PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

ATTENDANCE:
Ryan Wade, Board Chair; Ray Anderson, Vice Chair; Max Edington, Trustee; Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; and Lori Sheets, District Clerk; attended in person. 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 March 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 $89 was received from the AED grant with another $125 is to come which fully covers the purchase of the new AED pads.
Lori reviewed the warrant report explaining expenditures for April. Ryan moved to approve the April 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 71% has been committed.

TEACHER'S REPORT:
Richelle briefed the Board on the following:
PVS Update – The makeup day for wind storm school closure will be Friday, June 5th.
End of year field trip details are being finalized. A parent meeting will be scheduled to discuss transportation and food options.
End of year event will include spring music program with a patriotic focus because of the 250 anniversary and 8th grade graduation. Cake will be served. The date will be June 10th at 6 pm.
A list of all upcoming event dates was provided.

OLD BUSINESS:
Permissive Levy: The notice of Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase/Decrease in Levies was published in the Daily Inter Lake on March 18, 2026.

Power Outage Back Up Power: The trustees continued discussion on backup options for power outages. Max spoke to Great Northern and has scheduled April 17th for them to come out. Ryan is in contact with the person who did Ryan's generator installation. Ray is wondering how purchasing a Generac generator from Costco would work as the flyer says in-home consultations. Lori recommended obtaining at least 2 bids for the project. Max and Ryan will obtain a bid from their contacts.

Sub List Addition: Lori read an email from Shirley Webster which included her refusal to have a fingerprint background check. Due to the refusal, she will not be added to the sub list.

Firewall Replacement: Trustees reviewed the two bids received from Brent Martinez. The firewall could be purchased with SRS funds. Ryan moved to accept the bid from Secure Network Innovation with the 3 year option and firewall on quote 1729. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. Lori will notify Brent.

NEW BUSINESS:
School Calendar for 2026-2027: Trustees considered the proposed calendar for adoption. The changes were the dates for PIR days and moving the numbers on the calendar for the new year. Ryan moved to approve the 2026-27 calendar as shown. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

Kindergarten Registration Update: Trustees were informed that one kindergarten registration was received. Lori reviewed the age requirement for kindergarten and when trustees are authorized to allow early entry. There was consensus from the trustees was that they would use the early entry provision when needed.

Teacher's Contract SY 2026-27: Lori reviewed the spreadsheet calculations for the teacher's contract. Lori shared that she had contacted MTSBA about whether the teacher housing met the IRS requirements to be considered a non-taxable fringe benefit. The response was yes if the teacher was required to reside on premises as a condition of employment. Lori detailed what would need to occur to make the change from charging rent and providing a housing allowance to having on-premises housing be a requirement of employment. The financial implications were discussed. Ryan presented a resolution establishing on-premises housing as a condition of employment. (Resolution attached to the minutes.) Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. The trustees continued reviewing the calculations for the contract. Marcia requested an increase in the paperwork stipend because the paperwork responsibilities have increased. The Board agreed to increase that amount. Ryan moved to present Richelle the contract as shown with the correction of $3,000 for the paperwork. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. Lori will update contract and present it to Miss Sheets for her consideration.

Teacher's Aide Contract for SY 2026-27: Lori reviewed the spreadsheet calculations for the teacher's aide contract. Ryan moved to offer Deana Presley the contract as shown. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. Lori will present it to Mrs. Presley for her consideration.

Business Manager Contract for 2026-27: Lori reviewed the spreadsheet calculations for the business manager/district clerk position. The Board discussed the low percentage of increase and decided to increase the retention bonus. When viewing the contract document, Richelle pointed out the numbering needed corrected as there were two 9's on the items listed on the contract. Ryan moved to offer Lori Sheets the contract with the corrections requested. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. Lori will make the corrections requests. It will be printed for her consideration.

Montana Small Schools Alliance: Trustees considered renewing the MSSA programs agreements for SY 2026-27. Richelle stated that it is required for the school to be accredited. Ryan moved to enter into the agreement. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

Montana Rural Education Partnership/NREA Membership: Trustees considered membership for SY 2026-27. Ryan moved that we do not have a membership. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

SMART Board Replacement: Lori and Richelle presented Trustees with 2 bids for the replacement of the failing SMART board. The current board was purchased in August 2015 for a cost of $1,944. The first bid is for an economy school version MX and the second is for the newest release RX. After discussion, Ryan moved to go with the quote for the RX Smart Board. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor. Lori will notify the company.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:
Hired Kyle Presley for Groundskeeper/lawn maintenance
Playground wood shavings depth needs increasing.
Ramp needed on new shed. Kyle will construct as part of groundskeeper duties.
Flathead County Health Dept annual inspection completed 4/1/2026. The inspector is requesting a plumbing schematic. Max will work on creating one. Air quality inspection needs added to annual inspection. The girls bathroom drain is running slow.
Teacherage stairs have a broken riser.
Ray requested a task list be created and given to Kyle and see what he can complete as time permits.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

School Safety Compliance Newsletter, April 2026, emailed to trustees

Organizational Meeting Date & May Regular Meeting Date: The Organizational and May Regular Business Meetings will be held back-to-back on the same day in May. The Organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6 pm at Pleasant Valley School. The May Regular Meeting will begin at the conclusion of the Organizational meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair:_____

Approved as submitted: 5/20/2026

Approved as corrected: