



Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

Finance Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM EST

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:30 PM
A. Record Attendance		Marcy Conner	2 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Sasha Viands	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Sasha Viands	5 m
II. Finance			5:38 PM
A. DESE Five Year Financial Review	Vote	Marcy Conner	10 m
B. FY26 Budget - New Department	Discuss	Marcy Conner	10 m
C. FY26 Budget - Capital	Vote	Marcy Conner	10 m
D. FY26 - Transportation	Discuss	Marcy Conner	10 m
III. Other Business			
IV. Closing Items			6:18 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Sasha Viands	2 m

Coversheet

DESE Five Year Financial Review

Section:	II. Finance
Item:	A. DESE Five Year Financial Review
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	CHART 5YR Audit Review 20-24.pdf CHART 5YR AVG 20-24.pdf CHART 5YR Fiscal Highlights 20-24.pdf

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Financial Audit Review

Audit Measure	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Is the audit free of Questioned Costs?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Is the audit free of Instances of Noncompliance under GAAS?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Is the audit free of findings of Significant Deficiency?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Is the audit free of findings of Material Weakness?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Did the audit include an unqualified opinion?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Contextual Commentary from School:

School did not submit comment.

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Financial Indicators

The metrics below measure potential financial risk, using the following indicators:

Low Risk

Moderate Risk

High Risk

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5 Year Avg	FY24 MA Avg
Current Ratio	4.0	5.4	8.7	7.2	6.6	6.4	4.5
Unrestricted Days Cash	108	125	145.2	153.1	153.0	137	113.2
% of Program Paid by Tuition	96%	100%	96%	98%	95%	97%	88%
% of Program Paid by Tuition & Federal Grants	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96%
% of Total Revenue Expended on Facilities	11%	10%	11%	13%	13%	12%	12%
% Change in Net Assets	1.9%	7.1%	6.8%	6.1%	5.5%	5.5%	5.2%
Debt to Asset Ratio	0.19	0.15	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.49

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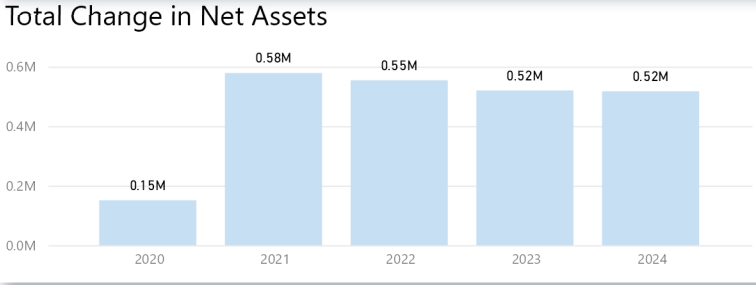
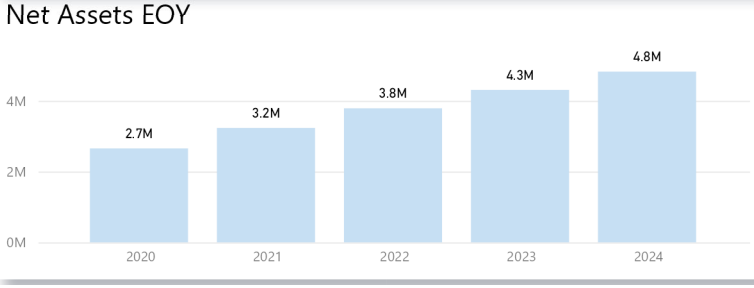
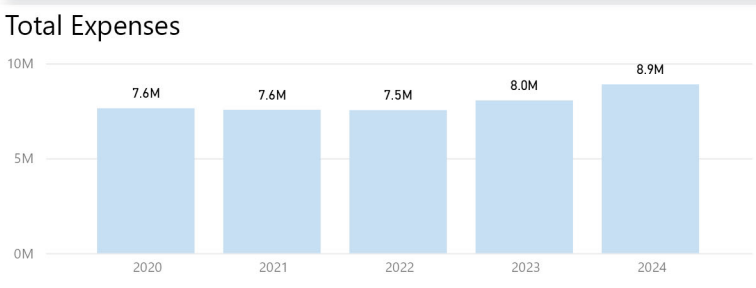
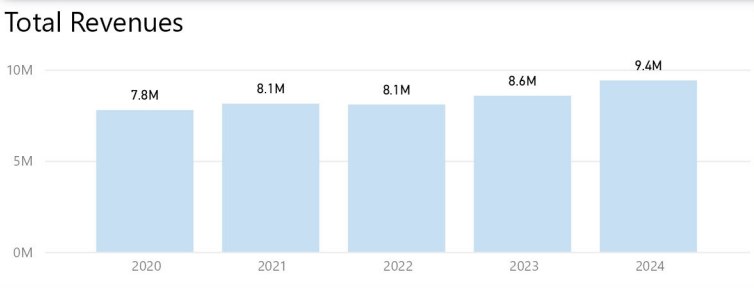
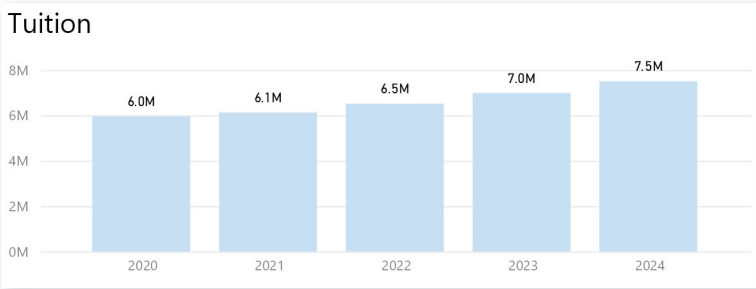
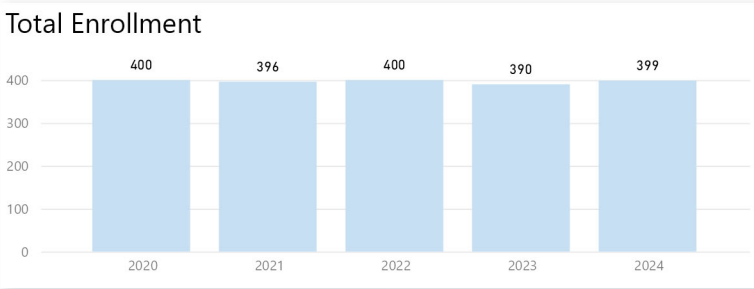
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Coversheet

FY26 Budget - New Department

Section:	II. Finance
Item:	B. FY26 Budget - New Department
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Technical Theater Department Presentation 3-4-25.pdf

Technical Theater

Realizing the complete art program at
PVPA

Why Technical Theater?

Why now?

If PVPA moves to add a Technical Theater department:

- Film curriculum and Costuming curriculum, will be joined with a stage design curriculum that will bring the 3 curriculums under a logical umbrella, that students can access.
- More students will have the opportunity to engage with our production apparatus, and some after school processes will be brought into the school day.
- Our school will be eligible for federal K-12 vocational education funding.

The 2025-2026 school year is the perfect time to start this department because the redesign of our art program curriculum, and production apparatus are solidified for our sustainable future. Adding this department will show PVPA's dedication to a strong subculture of students indispensable to our community, position PVPA for access to more federal funding, and provide vocational training for students less engaged in the performing arts and provide relief for schedule overcrowding.

Potential Curriculum Outlook.

Fall:

78 Intro to Stage Design

8 Stage Management Basics

Lighting Design 1

Sound Design & Engineering 1

Advanced Light and Sound

Spring:

78 Intro to Stage Design

8 Light and Sound Basics

Lighting Design 2

Sound Design & Engineering 2

Script Analysis for the Technical Director

Logistical Considerations

Projected room usage:

7/8 intro to stage design - Rm. 127 (scene shop)

*requires all costuming classes to be in 103

Advanced Light and Sound/Script Analysis for technical theater - Rm. 308 (Comp. Lab)

8 Stage Management/Light and Sound Basics - Rm. 146 (main stage theater) *requires an exchange with theater department

Lighting design 1 & 2 - Rm. 129

Sound design and engineering 1 & 2 - Rm. 129

The long range infrastructure planning committee has a potential project that has been discussed for multiple years and could make the implementation of these classes much easier to consider logistically. Moving the music department to the first floor and relocating the middle school classrooms to the second floor would also involve the creation of a second theater department classroom. This would nearly eliminate the theater departments' need to use the theater as a teaching space. In turn the classes in rm. 129 and 308 could get moved to the theater keeping all of the classes on the first floor.

Financial Implications

Investments

- One full-time instructor and associated benefits
- Course resources: Soundtrap licence, Eos augment 3d software
- Theater upgrade: New ETC lighting board, New lighting computer, Updated QLab license.

Savings/Funding Sources

- After year one or two possible reduction to Theater Manager position
- Federal Grant eligibility: Career and Technical Education Partnership Grant, Perkins Program Improvement and Equipment Grant, and the Charter School Program Expansion Grant
- Less after school hours needed as production processes are moved into the school day.

A Final Thought...

Technical theater and the skills associated with it have always been a revered and appreciated discipline in the PVPA community. The “Techies” at PVPA have organically created their own subculture at PVPA with traditions like “Techmas” and the PVPA techie t-shirt and logo. Techies receive their own ovations at each of our productions. We now have the opportunity to solidify our investment in this artistic discipline and codify it into our regular arts programming. Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts and Technical Theater is the arts programming that PVPA deserves, and will help us keep to our mission for years to come.

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FY26 Budget - Capital

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Item:	C. FY26 Budget - Capital
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Submitted by:	
Related Material:	FY26 Capital Budget 3-4-25.pdf

PVPA Capital Budget (3-4-25)**Outstanding:
FY2020 & FY 2024**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Theater	Accoustical Theater Curtains for Side Wall	18,850	Part of original configuration - increased sound quality & sound proofing
	Capital Needs Assessment w/FOPVPA	30,000	Study to evaluate building needs/construction
		<u>48,850</u>	

Capital Budget - FY26 Proposed 3-4-25**Leashold Improvements**

Bathroom Stalls	30,000	Replace 2nd floor, main floor and middle school bathrrom stalls
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Equipment

Classroom Furniture (6 rooms)	75,000	\$12,500 per room (increased from \$11,300). Increased from 5 rooms/year to include
	<u>105,000</u>	three middle school classrooms on 1st floor.

Total Capital Budget FY25	<u><u>105,000</u></u>
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FY26 - Transportation

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Item:	D. FY26 - Transportation
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Transportation - Initial 3-4-25.pdf

PVPA**Transportation: Initial Cost Information
3/4/2025**

Per Contract with Five Star Bus:

2024-2025 completes year three of a three year contract. The contract does have an extension provision for two additional years.

<u>2025-2026 Cost (3 Buses)</u>	<u>Add \$/Bus</u>	<u>Current Estimate</u>	<u># Increase</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$234,554	\$76,500	12 buses	9	\$688,500	\$923,054

EXAMPLE: (Using FY25 rates and intial cost)

FY25 Regional Transportation Reimbursement:	84%
Example of reimbursement =	\$775,365.36
Cost in excess of reimbursement:	\$147,688.64
Potential decrease to budget:	\$86,865.36