

Pleasant Hill CUSD #3
Special Board Meeting
September 30, 2026

The Board of Education of Pleasant Hill CUSD #3 met for a special meeting in the All-Purpose Room at Pleasant Hill Elementary School on September 30, 2026.

1. Board Vice-President Braden Damon called the special meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Traci Buchanan, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, and Aaron Rodhouse. Also present was Superintendent Kylee Orr.
3. The Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget was opened at 7:07 p.m. Mrs. Orr presented in Appendix A. There were no questions or comments on the Budget. The Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m. Member Crowder motioned and Rodhouse seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Budget. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Traci Buchanan, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, and Aaron Rodhouse (4 yes). No members voted "No."
4. Member Rodhouse motioned and Crowder seconded to enter executive session at 7:23 p.m. 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": Traci Buchanan, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, and Aaron Rodhouse (4 yes). No members voted "No." The Board exited the Executive Session at 7:30. Member Rodhouse motioned and Crowder seconded. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Traci Buchanan, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, and Aaron Rodhouse (4 yes). No members voted "No."
5. There were no actions resulting from Executive Session
6. There were no Other Items.
7. Member Rodhouse motioned and Crowder seconded to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Traci Buchanan, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, and Aaron Rodhouse (4 yes). No members voted "No."

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Appendix A - 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

The 2026–2027 budget supports three priorities: maintaining quality instruction, investing in staff, and addressing facility needs while strengthening the district’s financial position. Across all district funds, excluding student activity funds, we project approximately \$7.17 million in revenue and \$6.92 million in expenditures, resulting in an overall surplus of approximately \$248,000. The combined fund balance is projected to increase from \$1.79 million to \$2.04 million by the end of the fiscal year.

The Educational Fund is our largest fund and supports most instructional and day-to-day student services, including teachers, special education, student supports, school administration, and food service. We project approximately \$4.54 million in revenue and \$4.13 million in expenditures. The fund balance is projected to improve from approximately negative \$96,000 at the beginning of the year to positive \$307,000 at year-end.

The Educational Fund receives approximately \$1.94 million from local sources, \$2.08 million from state sources, and \$521,000 from federal sources. Evidence-Based Funding remains a major source of support, with approximately \$1.85 million budgeted districtwide. Our investment in staff remains central to providing consistent instruction. Salaries and benefits represent approximately 54 percent of total district expenditures and 78 percent of Educational Fund expenditures.

The Operations and Maintenance Fund projects approximately \$389,000 in revenue and \$334,000 in expenditures, with an estimated ending fund balance of \$47,000.

The Transportation Fund requires an allocation of Evidence-Based Funding to maintain a positive ending balance. With this support, it projects approximately \$323,000 in revenue and \$320,000 in expenditures, with an estimated ending fund balance of \$53,000.

Facility improvements represent a substantial part of this year’s budget. The Capital Projects Fund includes approximately \$1.20 million in revenue and \$1.34 million in expenditures. Revenue includes approximately \$234,000 from the school facilities sales tax, \$50,000 from the School Maintenance Project Grant, \$660,000 in insurance proceeds, and \$240,000 in other local revenue. Capital spending exceeds current-year revenue by approximately \$144,000, with the difference covered by existing reserves. The fund is projected to end the year with approximately \$253,000.

Social Security and IMRF expenditures will draw on existing reserves, with a combined projected ending fund balance of approximately \$103,000. The Tort Fund will use approximately \$8,000 in reserves and is projected to end the year with approximately \$75,000.

The Working Cash Fund has a projected fund balance of \$1.13 million. However, outstanding interfund loans limit the actual cash available in this fund.

Overall, this budget projects an improvement in the district's combined financial position. We will continue to monitor cash flow and individual fund balances throughout the year.

I removed "consistent with the regional average" because we have not verified that comparison. I also omitted the \$85,000 transportation allocation because the budget reviewed earlier listed \$70,000.