

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 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; attended in person. Max Edington, Trustee; Marcia Stolfus, Flathead County Superintendent of Schools; Keven Kerkam; and Kelly Anderson 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 February 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 had submitted the paperwork for the AED grant. Hopefully after March 15, OPI will reimburse for the purchase of the new AED pads. Lori stated that the Costco rebate check was received and will be used for supplies and get cash back for the field trip.

Lori reviewed the warrant report explaining expenditures for March. Ryan moved to approve the March warrant report with Ray giving the second. The Board voted all in favor. Lori shared the general fund budget vs. actual report which shows that 64% has been committed.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on the following:

PVS Update: 2nd Trimester ended on Thursday, March 5. End of trimester testing showed that all students are growing and progressing in their skills. Parent Teacher conferences were held on Friday. All families were able to attend. The beginning of this month was also the end of the 2nd window for MAST testing. We will get window progress results next month. March 23-27 is Spring Break.

Spring Fling/Round Up: Due to conflicts with Spring Break and the date of Easter, as well as lots of sports conflicts, Richelle would like to plan to conduct our event during the last part of the school day on March 19th. This is our last day before Spring Break. We would have an egg hunt, spring crafts, and games for the students to participate in. As part of this event, Richelle would like to invite our incoming kindergarten students to participate and meet current students. Parents can view activity and complete next year's enrollment paperwork.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Plan and Embark Closure: Emergency plan was updated by Richelle due to Embark's closure. There was discussion on who to put in the position of medical coordinator. It was decided that Richelle's name be put there.

Power Outage Back Up Power: The trustees continued discussion on backup options for power outages. Ryan said that he needed the Flathead Electric bill to determine peak load. Max spoke to John with Great Northern and would like to schedule a time for them to come out so that Great Northern can create a bid. Lori shared that Costco sells Generac generators. Lori investigated grant options and was unable to find any current opportunities. The City of Kalispell was in the Daily Inter Lake about applying for a grant for back up power generator. That grant deadline was March 6 and requires a 25% local match. The grant seemed to be for essential services like police, fire, and hospitals. PVS would need to be essential like an evacuation center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permissive Levy for Consideration: The trustees considered adopting a resolution to impose an increase/decrease in a non-voted levy in the 2026-2027 school year fiscal year budget for the purpose of funding Pleasant Valley School’s Building Reserve, Bus Depreciation Fund, Transportation Fund and Tuition Fund. The trustees estimated the increase/decrease in revenues/mills for school fiscal year 2027. After much discussion with input from the public, Ryan read the resolution to impose an increase/decrease in levies. The resolution is on a separate page. Ray seconded the resolution and the Board voted all in favor of adopting the resolution. Lori will have the notice of this resolution published in the Daily Inter Lake no later than March 31, 2026. It will also be posted to the website.

Sub List Addition: The trustees considered the addition of Shirley Webster to the sub list. Ryan moved to add Shiley Webster after she has passed a fingerprint background check. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

Firewall Replacement: Trustees reviewed the one bid received through the USAC bidding process and determined that the bid was very expensive. They would like to get a bid from Brent Martinez. The firewall could be purchased with SRS funds rather than going through E-Rate. Lori will ask for his bid to have at the next meeting.

MTSBA Membership survey: The trustees completed and submitted the survey for MTSBA.

Staffing Needs for 2026-2027: The trustees considered retaining Lori Sheets as Clerk or seeking another to fill the position. Ryan moved to retain Lori Sheets. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. The trustees continued discussing staffing needs for the next school year. They determined to keep the same positions as this school year. Lori is to create contracts for Richelle, Deana, and herself for the April meeting.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Spring groundskeeper : Lori will inquire if Kyle is still interested.
Ramp needed on new shed. The Board recommended making the ramp portable. Lori will see if it was something that Kyle could do as part of the spring groundskeeping.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

School Safety Compliance Newsletter, March 2026, emailed to trustees
Trustees Election Update: Election cancelled March 3. Number of Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy forms filed were equal to the positions open. Ray Anderson is elected by acclamation.
Next Regular Meeting Date: The next regular school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:45 pm at Pleasant Valley School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
Respectfully,

Lori Sheets

Lori Sheets, District Clerk
Approved as submitted: 04/08/2026

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: _____
Approved as corrected: _____