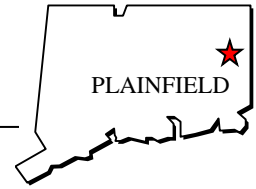




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On June 14, 2017, the Plainfield Board of Education affirmed its actions to reduce the school budget by \$830,000 as mandated by the Board of Finance. The following identified the cuts to programs and services to meet the cost reductions.

1. Following is a quick rationale for the proposed cuts: (\$750,000)

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| • Previous admin cuts | \$189,900 | School Leaders' Decisions – includes delay PCS-French |
| • Moved support staff to grant | \$12,000 | No impact – using grant rather than tax dollars |
| • Reduced Grade 4 & 5 Teachers | \$97,000 | Class size increase from 19 to 23 (reasonable) |
| • Eliminate PHS Reading | \$76,000 | Service met through English Department |
| • Reduced Health Cost | \$50,000 | Based on reductions to staff |
| • Delayed CNA Program | \$50,000 | Reserved \$10,000 to tuition students to after school CNA |
| • Para reductions to staff & hours | \$207,100 | Reducing hours where possible – retaining staff |
| • Sp. Ed. Reduction | \$40,000 | Less resource students in grades 4 & 5 |
| • Summer school/field trips | \$28,000 | Offset by PTO fund raisers or less trips |

2. Regarding the additional \$80,000 proposed in cuts:

- Wage contract limitations (\$28,295)
- BOE authorized limiting individual contracts to 1.5% saving budgeted funds
- Superintendent proposed salary freeze saving budgeted funds
- Behavior Management Specialists reduction from 5.5 hours to 5.0 hours per day.
- Nurses proposes a one-year extension of present contract saving budgeted funds
- Tuitions are calculated savings over budget based on reports from all agencies - \$38,729
- CABA membership elimination – (we can research other cuts) - \$14,500.

3. Although the cuts delay PCS- French and PHS-C.N.A, All-Day-Kindergarten was sustained

The Board of Education adopted these cuts retaining its authority in the event of any future funding or cost savings to consider reinstatement of any programs or services deemed a priority by the BOE. The adoption of the proposed cuts establishes a base budget as required by Town Charter but does not compromise the BOE right to adjust lines through transfers as needed to meet student and school needs.