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F O R E W A R D

Each year each school district is confronted with the task of achieving numerous educational objectives within available financial resources. The accomplishment of this task is more probable if the district prepares a documented plan of action outlining the financial resources to be utilized to achieve specific objectives. The process of developing a budget has other managerial advantages:

- Costs relative to importance of programs and activities are periodically reevaluated for present and future educational advantages.
- Internal operations are systematically reexamined for efficiency and economy so that improvements might be made.
- Data concerning specific areas of responsibility are made readily available for evaluative purposes.

The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act 621 of Public Acts of 1978, mandates the formulation and establishment of a uniform chart of accounts and reports for school districts. The purpose of the Act is to provide the structure necessary for a close relationship between the administration and the local school board with regard to the establishment of budgets and appropriations. The Plainwell Community School District's General Fund Budget has in the past and continues to meet these guidelines. The budget and other financial reports have contained comparative figures and year-end financial information.

The 2025-2026 General Fund Budget is presented as one page. Supplementary data, (line items), are provided as required by the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Additional material is provided as a resource and to assist in analyzing budget material.

The 2025-2026 budget represents a financial outline for providing the best possible educational plan for students with available funds. It has been developed after discussion with Board Members, administrators, teachers and other interested persons in the Plainwell Community School District. Goals which were adopted by the Board of Education serve as the for budget development and it represents in monetary terms thousands of hours of student instruction, transportation, custodial services, building maintenance and things which together combine to make a successful school program.

The budget must make assumptions in certain areas, including, but not limited to, enrollment, state aid assistance and Taxable Values on non-homestead property. It will be brought to the Board of Education for revision as is required by State and Board guidelines.

(General Appropriation Resolution)

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the General Appropriations of the Plainwell Community School District for the fiscal year 2026: A resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the expenditures of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Plainwell Community School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Education member or employee of the school district shall expend funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby charged with the general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on April 20, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriations in the **General Fund** of the school district for fiscal year 2026 is as follows:

REVENUES	
Local	$5,369,008
State	31,205,976
Federal	638,083
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	0
TOTAL REVENUE	$37,213,067
Fund Balance, July 1, 2025	6,344,598
TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE	$43,557,665
TOTAL APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026	$38,896,566
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2026	$4,661,099

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that $38,896,566 of the total available to appropriate in the General Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

EXPENDITURES	
INSTRUCTION:	
Basic Programs	$18,174,191
Added Needs	4,414,492
Adult/Continuing	267,496
SUPPORT SERVICES:	
Pupil	2,155,648
Instructional Staff	1,124,325
General Administration	719,774
School Administration	2,252,327
Business	559,342
Operating Building Services	4,467,575
Pupil Transportation	1,399,311
Pupil Activities-Central	1,020,865
Athletic Activites	1,150,361
Community Services	890,859
Facilities Improvements	300,000
Outgoing Transfers & Other Transactions	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED	$38,896,566

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL FUND
OPERATING BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

	FIRST AMEND 2025-2026	SECOND AMEND 2025-2026
REVENUES		
Local Sources	$5,437,117	$5,369,008
State Sources	$30,810,448	$31,205,976
Federal Sources	$638,083	$638,083
SUB-TOTAL REVENUE	$36,885,648	$37,213,067
Incoming Transfers & Other Transactions	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & OTHER TRANSACTIONS	**$36,885,648**	**$37,213,067**
EXPENDITURES		
INSTRUCTION EXPENSE		
Basic Programs	$17,927,148	$18,174,191
Added Needs	$4,366,917	$4,414,492
Adult/Continuing	$267,496	$267,496
Sub-Totals	$22,561,561	$22,856,179
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Pupil	$2,135,028	$2,155,648
Instructional Staff	$1,117,701	$1,124,325
General Administration	$710,573	$719,774
School Administration	$2,230,723	$2,252,327
Business	$552,273	$559,342
Operating Building Services	$4,657,439	$4,467,575
Pupil Transportation	$1,452,145	$1,399,311
Pupil Activities-Central	$1,013,102	$1,020,865
Athletic Activites	$1,059,121	$1,150,361
Sub-Totals	14,928,105	14,849,528
Community Services	$909,958	$890,859
Facilities Improvements	$250,000	$300,000
Outgoing Transfers & Other Transactions	$0	$0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED	**$38,649,624**	**$38,896,566**
EXCESS REVENUE (APPROPRIATIONS)	**-1,763,976**	**-1,683,499**
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	**7,222,435**	**7,222,435**
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	**$5,458,459**	**$5,538,936**