

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Wade, Board Chair; Bambi Wilson, Vice Chair; Max Edington, Trustee; Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; Lori Sheets, District Clerk/Business Manager; and Ray Anderson.

AGENDA:

Ryan Wade moved to approve the agenda and Max seconded the motion. Board voted all in favor.

MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the March Regular Business Meeting. Bambi seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Anderson was welcomed to the meeting. There was no public comment.

CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori explained expenditures on the April Warrant report. Ryan moved to approve the April warrant report and Max seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

Lori informed the board of the interest rate increase on the Intercap loan.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board:

- 4th Quarter, State Testing for students 3- 8 will be held the week of April 24th with no school for 1-2.
- Traveling Medicine Show on April 20th.
- New Student Round-Up brought in a new family. Interest in Junior K. Projected enrollment 11 with possibility of 14.
- End of Year Event – 8th Grade Graduation June 14th
- 2023-2024 School Calendar Draft for Board to consider. Calendar approval at May meeting.
- School Calendar for April and May

OLD BUSINESS:

Window Replacement Update: Discussion about how the installation went and how good the windows look. Anticipate energy savings due to the heater not running as frequently.

Trustee Election Update: Election cancelled March 31st. Number of Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy forms filed were equal to the positions open.

Permissive Levy: Published the notice of Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies. It ran in the Daily Inter Lake on March 20, 2023.

Teacher Contract Renewal for FY 2023-2024: The teacher presented the board with a counter offer which was a decrease from what the board had offered in March. After discussion, Ryan moved to accept the teacher's counter offer as the contract. Max seconded with the board voting all in favor. The contract was presented to Richelle and signed by Ryan, Richelle and Lori after the meeting adjourned.

MontanaSky: Lori contacted MontanaSky. She read the email exchanges to the board. Awaiting another response from Mr. Bowman, CEO of MontanaSky on whether they will compensate for equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Montana Rural Education Association: Ryan moved to renew membership for SY 2023-24. Bambi seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Montana Small Schools Alliance: Trustees considered renewing the MSSA programs agreements for the SY 2023-24. Ryan moved to renew but opting out of the National Rural Education Association. Bambi seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Consider Termination and Removal of Temporary Emergency Policies Numbered 1900-1912: Due to the President ending the state of emergency, the board considered terminating the emergency policies. Ryan moved the board of trustees terminate the Temporary Emergency Policies Numbered 1900-1912 and direct the administration to remove the policies and related procedures from the policy manual and work with necessary stakeholders to enact this motion. Max seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Subdivision: Letter received from Flathead County Planning and Zoning. Response requested by April 20, 2023. Ryan moved to respond by using the original letter to Justin Stefanik but changing the addressee to Flathead County Planning and Zoning with today's date. Bambi second the motion and all voted in favor.

Clerk Position: Trustees considered retaining Lori Sheets as Clerk or to seek another to fill the position. After discussion, the board said they will not need to place an ad to seek someone else.

Junior Kindergarten for SY 2023-24: Trustees considered offering Jr K for SY 2023-24. Due to at least 2 interested and possibly 4, Ryan moved to offer Jr K contingent on an aide. Max seconded and the board voted all in favor.

Teacher's Aide Position: The board considered needs for a teacher's aide for SY 2023-24. There is a need. Discussion on if funding is available. Katelyn will not be returning as she will be attending college at FVCC and living in town. Ryan asked to reach out to locals. Post job opening after May meeting.

120th Anniversary of Pleasant Valley School: Lori requested permission to hold an open house and old-fashioned ice cream social to commemorate the anniversary. The board selected June 24th for the celebration. Lori was granted permission to create a Facebook account for the Alumni and Friends of Pleasant Valley School to promote the event.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Need to hire Groundskeeper/lawn maintenance (part time, seasonal for May and June) Find a local.

Spring Work Day: May 20th from 9 am – 1 pm for parents, trustees, and staff.

Projects: Paint exterior of school house. Paint red shed. Concrete work on sidewalks.

Gravel Driveway and Parking Area – Max will take care of this project.

Cracked pipe on side of gym.

Tree Removal by garage.

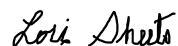
INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

- *School Safety Compliance Newsletter, April 2023* has been emailed to trustees.
- From OPI, Montana Comprehensive Assessment System: *"Six Things Stakeholders Should Know About Participation and Testing in Montana"*.
- Next Meeting: The next school board meeting is the organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.
The next regular school board meeting will follow the organizational meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully,



Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: _____

Approved as submitted: May 9, 2023

Approved as corrected: