

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27**  
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## School Board Business Meeting Minutes

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**Monday, February 13, 2023**

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

### ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Wade, Board Chair; Bambi Wilson, Vice Chair; Max Edington, Trustee; Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; and Lori Sheets, District Clerk/Business Manager. Ray Anderson attended remotely via Google Meet.

### AGENDA:

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

### MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the January Regular Business Meeting. Bambi seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Anderson was welcomed to the meet and asked if he had public comment. Ray had questions about the Trustee election. Lori informed him that would be discussed in old business.

### CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori discussed the property insurance renewal values. Lori informed that it appears PVS received two payments from the Dept of Commerce for the fiber project. She will be looking into it.

Ryan moved to approve the February warrant report and Max seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

### TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board:

- School Calendar for February
- End of Year Field Trip – Montana History Trip
- State Testing Plan – OPI has updated testing plans. Richelle updated PVS testing plans. The plans need to be reviewed by the board and will be an agenda item in March for consideration and approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Montana Masonic Foundation Grant:** Results – The grant application was not selected. Encouraged to reapply for future grants in October 2023. They awarded over \$90K this year.

**Window Replacement Update:** Discussion about what oversight would be needed during the install. Max volunteered to assist in the oversight. Richelle stated that she would not be available on Monday.

**Proposed Lost Prairie Subdivision:** The board considered the draft letter composed by Ryan to respond to the email received from Justin Stefanik of KLJ Engineering in Helena, MT about a proposed subdivision in Pleasant Valley School District. Letter was adjusted to include the MCA about the max class size for a one teacher school. Ryan moved to send the letter as adjusted. Bambi seconded and the board voted all in favor.

**Trustee Election:** Lori reminded that trustee candidates need to file for election with the district clerk. A Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy must be filed before March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Candidate must be registered to vote at the time the Oath is filed. Ray asked about the number to be filled in the blank for year term. Lori informed that there are two terms. One is a one year and one is a three year. Ray also asked what day the election was. Lori stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Ray plans to see Lori Tuesday morning to file paperwork. Max will file with Lori after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Property Tax Exemption:** Letter received from Dept of Revenue stating the need to submit a new application for exemption due to application not being submitted back in 2016. Lori detailed that she contacted the Dept of Revenue for help. Kacee Redli responded they looked into the record for Pleasant Valley School and determined it should be classed as a Governmental entity. They updated our records and we can disregard the letter.

**Consideration of renewal with MTSBA:** Trustees' membership renewal for consideration and approval. Membership term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024. Ryan moved that the membership be renewed. Max seconded and the board voted all in favor.

**Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative:** Trustees considered the proposed plan for school year 2023 -2024. Richelle spoke about the Cooperative and their proposal for next school year. The Cooperative is wanting to know if there is interest in the proposal. Ryan moved that we respond to the Coop that yes, we would join at their schedule. Bambi seconded and the board voted all in favor.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Montana DPHHS: School Portable Air Cleaner Program – Arrived and are installed.  
Gym Programable Thermostat: Lori detailed that she had found a 120-volt programable thermostat. It requires a 4 wire installation but there are only 2 wires attaching current one. Lori has contacted Kory about the ability to install it.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

- *School Safety Compliance Newsletter, February 2023* has not been emailed to trustees. It has not been received by the clerk.

- **Next Meeting:** The next regular school board meeting is **Monday, March 13, 2023** at 5:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully,

*Lori Sheets*

Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as submitted: March 13, 2023

Approved as corrected: