

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

7975 Pleasant Valley Rd, Marion, MT 59925

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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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; and Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; attended in person. Max Edington, Trustee; Lori Sheets, District Clerk; and Marcia Stolfus, Flathead County Superintendent of Schools; attended remotely via Google Meet.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the minutes from the Regular December Meeting. Max seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori shared that she deposited the Box Tops check. The check was \$170.30. Lori reviewed the warrant report explaining expenditures for January. Lori highlighted using up the grant for hydroponics from Plum Creek which was received by the previous teacher. Students will be able to grow things in the classroom with the kit purchased. Lori shared the general fund budget vs. actual which shows that 49% has been committed. Ryan moved to approve the January warrant report with Ray giving the second. The Board voted all in favor.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on the following:

PVS Update: School resumed on January 5th. The December storm closed the school for Dec. 17th and 18th due to loss of power. Make-up days will be discussed later in new business.

Holiday Program Update: Due to the school closure on the 18th, the Holiday Program was rescheduled for January 8th. The students had a great performance. We also had a few community members come enjoy the show and meal.

High School Registration: 8th Grade registration and activities for FHS begin this month.

- January 15, 2026 - Partner Counselors/Principals Meeting at FHS – Lori will attend
- February 11, 2026 - FHS Registration Event 5:00-6:00 pm in the FHS Auditorium, to go over how to fill out the registration form, Freshman Academy information, etc. This is when families will receive their registration sheet/materials.
- February 18, 2026 - Brave Beginning at FHS for 8th graders - 8:40-11:40 am – We will have a substitute while I take our 8th grader on his tour of FHS.
- February 25, 2026 - registration sheets due back to their school and sent to FHS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Operations Plan Annual Review: The Board continued the annual review of the plan. The Board reviewed 7 more of the emergencies most likely to occur and updated the procedures. Ryan moved to approve the Emergency Operations Plan with the updates made. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Power Outage Make Up Days: The trustees discussed what make up days are needed and when to schedule them due to the school closing for the power outage in December. Marcia advised that the first day was declared a local emergency by the county. She felt that the district only needs to make up one day. Richelle suggested that the make up day be held on January 30th. The students have an opportunity to attend a play at the Bigfork Playhouse on that date. The board selected January 30th as the makeup day.

Discussion on the rising healthcare costs and funds available for bonus/stipend for staff members: The trustees discussed the increase in Richelle’s health insurance. The health insurance stipend no longer covers the cost. Availability of funds to help with this was discussed. Ryan moved that the district provide a monthly additional duties stipend for the certified teacher in the amount of \$200; for the district clerk in the amount of \$75; and for the teacher’s aide in the amount of \$75; to begin with the next paycheck following this meeting. Ray seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

Review FP-14.1 Documents received from Marion School: The trustees reviewed the 3 FP14 forms received from Marion School. The Board acknowledged the out-of-district agreements after review.

MTSBA December Policy Updates: Trustees reviewed recommended policy updates to policies 3665, 5122, and 2600 based on HB745. 2600 is not a current policy. Ryan moved to adopt 3665 and 5122 with the changes. Ray seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Tree trimming along front fence line. Ryan will remove branches.
Flickering light above office area. Tom Millett was contacted and he came out and assessed the issue. A replacement part was ordered and will be installed when it arrives.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

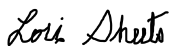
School Safety Compliance Newsletter, January 2026, was emailed to trustees.

Next Regular Meeting Date: The next regular school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 at 5:45 pm at Pleasant Valley School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully,



Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: _____

Approved as submitted: 2/11/2026

Approved as corrected: