



# PULASKI

## ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Budget Edition 2022

### 2022-2023 School Budget **KEY DATES**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING PACS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

### *Please Vote* **BUDGET VOTE**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

#### **RINGGOLD FIRE HALL**

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Eligible voters may submit absentee ballots under certain conditions. For information, contact the District Office (315-298-5188).  
Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on May 17, 2022.

## A Message From the Pulaski Board of Education

These past few years have been filled with many unprecedented challenges for PACS. Through our shared commitment to keeping school open full time and the dedication of our staff, we were able to provide an extraordinary level of programming and opportunity to keep our students in school and engaged. We would like to sincerely thank our staff and the entire school community for their efforts.

During the 2022-23 budget development process, the PACS Board of Education was committed to devising a spending plan focused on efficiency and effectiveness in school operations, and opportunity, rigor, and sustainability in academic programming. The result is a budget that builds on quality programming for students and is responsive to economic variables that impact the District and community.

The proposed 2022-23 school budget totals \$28,919,000, which is a 3.5% increase over last year. If approved by voters, this budget would result in a tax levy increase of 2% or \$142,341, which is within the District's calculated tax levy limit this year.

A public hearing to present the 2022-23 budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, in the Pulaski Middle-High School Library. Voting will take place 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May

17, at the Ringgold Fire Hall. The vote will include the 2022-23 budget, a proposition to withdraw \$167,000 from the bus purchase reserve, a proposition to create a new five-year bus purchase reserve in the amount of \$500,000, and the election of two members to the PACS Board of Education.

The budget also includes \$100,000 to be used toward a capital outlay project. The New York State Education Department allows for schools to complete capital improvement projects of up to \$100,000 during the proposed budget year. Building aid revenue is then received the following year (PACS state aid rate is 94%). The 2022-23 project will replace two circulating pumps on boilers at Pulaski Middle-High School.

PACS has a tradition of sound financial planning and budget development. The Board of Education and administrative team will continue to be strategic with our resources to provide opportunities and programs for students of which we can all be proud.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Sincerely,

***PACS Board of Education***



**PACS REVENUE BUDGET**

	2021-22 ACTUAL BUDGET	2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>STATE AID</b>		
Foundation Aid	\$11,443,371	\$11,854,398
Community Schools Set Aside	100,000	100,000
Hardware & Technology Aid	17,706	17,766
Transportation Aid	1,224,807	1,165,750
BOCES Aid	1,768,583	2,006,036
Software, Library & Textbook Aid	71,279	72,020
Building Aid	2,609,700	2,333,440
High Cost & Private Excess Cost Aid	725,000	775,000
Homeless Aid	80,000	80,000
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>\$18,040,446</b>	<b>\$18,404,410</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		
Tax Levy	\$7,120,035	\$7,262,376
Pilots	271,662	254,988
Tax Penalty	25,000	25,000
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$7,416,697</b>	<b>\$7,542,364</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest on Deposits	\$55,000	\$55,000
Miscellaneous	656,570	689,226
Debt Service	-	164,000
Reserves	760,500	972,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	999,787	1,092,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$2,471,857</b>	<b>\$2,972,226</b>
<b>TOTAL - BUDGET</b>	<b>\$27,929,000</b>	<b>\$28,919,000</b>

**TAX RATE ESTIMATE** *(Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)*

TOWNSHIP	ACTUAL 2021-2022	PROJECTED 2022-2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Albion	\$19.39	\$19.78	\$0.39	2.00%
Richland	\$24.55	\$25.04	\$0.49	2.00%
Sandy Creek	\$21.08	\$21.50	\$0.42	2.00%
<b>Example: Town of Richland</b>		Assessed Value: STAR Exemption: Taxed Value:	\$100,000 -\$23,700 \$76,300	
	2021-2022	2022-2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Tax Bill</b>	<b>\$1,873</b>	<b>\$1,911</b>	<b>\$37.46 per year</b>	<b>2.00%</b>



PACS MAJOR BUDGET UNITS		
	2021-22 BUDGET	2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>		
Board of Education	\$34,910	\$34,910
Central Administration	220,690	225,039
Finance	296,420	325,713
Staff	101,079	102,889
Central Services	228,209	244,308
Administration and Improvement	766,229	851,308
Employee Benefits	735,891	777,651
Special Items	558,268	587,891
<b>Total Administrative Budget</b>	<b>\$2,941,696</b>	<b>\$3,149,709</b>
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET</b>		
Teaching	\$10,279,026	\$10,826,082
Instructional Media	803,010	836,539
Pupil Services	952,287	969,204
Pupil Transportation	1,045,231	1,117,080
Community Services	14,509	14,780
Employee Benefits	6,279,034	6,399,379
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	<b>\$19,473,097</b>	<b>\$20,263,064</b>
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>		
Central Services	\$1,696,818	\$1,795,799
Pupil Transportation	305,000	310,000
Debt Service	2,986,088	2,741,487
Employee Benefits	526,301	558,941
Interfund Transfers	-	100,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,514,207</b>	<b>\$5,506,227</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$27,929,00</b>	<b>\$28,919,000</b>

**Estimated  
Basic STAR  
Exemption  
Savings\***

Under the Budget  
Proposed for the 2022-23  
School Year, the Estimated  
Basic STAR Savings:

**\$626**

\*The basic school tax relief (STAR)  
exemption is authorized by section  
425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

*Tax Levy*  
is at the  
**TAX CAP**

**Tom Jennings**  
Superintendent of Schools

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Joel Southwell, *President*  
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## PROPOSITIONS

### 2022-2023 Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Pulaski Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Richland, Albion and Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$28,919,000 commencing July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, and to levy the necessary tax on the taxable property of said District?

### 2017 Bus Reserve Withdrawal

Shall the Board of Education of the Pulaski Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Richland, Albion and Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$167,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the 2017 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund for the purchase of transportation vehicles?

### 2022 Bus Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Pulaski Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Richland, Albion and Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York (the "District") be authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law, to be known as the "2022 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund," to pay the costs of school vehicles, in an ultimate amount of \$500,00 dollars (plus interest earned thereon), having a probable term of five (5) years and be authorized to raise \$500,000 to fund such capital reserve fund in the current or future years through various sources including, but not limited to, state aid reimbursement, cost saving measures resulting in unexpended funds or unappropriated fund balance and other legally available funds of the District?

### Board Members - Two Seats

Please vote for two candidates for the available board of education seats.

## BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS - VOTE FOR 2

### Darcy McCarty

Darcy McCarty is seeking reelection to the PACS Board of Education for a fourth term. A lifelong resident of Pulaski and 1994 PACS alumna, she graduated from LeMoyne College in 1998. She married fellow PACS alumnus Chad McCarty and, together, they returned to their tight-knit hometown where they decided to raise their children. Darcy is an active member in the community and has volunteered in many capacities throughout the years, including the Pulaski Backpack Program which she co-founded and co-leads.

Throughout her nine years of service on PACS Board of Education, Darcy has had the pleasure of collaborating with an esteemed group of dedicated school board members and would be grateful for the opportunity to continue to learn and grow with them while fostering a mutually beneficial vision for both the school and community members. She has helped guide the district through nine unique budget seasons, building projects both large and small. Her proven experience includes years of policy and program development and the celebration of the continued adaptability and successes of PACS educators, staff, leaders and students. She would be grateful

for the opportunity to continue to represent the voice of the community as PACS continues to prosper.

### Joseph McGrath

Joseph McGrath will finish his second term as Board Member for the Pulaski Academy and Central School District in June. Mr. McGrath has been a resident of the Town of Richland for the past 46 years. Mr. McGrath was employed by the Pulaski Central School for 34 years retiring in 2011. During his tenure with the School District he served as the High School Counselor, Chairman of the Committee of Special Education, Assistant Principal and finally as the Junior-Senior High School Principal. Joe's children, Ryan and Erin are graduates of the Pulaski High School and his grandchildren are currently students in Pulaski. Mr. McGrath is also a local businessman and has served on the Town of Richland Planning Board for 31 years. Joe has been a member of P.R.O.P and served on the Board of Directors of the Pulaski Day Care Center during the construction of the new facility. It is Joe's hope to continue serving the Pulaski schools and community for another 3 year term.

## CAPITAL OUTLAY

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## WHO CAN VOTE?

**According to New York Education Law, in order to vote, you must be:**

- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ 18 years of age
- ✓ A resident of the district for at least 30 days

You do NOT have to be registered to vote.

You do NOT have to own property in the district, but you MUST reside in the district.

Identification and proof of residence WILL be requested at the time of voting.