

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education
Budget Workshop
Building the Budget Cont.

January 20, 2026

AGENDA

- Budget Goals
- Reserve Plan – current and future
- Fund Balance
- Revenue Budget – State Aid first look
- Factors impacting the overall Budget Development Process

Budget Development Goals

- Reflect the District's Mission and Vision
- Reflect Board and District goals
- Ensure the highest quality education for all students
- Maintain financial stability
- Adjust budget to accurately reflect expenses
- Maximize Efficiencies where possible
- Right Sizing
- Maintain Reserve Funds at appropriate levels
- Long term planning for Technology, Maintenance, Equipment, Transportation and Capital Projects

Reserve Plans

The establishment and funding of reserves are vital to the long term health and stability of the school district.

- Provide a mechanism for legally saving money
- In uncertain economic times, reserve funds can also provide officials with a budgetary option that can help mitigate the need to cut services or to pierce the tax cap.

Two purposes for establishing reserves include:

- Saving money for a large, one-time future expenditure.
For example, a capital reserve for the replacement of a roof.
- Reserves which are intended to protect the district against a large, currently unknown risk.
For example, a tax certiorari reserve for a taxpayer challenging a past assessment.

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Reserve Plans

Current Reserves:

BOARD RESOLUTION

- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RESERVE
- EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCRUED LIABILITY
- TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE
- RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE
- RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE TRS SUB-FUND
- INSURANCE RESERVE

VOTER APPROVAL

- CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (2025)
- CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Bus Reserve)
- REPAIR RESERVE FUND*

Reserve Plans

Funding Reserves:

- Excess Funds
 - Interest Income
 - Excess Fund Balance
- Board Approved – annually

Reserve Plan is available on the PPCSD Website

Fund Balance

Fund Balance:

- **Unappropriated – 4%**
 - Purpose: To give the district flexibility in case of unanticipated expenditures.
 - Cash flow during the months of July through September
 - By law, the undesignated fund balance is limited to 4% of the ensuing years' budget.
- **Appropriated**
 - Purpose: Planned reduction in fund balance to mitigate piercing the tax cap.

First Look - State Aid Runs

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Budget Development Process

- Foundation Aid
- ✓ Inflation – CPI – 2.63%
- Tax Cap – 2%
- Payroll
- Health Insurance Rates - 16.43%
- ✓ TRS/ERS Rates – TRS 8.5% and ERS 17.6%
- Long-range plans
 - Financial Projections
 - Facilities, equipment, technology, textbooks, transportation
 - Bus Replacement/Purchase
 - EV Buses
- Reserve Plan

Questions?