 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*. I invite you to vote on May 15th. The following activities have also been planned for May 15th:

- **School Health Fair**
2-5 pm - Jr./Sr. High School New Gym
- **e-STEAM Builders Guild Faire**(showcasing student creations)
2-5 pm - Jr./Sr. High School New Gym
- **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – National Honor Society**
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

Proposition #1 – Basic Budget \$15,833,644

Shall the budget for the year 2018-2019 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 Using the District's Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase various school buses (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$315,000 and to transfer or apply (during the current fiscal year of the District) up to \$315,000 from the District's Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund (established in May of 2015) to the District's general fund to pay for such purchases.

Proposition #3– Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment Using the District's Snow Removal Equipment Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education be authorized (1) to purchase snow removal equipment for District use at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$100,000 and to transfer or apply (during the current fiscal year of the District) up to \$100,000 from the District's Snow Removal Equipment Reserve Fund (established in May of 2017) to the District's general fund to pay for such purchase, and (2) to transfer any remaining funds from the Snow Removal Equipment Reserve Fund into the District's Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund (established in May of 2015), with such Snow Removal Equipment Reserve Fund to then be terminated.

Proposition #4– Establishment of a Capital Improvements Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2018" of the District; that the Fund shall be established 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 by the District, or the District's share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES"), of which the District is or may be a component district, including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$1,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of such Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) unappropriated fund balance of the District, (b) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund), (c) the proceeds from the sale of unneeded District real or personal property and (d) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time.

Which of four (4) candidates should be elected to three (3) seats on the Board of Education?

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

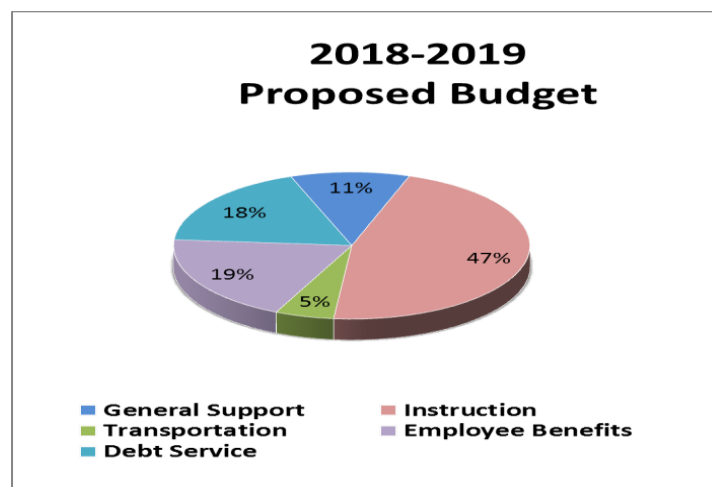
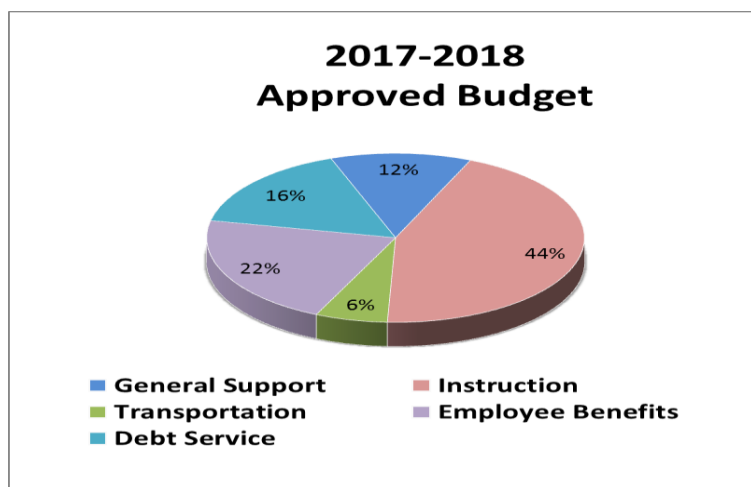
Sherry Gruszynski

Shawn Howard

Justin Smith

Darlene Silleman

	2017-18 Adopted Budget	2018-2019 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<u>General Support</u>	1,966,818	1,709,430	(257,388)	-13.09%
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>	7,220,236	7,344,731	124,495	1.72%
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>	1,011,241	845,401	(165,840)	-16.40%
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>	3,491,566	3,055,609	(435,957)	-12.49%
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>	2,643,422	2,878,475	235,053	8.89%
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	16,333,283	15,833,646	(499,637)	-3.06%



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 2019.

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	*Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year
	for the 2017-18 School Year		
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	16,333,283	15,833,646	15,669,184
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		-499,637	-664,099
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-3.06%	-4.07%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.00%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	3,343,147	3,343,147	
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	3,343,147	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	0	82,706	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	3,343,148	3,409,796	
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	3,260,441	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	1	149,355	
Administrative Component	2,153,304	1,598,447	1,593,500
Program Component	10,456,455	10,266,844	10,218,921
Capital Component	3,723,524	3,968,355	3,856,763

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.

Separate Propositions			
Description	Amount		
Purchase of Buses Using the District's Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund	315,000		
Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment Using the District's Snow Removal Equipment Reserve Fund	100,000		
Establishment of a Capital Improvements Reserve Fund	1,000,000		

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	536.00	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 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 15, 2018 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.

ABSENTEE VOTING

- You may vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to appear at the polling place on May 15th. 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 15th, RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON FOUR PROPOSITIONS and ELECT THREE (3) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Electing THREE at-large positions on the Board of Education to three-year terms (2018-2021)
commencing on July 1, 2018

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.



Sherry (Volk) 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.



Shawn Howard

A graduate of Pine Valley, Shawn received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Oswego State and is a technology teacher at Dunkirk City Schools. He has been on the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for 15 years. He has a hobby farm raising hay and producing maple syrup. He and his wife Heidi reside on Smith Road in Forestville and are the parents of Christian (sophomore at SUNY Geneseo), Zachary, Sadie and Jaiden.



Justin Smith

Justin and his wife Laurie reside in South Dayton and are the parents of Josh Luce, Gilberto, Dante and Christian Ortiz and Delaney, Evelyn, Greyson and Quintin Smith. A graduate of Pine Valley, he is employed by Designer Pools as a Service Tech. He is involved with the PV Longhorns.



Darlene Silleman

Darlene resides on Fancher Hill in Cattaraugus with her husband Drew and daughters Ashlynn and Brooke. A Pine Valley graduate, she returned to the district in 2009 and is a teacher at Gowanda Central School. She is the former president of Babe Ruth Softball and 12U and 14U coach and was the varsity softball coach at Gowanda from 2010-2014. She is the current head coach for Longhorn Flag Football and is involved with Girl Scouts.

Did you know?

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

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