Workshop Meeting/Budget Adoption (Monday, May 12, 2025)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Procedural: 1. A Workshop Meeting/Budget Adoption Meeting of the Point Pleasant Board of Education was called to Order by the President at 7:02 p.m.

Procedural: 2. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Hannah Corbin	X	
Stephen Henry	X	
Natalie Levine	X	
Cheryl Salway	X	
Larry Williams	X	
Michael Sullivan	X	
Dawn Coughlan		X

Procedural: 3. Announcement in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act - The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq.) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of this law, PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was advertised in The Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on Friday, April 11, 2025; and, the Borough Clerk and posted in each school and the Board Office on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Procedural: 4. Salute to the Flag - led by President

Action: 5. Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Levine, the following resolution:

Adoption of the FINAL BUDGET, with modifications to the TENTATIVE BUDGET approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Point Pleasant Board of Education adopted a TENTATIVE budget on March 17, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 19, 2025, and WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was advertised in the legal section of the Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press on April 18, 2025, and WHEREAS, in the proposed FY2026 State Budget, certain districts had the opportunity to apply to the Commission of Education to increase expenditures, including an allocation of Tax Levy Incentive Aid, in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46. Whereas, Point Pleasant Board of Education is below local fair share and spending below adequacy to be eligible to participate in this program. Whereas, Point Pleasant Board of Education is eligible to increase expenditures by $837,626 and qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of $39,887. Whereas, the Point Pleasant Board of Education has been granted approval to increase expenditures based on the following reasons: increase a thorough and efficient education by adding classroom teachers, special education teachers, guidance counselors, a school psychologist, and instructional supplies. WHEREAS, the FINAL BUDGET including the increase in accordance with the tax levy incentive aid was presented to the public during a public hearing held in the Ocean Road School, Benedict Street, Point Pleasant, NJ, on Monday, April 28, 2025. WHEREAS, the Board of Education has now determined to make modifications to the Tentative Budget as follows:

Increase in Revenues:

Revenue Budget Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
10-1210-000	Tax Levy	$44,324,531	$45,122,270	$797,739	Tax Levy Incentive Program
10-3190-000	Other State Aid	$-0-	$39,887	$39,887	Tax Levy Incentive Aid
TOTAL		$44,324,531	$45,162,157	$837,626	

Increase in Appropriations:

Budget Appropriation Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
3200	Total Regular Programs - Instruction	$15,751,983	$15,881,708	$129,725	Additional teachers and supplies

10300	Total Special Education - Instruction	$4,177,670	$4,280,983	$103,313	Additional teacher
11160	Total Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	$467,352	$562,037	$94,685	Additional teacher
29680	Total Undist. Expend.- Attendance And Social Work	$75,351	$126,473	$51,122	restructure of non-certificated positions
41660	Total Undist. Expenditures - Guidance	$928,157	$1,070,419	$142,262	Additional guidance counselors
42200	Total Undist. Expenditures - Child Study Teams	$1,256,225	$1,326,687	$70,462	Additional school psychologist
46160	Total Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-School Admin.	$2,163,816	$2,107,039	$(56,777)	restructure of non-certificated positions
47200	Total Undist. Expend. - Central Services	$662,233	$663,067	$834	restructure of non-certificated positions
71260	Total Personal Services - Employee Benefits	$10,833,094	$11,135,094	$302,000	Benefits for additional staff
TOTAL		$36,315,881	$37,153,507	$837,626	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the above, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following FINAL Budget for SY2025-2026:

	Budget	Tax Levy
General Fund	$53,702,684	$45,122,270
Special Revenue	$2,370,806	$-0-
Debt Service	$1,081,000	$671,815
Total Base Budget	$57,154,490	$45,794,085

BE IT RESOLVED that the Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education includes in the final budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to NJSA 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of $872,440. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Other Capital Projects in the amount of $600,000 for other capital project costs of district wide technology infrastructure and a handicapped school bus. The anticipated total cost of these projects is $714,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a $500,000 withdrawal from the maintenance reserve account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5. WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of

these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education established $69,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended $17,121 as of this date; now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of $69,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 1 (Henry)
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 (Coughlan)

B. REPORTS

Information, Procedural: 1. Superintendent's Report

Grant Opportunities

There are two grant applications on the agenda for approval tonight. These competitive grants represent valuable opportunities to support and enhance our district's academic programs.

The first grant seeks funding to provide professional development for our Advanced Placement educators. This initiative aims to expand our AP course offerings and increase academic opportunities for our students. In addition to enhancing professional development, the grant funds may also be used to support students through mentoring, tutoring, and other programs designed to encourage increased enrollment in AP courses.

The second grant application focuses on the implementation of a comprehensive, high-quality universal literacy screening program for students in kindergarten through third grade. This program will be fully aligned with the Department of Education guidelines and will help us ensure that our youngest learners are on track for literacy success.

C. COMMENTS

Discussion: 1. Public Participation on Agenda Items Only - N/A

- The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.
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Information: 2. Board Comments - N/A

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Corbin moved, seconded by Mrs. Salway, the following resolutions:

Action (Consent): 1. HIB Affirm and Review
Recommended Action: Approval of the following HIB related items:

Affirm the superintendent of school's recommendation for disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for a report dated April 28, 2025:
MMS #290766_MMS_03282025, MMS #290767_MMS_03282025, MMS #290802_MMS_03282025, MMS #290836_MMS_03312025, PPHS #291074_PPB_04022025

Review the superintendent of school's recommendation for disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for a report dated May 12, 2025.
PPHS #292004_PPB_04162025, MMS #291984_MMS_04152025

Action (Consent): 2. New Appointments
Recommended Action: Approval of the appointment of the following staff for the 2025-2026 school year:

Certified Staff

Name	Position	Effective	Rate
Ari Kempner	HS Math Teacher	09/01/25-06/30/26	$60,556.00 BA-Step 1
Melissa Perez	HS English Teacher	09/01/25-06/30/26	$64,156.00 BA-Step 8

Action (Consent): 3. Revise/Rescind Appointments
Recommended Action: Approval of the following revised appointments of staff for the 2024-2025 school year as indicated:

Certified Staff

Name	From	To
Domingo Corcuera	$75,496.00 MA-Step 16 09/01/24-06/30/25	$76,096.00 MA+30-Step 16 04/28/25-06/30/25 Prorated

Action (Consent): 4. Staff Resignations
Recommended Action: Approval of the following Staff resignations:

Certified Staff

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Lisa Carey	MMS Teacher	Retirement	06/30/25
Linda Piscione	Library Media Specialist	Retirement	10/31/25

Non-Certified Staff

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Jill Hammell	NB Child Care Teacher	Retirement	06/30/25

Action (Consent): 5. School Treasurer
Recommended Action: Approval of Laurie Considine as School Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of $5,640.75.

Action (Consent): 6. Out-of-District Placement
Recommended Action: Approval of the following out-of-district placements for the 2024-2025 school year:

	Placement	Effective	Tuition
1 Student	Manchester	5/1/25-6/30/25	$4,400.00 per student
1 Student	The Shore Center	4/28/25-6/30/25	$11,815.38 per student

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following additional related services for the out-of-district placements for the 2024-2025 school year:

	Placement	Service	Rate
1 Student	The Shore Center	1:1 Aide	$9,705.48 per student

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 (Coughlan)

Action (Consent): 7. Contract Renewals, etc.
Recommended Action: Approval of the following contract renewals, assignments and salary notifications for the 2025-2026 school year:

Administrators
Non-tenured Teachers
Tenured Teachers
Unaffiliated
Cafeteria
Bus Drivers
Secretaries
Transportation Paraprofessionals
Supervisory Paraprofessionals
Instructional Paraprofessionals

Ayes: 6 *
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 (Coughlan)

* Mrs. Levine abstained on Resolution No. 7, Kurt Karcich, David Kirk, Lauren Rohmeyer, Wiliam Fall only
* Mr. Williams abstained on Resolution No. 7 Courtney Gallo, James Karaba, Derek Hulse only
* Mr. Sullivan abstained on Resolution No. 7 Megan Carey, John Carr only

Action (Consent): 8. Administrative Staff Appointments and Contracts

Recommended Action: Approval of the following administrative staff appointments and contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Effective	Rate
Robert Dunn	Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services	07/01/25-06/30/26	$184,941.40
Christine McCoid	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	07/01/25-06/30/26	$195,113.17**

**Includes stipend of shared services to Bay Head Board of Education

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the submission of the contract for Christina Fessler's reappointment as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to the Ocean County Executive Superintendent for approval.

Ayes: 6*
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 (Coughlan)

* Mr. Williams abstained on Resolution No. 8 Robert Dunn only.

Action (Consent): 9. Reduction in Force

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9 provides that a board of education may reduce the number of staff members employed in the district whenever, in the judgment of the board, it is advisable to abolish any such positions for reasons of economy or because of reduction in the number of pupils or of change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district or for other good cause; **WHEREAS,** for reasons of economy, continued reduction of State funding, overstaffing in light of student enrollment, need and program requirements, and other good cause, the Board finds it necessary to reduce the total number of positions in the District for the 2025-2026 school year through a reduction in force.

Action (Consent): 10. Approval of Student Teachers, Observers, and Interns

Recommended Action: Approve the following student teachers, observers, and interns as listed below:

Student Teacher/ Observer/Intern	College/ University	Cooperating Teacher/ Supervisor	Placement School	Semester(s)
Kirra Norling	Ursinus College	Jonathan Madden	PPBHS	50 hours, Spring/Summer 2025

Action (Consent): 11. Proctors for AP Testing
Recommended Action: Approval of the following certified staff members to serve as proctors for AP Testing May 2025:

Name	Position	Rate
Jackie Gergely	HS Counselor	$45.00 p/h
Gregory Lins	HS Counselor	$45.00 p/h
Katrina Salvatoriello	HS Counselor	$45.00 p/h
Rachel Visco	HS Counselor	$45.00 p/h

Action (Consent): 12. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Course Expansion grant
Recommended Action: Approval of the submission of the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Course Expansion Competitive grant application, in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00, to be utilized to support the Point Pleasant School district in the training of additional educators to teach Advanced Placement (AP) courses in an effort to increase opportunities for students who have historically faced barriers to advanced coursework.

Action (Consent): 13. Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) grant
Recommended Action: Approval of the submission of the Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Competitive grant application, in the amount of up to $7,560.00, to be utilized to support the Point Pleasant School district in the implementation of high-quality universal literacy screening that aligns with the Universal Literacy Screening Criteria as outlined in the guidance provided by the Department to meet the screening requirements in kindergarten through grade 3 (K-3) according to State law.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 (Coughlan)

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion: 1. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items - N/A

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F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion, Information: 1. Recess Into Closed Executive Session (if necessary)

Mr. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances; WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Point Pleasant Borough School District Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

1. Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically:	
2. Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive government funds, and specifically:	
3. Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically:	
4. Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: - Potential Shared Service	X
5. Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment of public funds, and specifically:	
6. Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically:	
7. Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney client privilege, and specifically:	
8. Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically:	
9. Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically:	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The motion was approved unanimously. The Board recessed into Executive Session.

G. MOTION TO RECONVENE WORKSHOP MEETING/BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING:
Action, Procedural: 1. Reconvene

Mr. Williams made a motion to reconvene the Workshop Meeting/Budget Adoption Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry and was approved unanimously. The Workshop Meeting/Budget Adoption Meeting was reconvened.

H. ADJOURN

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting/Budget Adoption Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry and was approved unanimously. The Workshop Meeting/Budget Adoption Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Christina Fessler

Christina Fessler, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary