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**PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
 Monday, May 19, 2025; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Stephen Hammond called the May 19, 2025 budget committee meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Budget committee members present were Morgan Thomas, Madeline Carlton, John Goldberg, Rich Driessnack, Wesley Siburg, Jennifer Woodland and Drew Gottfried. Others present were Superintendent Jim Crist, Business Manager Sheri Longobardo, Special Education Director Whitney Connolly, Elementary Principal Brenna Fairchild, Middle/High School Principal Chris Reiersgaard, Middle School Assistant Principal Caleb Salmond and Board Secretary Kimberly Silbernagel.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

2.1 Chair

*Rich Driessnack nominated John Goldberg for Budget Committee Chair. Wesley Siburg seconded the nomination. The nomination passed 8-0.*

*Hammond – Yes    Gottfried – Yes    Woodland – Yes  
 Thomas – Yes    Carlton – Yes    Driessnack – Yes    Siburg – Yes    Goldberg – Yes*

2.2 Vice Chair

*Madeline Carlton nominated Rich Driessnack for Budget Committee Vice Chair. Morgan Thomas seconded the nomination. The nomination passed 8-0.*

*Hammond – Yes    Gottfried – Yes    Woodland – Yes  
 Thomas – Yes    Carlton – Yes    Driessnack – Yes    Siburg – Yes    Goldberg – Yes*

**3. 2025-26 BUDGET MESSAGE**

Superintendent Jim Crist read aloud the Budget Message. Refer to the 2025-26 Proposed Budget Document for the verbatim Budget Message.

**4. BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW & PRESENTATION**

Business Manager Sheri Longobardo presented a summary of the 2025-26 Proposed Budget Document to the committee.

*Budget Chair John Goldberg moved to make Public Input to the next item on the agenda. Jennifer Woodland seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.*

*Hammond – Yes    Gottfried – Yes    Woodland – Yes  
 Thomas – Yes    Carlton – Yes    Driessnack – Yes    Siburg – Yes    Goldberg – Yes*

**5. PUBLIC INPUT**

- Laurie Monteith inquired about the school nutrition funding amount increase for next year. Business Manager Sheri Longobardo explained that funding from the federal government is unknown for next year so there is an increase in the budget in case the district’s costs increase.

**6. BUDGET QUESTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS**

- Madeline Carlton asked if the district knows what the funding levels from the federal government will be or if they are budgeting blindly. Sheri Longobardo explained that they are budgeting blind but they will not make transfers out of the general fund into the special fund accounts unless they need to.
- The budget committee discussed at length adding a 1.0 FTE to the budget for 2025-26 for a reading specialist.

**7. APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT**

*Rich Driessnack moved that the Budget Committee of the Pleasant Hill School District No. 1 approve the budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year in the amount of \$33,615,282 for all funds. This represents a General Fund total of \$22,750,293, a Special Revenue Fund total of \$9,115,989, and a Debt Service Fund total of \$1,750,000. Wesley Siburg seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.*

*Hammond – Yes    Gottfried – Yes    Woodland – Yes  
Thomas – Yes    Carlton – Yes    Driessnack – Yes    Siburg – Yes    Goldberg – Yes*

*Rich Driessnack moved that the Budget Committee approve property taxes for the 2025-26 fiscal year at the rate of \$4.6414 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the permanent rate tax levy, and in the amount of \$1,702,592 the debt service levy. Madeline Carlton seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.*

*Hammond – Yes    Gottfried – Yes    Woodland – Yes  
Thomas – Yes    Carlton – Yes    Driessnack – Yes    Siburg – Yes    Goldberg – Yes*

*John Goldberg proposed that district staff present a 1.0 FTE addition to the board when they review and adopt the budget and if the board deems needed and fit, to add the position to the budget. The budget committee gives the board the authority to make adjustments to the first two motions. Rich Driessnack seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.*

*Hammond – Yes    Gottfried – Yes    Woodland – Yes  
Thomas – Yes    Carlton – Yes    Driessnack – Yes    Siburg – Yes    Goldberg – Yes*

**8. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS (If Needed)**

- June 2, 2025; 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center
- June 9, 2025; 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center
- June 16, 2025; 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center

**9. ADJOURNMENT – 9:56 p.m.**

Signed: *Sheri A. Hammond* this *2ND* day of *JUNE*, 2025