

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL, District 27
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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Wade, chair; Bambi Wilson, vice chair; Carolyn McIsaac, trustee; Richelle Sheets, lead teacher; Ann Becker, district clerk/business manager; and Kelly Anderson, parent.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the February minutes. Carolyn seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Anderson told the Board she would be interested in volunteering to coordinate a school fundraising event in the future. The Board and lead teacher welcomed Kelly to the meeting and thanked her for her enthusiasm and desire to help our students.

CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Ryan moved to approve the March warrant report and Carolyn seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor. General fund, project cash, ESSER II and ESSER III fund balances were reported.

A letter signed by all PVS students was sent to Three Rivers Bank Kalispell thanking them for their donation.

Our Isolation Status is good for a total of three (3) years; therefore, we have two years remaining. A new application would need to be completed prior to the 2024-25 school year.

Ann gave the Board notice that she will be leaving the school district at the end of the current school year. The District will officially post the district clerk/business manager job vacancy in

April. Ann said she is willing to stay on in her current position as long as required. She will be moving to St. Ignatius and will be travelling to Kalispell often.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on updates including:

- March 17th is the last MAP test of the school year. March 21-25 is spring break and the end of quarter is April 1st.
- No school on April 1st for parent/teacher conferences, record keeping and kindergarten round up.
- Kindergarten Round Up is April 1st from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Students will be participating in state testing during the week of April 25th. All students in grades 4-7 will take the Smarter Balanced Test for math and English language arts. Fifth graders will also take the Montana science assessment.
- No School for K-2 during the week of April 25th due to testing.
- Trustees reviewed the proposed District's MontCAS Test Plans. Ryan made a motion to approve the plans and Carolyn seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.
- The monthly school calendar 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 Carolyn seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

Trustee Election Update: The District received one Declaration of Intent from Ryan Wade. The deadline for trustee candidates to file for election is Thursday, March 24.

NEW BUSINESS:

District Clerk & Manager Position: The Board discussed this position that will become vacant at the end of the current school year. The District will advertise this position in April.

Teacher and Teacher's Aide Contracts for Renewal: Trustees considered the proposed contracts and made a few changes. The teacher's stipend in lieu of health insurance will increase from \$450 to \$550 per month and a \$2,000 retention bonus will be offered. The hourly rate for the teacher's aide position will increase to \$16.50 per hour. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and a \$1,200 retention bonus will be offered.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Ryan discussed future outdoor cleanup projects, including removal of old barbed wire fencing along the school's driveway.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

- *School Safety Compliance Newsletter, March 2022* was emailed to trustees.
- *2021-2022 Rural Schools Financial Data Survey* was distributed to Trustees.
- SPED Programs brochure was distributed.
- **Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is **Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 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: _____