

## PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

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### School Board Business Meeting Minutes

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**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

#### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Wade, Board Chair; Ray Anderson, Vice Chair; Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; and Lori Sheets, District Clerk/Business Manager. Trustee Max Edington joined remotely via Google Meet.

#### AGENDA:

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

#### MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular January Meeting. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

#### CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori stated the balance of the SRS grant after February claims is \$412.60. There was discussion about SRS being a federal grant and President Trump's freeze on grant spending. It did affect the grant program but the freeze was lifted and our grant request was approved and will be deposited on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Lori spoke about the Stars Act. After an email from Lance at MTSBA, we will qualify with an additional quality educator payment for the teacher and a second for the clerk if the clerk performs certain duties listed in the bill. Next year's clerk payment will be based on FTE. Lori's FTE is .375.

Ryan moved to approve the February warrant report and Ray seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

#### TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on the following:

MAST Update: Testing window ends on Feb. 21st and most of our students have completed this window of tests. There is one more test to administer before the window closes.

OPI observation went well. Richelle received back our results from the observation and all strengths were noted. They did request a few other documents which have been provided.

End of Year Field Trip: Libby Dam and Heritage Museum

Libby Dam: Guided tours take visitors through the dam and powerhouse, illustrating unique features including generators, the spillway and a 75-ton sculpture commemorating the Columbia River Treaty. Guided tours last one hour. Visit the Heritage Museum. Richelle shared that at some point during the school year, each student will have studied something about dams. The Board liked the proposed field trip idea.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

OPI 2024-25 Year 2 Accreditation Process: Richelle shared about the Learner Profile Committee meeting and Community Open House. Only 5 community members attended and 2 of those were Learner Profile Committee members. The committee selected the final document to present to the board. Richelle presented

the Learner Profile draft document for Board consideration. Ryan moved to approve and adopt the Learner Profile. Max seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

The Board reviewed the results of School Climate Survey. The survey was completed by staff, students in grades 3-8, and parents. There was no need to update ISAP goals as the results were all positive. It was determined that we would work to maintain the current school climate.

Richelle and Lori updated the Board on the meeting with OPI on year 2 assurance standards rubrics L through R. They detailed what OPI was requesting to be submitted in each rubric. After the meeting with OPI, it was determined that we should resubmit rubrics B, D, and student learning outcomes from 2023-24 process. Due to new requirements, we will not resubmit J. Richelle and Lori will prepare the document for submittal and pass it along to Cal to complete his areas. Cal must submit by February 28th.

Trustees Election: Lori gave a reminder for trustee candidates to file for election with the district clerk. A Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy must be filed with district clerk before March 27. Candidates must be registered to vote by the filing deadline. Ryan has completed his Declaration of Intent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flathead County Elections Department Memorandum of Agreement: The Board of Trustees considered the MOA received for the Flathead County Elections Department to conduct the 2025 School District Elections. Lori detailed the benefits of this for larger school districts in the valley but that it would have a financial impact/cost to our district since there is no provision if we cancel the election due to acclamation. Lori said that our district is a unicorn – one of a kind – in our county. Lori consulted with the elections department and they felt our district should do our own election due to our size of only 104 voters and the likelihood of the election being called by acclamation. Ryan moved that we do not enter into the MOA. Ray seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Early Literacy Targeted Intervention: The Board discussed Classroom-Based Early Literacy Program and Home-Based Early Literacy Program options for 4-year olds and requirements for implementing. The Board needs to decide if the district will offer either of the programs in school year 2025-26. After discussion, it was decided to table this matter until the March meeting to allow time to gather more information.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Teacherage Freeze/Thaw issues causing unlevel flooring and roofing issues. Richelle and Lori shared issues they are seeing in the teacherage. The Board agreed that these issues need to be addressed. Need to plan on having a spring work party day where this issue and the gym roof can be taken care of.

Flathead Electric did some tree removal around the teacherage to prevent line damage due to trees.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

*School Safety Compliance Newsletter, February 2025*, emailed to trustees

Next Regular Meeting Date: The next regular school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:45 pm at Pleasant Valley School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully,



Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as submitted:

Approved as corrected: