



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Excellence in Education

District Reserve Plan

June 30, 2026

Board of Education Presentation

October 2026

Financial stability • Long-range planning • Capital investment



TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVES

\$58.36 Million

As of June 30, 2026

+\$11.24 Million from June 30, 2025

Restricted reserves increased from \$47.12 million to \$58.36 million.

INTEREST EARNINGS

\$2.83M

Allocated to applicable reserves.

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

\$8.23M

Equal to 4% of the 2026–27 budget.

CAPITAL RESERVE 2022

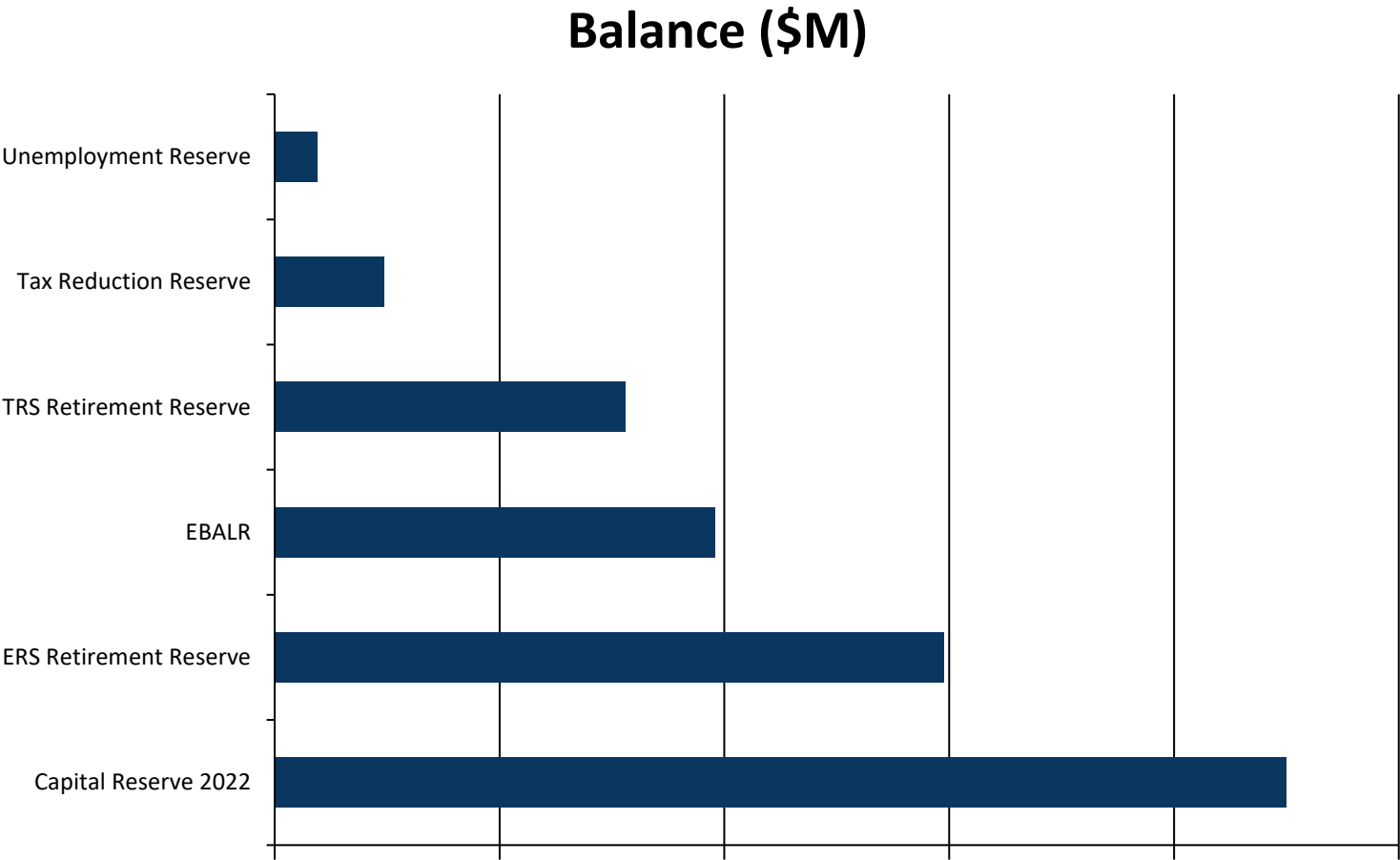
\$22.50M

Remaining after \$9.5M in voter-approved uses.

Restricted Reserve Balances



Balances as of June 30, 2026



TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVES

\$58.36M

The Repair Reserve was fully utilized during 2025–2026 and closed at \$0.

Reserve levels are reviewed annually based on legal purpose, projected liabilities, capital needs, and long-range financial planning.

Retirement Contribution Reserves



ERS and TRS reserves provide budget stability and flexibility as employer contribution costs change.

Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

\$14.89M

Balance at June 30, 2026

≈ 5 Years

current expenditures

Current annual ERS expenditures: approximately \$3.0M

2025–2026 Activity

Beginning balance	\$10,510,753
Interest earnings	+\$752,813
Additional year-end funding	+\$3,621,783
Ending balance	\$14,885,349

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

\$7.80M

Balance at June 30, 2026

≈ 1 Year

current expenditures

Current annual TRS expenditures: slightly over \$7.0M

2025–2026 Activity

Beginning balance	\$7,282,649
Interest earnings	+\$521,606
Additional year-end funding	\$0
Ending balance	\$7,804,255

TOTAL RETIREMENT RESERVES

\$22.69M

District Strategy:

Maintain appropriate reserve levels based on projected obligations, annual expenditures and contribution trends to help manage future cost increases and reduce budget volatility.

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR)



Supports contractual obligations for accumulated employee leave benefits payable upon separation or retirement.

BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2026

\$9.78M

\$9,782,616

+\$653,832 from June 30, 2025

2025–2026 ACTIVITY

Beginning balance	\$9,128,784
Interest earnings	+\$653,832
Additional funding	\$0
Ending balance	\$9,782,616

WHAT THE RESERVE FUNDS

Contractual payments for accumulated unused leave benefits when eligible employees separate from or retire from District service.

Restricted to eligible accrued-liability obligations.

DISTRICT STRATEGY

Maintain an appropriate EBALR balance based on contractual leave provisions, workforce demographics, anticipated retirements and the District’s measured accrued-liability exposure.

The reserve helps avoid placing the full cost of employee separation payments on a single operating budget.

Annual Monitoring

Contractual Liability

Review eligible accumulated leave obligations under collective bargaining agreements and employment contracts.

Workforce Trends

Consider anticipated retirements and separations that may result in future payouts.

Reserve Adequacy

Compare the reserve balance with the District’s documented accrued-liability exposure and expected use.



Unemployment Insurance Reserve

\$950,873

Balance at June 30, 2026

+\$94K

PURPOSE

Provides funding for unemployment insurance claims when the District reimburses New York State for eligible benefits paid to former employees.

2025–2026 ACTIVITY

Beginning balance	\$856,526
Interest earnings	+\$61,347
Year-end funding	+\$33,000

Ending balance	\$950,873
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DISTRICT STRATEGY

Maintain a prudent balance based on claims experience and potential future unemployment costs.

Tax Reduction Reserve

\$2.44M

Balance at June 30, 2026

–\$1.21M

PURPOSE

Holds proceeds from the sale of District real property (Fern Place) for use in reducing the tax levy in accordance with the reserve’s authorized purpose.

2025–2026 ACTIVITY

Beginning balance	\$3,644,434
Interest earnings	+\$162,911
Applied / transferred	–\$1,369,872

Ending balance	\$2,437,473
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DISTRICT STRATEGY

Continue planned use of the remaining balance for tax reduction consistent with the reserve’s purpose.

2022 Capital Reserve



Voter-authorized capital funding strategy | Approved May 2022

TOTAL AUTHORIZED & FUNDED

\$32.0M

Full authorization reached by June 30, 2026

VOTER-APPROVED USES

\$9.5M

Two voter-approved capital projects

REMAINING BALANCE

\$22.5M

Available for future voter-authorized capital work

Funding Progress

100% of \$32M authorization funded

Voter-Approved Uses

\$3.5M

JJP Addition

May 2025

\$6.0M

Cafeteria Serving Line Upgrades and Egress

May 2026

NEXT STEP

Propose a new Capital Reserve on the May 2027 budget vote to continue long-range capital funding.

2022 Capital Reserve – Funding and Allocation History



Voter-authorized capital funding strategy | Approved May 2022 | Seven-year funding period (through June 30, 2028)

TOTAL AUTHORIZED

\$32.0M

Voter-authorized May 2022
(maximum, seven-year funding period)

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Funding and Use History

Date	Activity	Amount	Balance	Notes
May 2022	Capital Reserve approved by voters – \$32 million maximum, seven-year funding period	—	—	Voter authorization
6/30/2023	Year-End Funding	\$754,000	\$754,000	Transfer of year-end surplus
9/12/2023	General Fund Budgeted Transfer	\$1,504,000	\$2,258,000	Budgeted transfer
6/30/2024	Interest Earnings	\$218,593	\$2,476,593	Investment earnings
6/30/2024	Year-End Funding	\$2,753,260	\$5,229,853	Transfer of year-end surplus
5/20/2025	JJP Addition – Voter-Approved Capital Proposition	(\$3,500,000)	\$1,729,853	Project expenditure
6/30/2025	Interest Earnings	\$156,803	\$1,886,656	Investment earnings
6/30/2025	Year-End Funding	\$13,584,635	\$15,471,291	Transfer of year-end surplus
5/19/2026	Cafeteria Serving Line Upgrades and Egress – Voter-Approved Capital Proposition	(\$6,000,000)	\$9,471,291	Project expenditure
6/30/2026	Interest Earnings	\$678,364	\$10,149,655	Investment earnings
6/30/2026	Year-End Funding	\$12,350,346	\$22,500,000	Transfer of year-end surplus
Total Funding		\$32,000,000		
Total Voter-Approved Uses		(\$9,500,000)		
Balance as of June 30, 2026		\$22,500,000		

Voter-Approved Projects

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Cafeteria Serving Line
Upgrades and Egress

May 2026

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funding.

Year-End Reserve & Fund Balance Position



Category	6/30/2025	6/30/2026	Change
Total Restricted Reserves	\$47,117,705	\$58,360,566	+\$11,242,861
Encumbrances	\$3,709,014	\$4,364,691	+\$655,677
Non-spendable — Leases	\$37,353	\$39,202	+\$1,849
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$7,896,172	\$8,231,859	+\$335,687
Total Reserves & Fund Balances	\$58,760,244	\$70,996,318	+\$12,236,074

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE **\$8.232M | 4% of the \$205.796M 2026–27 operating budget**

- ✓ Adopt the District Reserve Plan as of June 30, 2026.
- ✓ Maintain Unassigned Fund Balance at 4% of the 2026–2027 operating budget.
- ✓ Continue annual monitoring of reserve levels based on liabilities, capital needs, and long-range financial planning.
- ✓ Recognize that the 2022 Capital Reserve has reached its full \$32 million funding authorization.
- ✓ Plan for a new Capital Reserve proposition as part of the May 2027 School Budget Vote.

Long-range objective: preserve appropriate reserves while planning for future capital needs without relying solely on annual operating budgets.

LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING

Maintain allowable reserve funding levels, ensure the 4% unassigned fund balance, and continue capital planning through a new May 2027 Capital Reserve proposition.

Thank You

Questions?



Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District