

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL, District 27
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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Wade, chair; Bambi Wilson, vice chair; Carolyn McIsaac, trustee; Jack Eggensperger, Flathead County Superintendent of Schools; Richelle Sheets, lead teacher; Ann Becker, district clerk/business manager; and Kelly Anderson, parent.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the March minutes. Bambi seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Anderson addressed the Board asking if they would consider going from a 5-day to a 4-day school week and handed out 4-day calendars from three other schools. Kelly also mentioned several reasons why the 4-day school week would be beneficial to the school and families, including lower parent fuel costs for round trips to the school.

Jack noted that a few of the other rural county schools have implemented a 4-day school week.

Ann also noted that the district would save money on transportation contracts (TR-4s) by only reimbursing for 4 days as opposed to 5. The district may also save on electricity costs.

Ryan asked Richelle to prepare a draft calendar for a 4-day school week. Richelle will also prepare a survey for parents.

The Board thanked Kelly for her comments and offered to take them under consideration.

CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Ryan moved to approve the April warrant report and Bambi seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor. General fund and project cash reports were presented.

HB 630 Additional Financial Support Payments for Increase to BASE Budget Limits for FY 2022: The Pleasant Valley School District will receive \$10,000 additional funding. Section 20-9-166(2)(e), MCA states that "a district receiving additional support shall deposit the money into the district's Miscellaneous Program Fund (15) and use it to address costs associated with the enrollment increase."

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on updates including:

- End of 3rd quarter testing showed growth by all students since the beginning of the year.
- No attendees at PVS' Kindergarten Round-Up on April 1, although we may have one student and will know more in July.
- End-of-year student activities include Community Clean-up Day on April 22 and local history field trips June 3-4.
- Kindergarten Graduation and our end-of-year celebration will be Friday, June 10th. This is also the last day of school. Details of the celebration were discussed and Kelly offered to donate hamburger if we planned a BBQ. The Board thanked Kelly for her generous offer. Bambi mentioned possibly serving cupcakes. The Board will decide at the next meeting.
- School Calendar for 2022-2023: Draft calendars were given to the Board for their consideration. The Board also will consider a 4-day school week calendar at the next regular meeting.
- April and May school calendars and newsletter were distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of District's Safe Return to School and Continuity Plan: Trustees reviewed the school's current plan. There was no public comment. Ryan moved to approve the current plan and Bambi seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

District Clerk / Manager Position: The Board discussed this part time position that will become vacant at the end of the current school year. The Board unanimously approved the job description draft. The District will post the position on the PVS and MASBO websites, along with an ad in the Daily Inter Lake and postings throughout the community. Jack suggested a \$20/hour pay rate with 12-hour per week average, and that the position be advertised until filled. Ann agreed to stay on until June. Ryan made a motion to offer \$20/hour and Bambi seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

Groundskeeper / Lawn Maintenance Position: The Board discussed this seasonal position that will be available for May and June. The District will post the position on the PVS website, Mountain Trader, along with McGregor Lodge and Hilltop bulletin boards. Ryan made a motion to offer \$18/hour and Bambi seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA): Ryan made a motion that the Pleasant valley School District renew the MSSA programs agreements for the 2022-2023 school year. Bambi seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

Montana Rural Education Association (MREA): Ryan made a motion to renew membership for the 2022-2023 school year. Bambi seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

The riding mower needs maintenance and Ryan will look into it.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

- *School Safety & Compliance Newsletter, April 2022* was emailed to trustees.
- **Next Meetings:**
 - ✓ Trustees' Organizational Meeting is **Wed., May 18, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.**
 - ✓ Regular Business Meeting will immediately follow adjournment of the organizational meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.; Bambi seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

Respectfully,

Ann Marie Becker, District Clerk

Approved as submitted:

Date:

Approved as corrected:

Date:

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: _____