Pleasant Hill School District No. 1

June 1, 2026

Regular Board Meeting & Budget Hearing

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PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Directors Chair Drew Gottfried called the May 18, 2026 board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Directors present were Vice Chair Rusty Rexius, Stephen Hammond and John Oldham. Others present were Superintendent Jim Crist, Business Manager Sheri Longobardo, Special Education Director Whitney Connolly, Elementary School Principal Brenna Fairchild, Middle/High School Principal Chris Reiersgaard, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Alan Stearns, Middle School Assistant Principal Caleb Salmond and Board Secretary Kimberly Silbernagel.

Stephen Hammond read the mission statement.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes or additions.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approve May 4, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes **(Exhibit 2526.141)**

Stephen Hammond moved to approve Exhibit 2526.141 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed 3-0. John Oldham abstained.

Oldham – Abstained Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Absent Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

4.2 Accept Enrollment Report – April **(Exhibit 2526.142)**
Superintendent Crist shared that district enrollment has increased to 942 from 937 in 2024-25.

Rusty Rexius moved to approve Exhibit 2526.142 Enrollment Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Yes Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Absent Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

4.3 Accept Financial Report – April **(Exhibit 2526.143)**
Business Manager Sheri Longobardo presented the April financial report to the board.

Stephen Hammond moved to approve Exhibit 2526.143 Financial Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Yes Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Absent Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

4.4 Approve Personnel Report **(Resolution 2526.144)**
Superintendent Crist recommended the licensed hiring of Leah Williams, Taylor Reineke, Hadley Polinsky and Douglas Piquette.

Rusty Rexius moved to approve Resolution 2526.144 Personnel Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Yes Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Absent Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

5. RECESS – 7:12 p.m.

6. CONVENE BUDGET MEETING – 7:12 p.m.
6.1 Budget Meeting Agenda

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:42 p.m.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATION
8.1 Board Event Calendar
Superintendent Crist reviewed the upcoming events and activities happening around the district.

9. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

10. NEXT MEETING
- Regular Board Meeting ~~& Budget Committee Meeting~~ – June 1, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center

11. ADJOURNMENT – 8:43 p.m.

Signed: _____, this _____ day of _____, 2026
Drew Gottfried, Board Chair

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PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Directors Chair Drew Gottfried called the May 18, 2026 budget committee meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Budget committee members present were Morgan Thomas, Madeline Carlton, John Goldberg, Rich Driessnack, Rusty Rexius, Stephen Hammond and John Oldham. 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, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Alan Stearns, Middle School Assistant Principal Caleb Salmond and Board Secretary Kimberly Silbernagel.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2.1 Chair of Committee

Rich Driessnack nominated Madeline Carlton for Chair of Committee. The nomination passed 8-0.

Oldham – Yes	***Gottfried – Yes***	***Woodland – Absent***	***Rexius – Yes***	***Hammond – Yes***
Thomas – Yes	***Carlton – Yes***	***Driessnack – Yes***	***Siburg – Absent***	***Goldberg – Yes***

2.2 Vice-Chair of Committee

Madeline Carlton nominated Rich Driessnack for Vice-Chair of Committee. John Goldberg moved to approve Rich Driessnack. Madeline Carlton seconded the motion. The nomination passed 8-0.

Oldham – Yes	***Gottfried – Yes***	***Woodland – Absent***	***Rexius – Yes***	***Hammond – Yes***
Thomas – Yes	***Carlton – Yes***	***Driessnack – Yes***	***Siburg – Absent***	***Goldberg – Yes***

3. 2026-27 BUDGET MESSAGE

Superintendent Jim Crist read aloud the Budget Message. Refer to the 2026-27 Proposed Budget Document for the verbatim Budget Message.

4. BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW & PRESENTATION

Business Manager Sheri Longobardo presented a summary of the 2026-27 Proposed Budget Document to the committee.

5. BUDGET QUESTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

- A discussion was held concerning the Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance (UEFB) as a percentage of Revenues decreasing from 37.2% in 2025-26 to 23.7% in 2026-27. PHSD's goal for the Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance is 20% and that represents two months average operating expenses, aligning with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) reserve target. This is a conservative target compared to many districts whose targets are 8-10%. A portion of the decrease in the UEFB for 2026-27 is contingency that is not typically spent and one-time expenses such as the psychologist contract that was projected in two places in the budget but will be filled by an in-person licensed hire and no longer by purchased services and incentives tied to restructuring the licensed salary schedule.
- Superintendent Crist and Ms. Longobardo discussed the new licensed collective bargaining agreement (CBA) one-time incentives with the restructuring of step increases. The CBA also includes a 4% cost of living adjustment (COLA) that allows PHSD to stay in the middle of the pack compared to school districts of similar size in. This allows the district to remain competitive in recruiting and retaining teachers.
- There was discussion about the seismic gym rehabilitation grant project. In the budget there is a large transfer out of the general fund to the reserve for this project. There are also expenditures in the reserve fund for the project. The grant reimbursement of up to $2.49 million will flow back into that reserve, not directly back into the general fund. This project is pay-as-you-go so the district must have funds on hand and will then be reimbursed. Work began in the 2025-26 school year so part of the $2.49 million has already been spent.
- Superintendent Crist offered clarification on the middle school counselor position being absorbed into the 9th grade student success position. This combined approach has effectively been in place for almost the entire current school year. This has created a more streamlined position.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public comment.

7. APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT

John Goldberg moved that the Budget Committee of the Pleasant Hill School District No. 1 approve the budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year in the amount of $32,029,643 for all funds. Drew Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1.

Oldham – No	***Gottfried – Yes***	***Woodland – Absent***	***Rexius – Yes***	***Hammond – Yes***
Thomas – Yes	***Carlton – Yes***	***Driessnack – Yes***	***Siburg – Absent***	***Goldberg – Yes***

John Goldberg moved that the Budget Committee approve property taxes for the 2026-27 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 $1,732,642 for the debt service levy.

Oldham – Yes	***Gottfried – Yes***	***Woodland – Absent***	***Rexius – Yes***	***Hammond – Yes***
Thomas – Yes	***Carlton – Yes***	***Driessnack – Yes***	***Siburg – Absent***	***Goldberg – Yes***

8. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS (If Needed)

- ~~June 1, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center~~
- ~~June 8, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center~~

No Additional Budget Committee Meetings will be needed.

9. ADJOURN MEETING – 8:41 p.m.

Signed: _____, this _____ day of _____, 2026
Drew Gottfried, Board Chair

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School Board / Work Session / Budget Meeting Calendar

Board & Budget Meetings – Start 7:00PM / CHARGE & Work Sessions Start 5:30PM

July 27, 2026	**Board CHARGE (Work Session) & Board Meeting**
August 24, 2026	**Board CHARGE (Work Session) & Board Meeting**
September 21, 2026	**Board Meeting**
October 5, 2026	**Board Meeting**
October 19, 2026	**Board Meeting**
November 2, 2026	**Board Meeting (Scorecard Reports)**
November 16, 2026	**Board Meeting**
December 14, 2026	**Board Meeting**
January 11, 2027	**Board Meeting**
February 8, 2027	**Board Meeting**
February 22, 2027	**Board Meeting (Scorecard Reports)**
March 8, 2027	**Board Meeting**
April 5, 2027	**Board Meeting**
April 19, 2027	**Board Meeting**
May 3, 2027	**Board Meeting (Budget Orientation)**
May 17, 2027	**Board Meeting & Budget Committee Meeting**
June 7, 2027	**Board Meeting & Budget Committee Meeting**
June 14, 2027	**Budget Committee Meeting (if needed) and/or Work Session - Scorecard Reports**
June 21, 2027	**Budget Hearing & Board Meeting (Adopt 2027-28 Budget Approve Resolutions)**

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