

The Board of Education of Pleasant Hill CUSD #3 met in a special meeting in the All-Purpose Room at the Pleasant Hill Elementary School on December 22, 2025.

Board Vice President called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Upon roll call the following members were present: Traci Buchanan, Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse. The following members were absent: Steve Hammitt. Also present was Kylee Orr.

The Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation was opened at 5:02 p.m. Superintendent Kylee Orr reviewed the proposed tax levy.

When Superintendent Orr finished, Vice-President Damon invited public participation. Three people were present.

Becky Robinson spoke as a part of public participation and voiced concern regarding the tax increase. Ms. Robinson stated she hoped the Board and Administration would utilize the new tax revenue to improve student learning. Ms. Robinson also voiced concern regarding the difference in Pikeland CUSD #10 real estate taxes and Pleasant Hill CUSD #3 real estate taxes; she stated the Pikeland real estate taxes were less.

Burdette Brosie spoke as a part of public participation and voiced concern regarding the tax increase. Mr. Brosie stated that senior citizens on fixed incomes may find it hard to cope with a rise in taxes, and he hoped the Board would consider the impact of a rise in taxes on the senior citizens among others.

Spencer Smith spoke as a part of public participation and voiced concern regarding the tax increase. Mr. Smith stated that the District should consider other sources of revenue, such as solar panels.

Both Mr. Brosie and Mr. Smith voiced concern on the future of the School District and speculated whether consolidation would one day be considered.

Member Carpenter asked if Ms. Robinson had considered the differences between the Pikeland and Pleasant Hill School Districts in terms of the number of businesses. Ms. Robinson clarified that she was most concerned regarding the use of the new tax revenue.

Member Harrison spoke regarding her mother's concern in regards to rising taxes and the ability of senior citizens to pay additional taxes. Member Harrison stated she believed the District should seek additional sources of revenue, like solar panels.

The Public Hearing on the Tax Levy was closed at 5:25 pm.

Following the Public Hearing on the Tax Levy, Member Crowder motioned and Carpenter seconded to approve the 2025 Tax Levy. Upon roll call, the following members voted “Yes”: Shawn Carpeneter, Braden Damon, Traci Buchanan, Aaron Rodhouse (4 Yes). The following members voted “No”: Sydney Crowder, Tracey Harrison, (2 No). Member Hammitt was Absent.

Member Harrison motioned and Carpenter seconded to go into executive session at 5:35 pm for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Upon roll call, the following members voted “Yes”: Shawn Carpeneter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Tracey Harrison, Traci Buchanan, Aaron Rodhouse (6 Yes). No members voted “No” (0 No). Member Hammitt was Absent.

Member Damon motioned and Crowder seconded to return to Open Session at 5:51 pm. Upon roll call, the following members voted “Yes”: Shawn Carpeneter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Tracey Harrison, Traci Buchanan, Aaron Rodhouse (6 Yes). No members voted “No” (0 No). Member Hammitt was Absent.

Following Executive Session, Member Carpenter motioned and Member Damon seconded to accept the resignation of Zach Cantwell.

Member Carpenter motioned and Damon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm. Upon roll call, the following members voted “Yes”: Shawn Carpeneter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Tracey Harrison, Traci Buchanan, Aaron Rodhouse (6 Yes). No members voted “No” (0 No). Member Hammitt was Absent.