

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27**  
7975 Pleasant Valley Rd, Marion, MT 59925  
[www.pvsmt.org](http://www.pvsmt.org)

## School Board Business Meeting Minutes

---

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 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. Cal Ketchum, Flathead County Superintendent of Schools, 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 February Regular Business Meeting. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

### CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori presented the Preliminary Budget Data Sheet FY24 from OPI.

Lori informed that the issue of PVS receiving two payments from the Dept of Commerce for the fiber project had been resolved. The County Treasurer had given PVS credit for a deposit that should have been given to FVCC. The County Treasurer has corrected their error.

March Warrant report was missing some coding due to Excel issue. Ryan moved to approve the March warrant report with proper coding to be added and Max seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

Lori presented the End of Year Field Trip Budget. After discussion, Ryan moved to approve the budget with Max seconding. The Board voted all in favor.

### TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board:

- School Calendar for March and April
- New Student Round-Up Flyer and Round-up is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 6 pm.
- State Testing for students 3- 8 will be held the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> with no school for 1-2.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Window Replacement Update:** Discussion about oversight during the install. Lori will be onsite Monday and Thursday and Max will cover Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Proposed Lost Prairie Subdivision:** Letter of response was received from Justin Stefanik of KLJ Engineering about the proposed subdivision in Pleasant Valley School District. Letter addressed the board's questions. 5 lots are pre-sold to individuals looking for vacation homes. Marketing will be for second homes-vacation homes rather than primary residences. Preliminary plat review is under way with Flathead County estimate 1.5 – 2 years. Full build out would be 5 – 10 years.

**Trustee Election:** Reminder for trustee candidates to file for election with the district clerk. A Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy must be filed with district clerk before March 23. Candidate must be registered to vote at the time the Oath is filed. Filings received: 1 for 1-year term and 1 for 3-year term. Lori will be at school on March 30th until 5 pm for the close of write-in candidates Declaration of Intent, deadline to withdraw, and determination of cancellation of election.

**Test Plan:** Richelle presented the update testing plans. Ryan moved that all state testing plans updated to meet OPI standards be approved as provided. Max seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Permissive Levy for Consideration:** Trustees considered adopting a resolution to impose an increase in a non-voted levy in the 2023-2024 school year fiscal year budget for the purpose of funding Pleasant Valley School's Building Reserve, Bus Depreciation Funds and Transportation Fund. Trustees estimated increases in revenues/mills for school fiscal year 2024 (which begins July 1, 2023). Ryan moved that the board adopt the resolution. Bambi seconded and board voted all in favor. Lori will make sure to publish a notice of this resolution no later than March 31, 2023. Wording of resolution is at the end of the minutes.

**Montana Cooperative Services:** Trustees considered membership for FY 2023-24. Membership was determined to not be beneficial for the school district.

**Teacher Contract Renewal for FY 2023-2024:** Trustees discussed teacher contract options. Ryan moved to do the contract based upon the discussed list of items and amounts. Max seconded with the board voting all in favor. The contract was presented to Richelle for consideration.

**School Calendar 2023-2024:** Trustees discussed continuing the 4-day school week. Ryan moved to continue the 4-day week for the 2023-2024 school year. Bambi seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

**Fundraiser:** The Board discussed authorizing a school student fundraiser with Hi-Country Snack Foods Inc. Ryan moved that we authorize a fundraiser with Hi-Country Snack Foods Inc. Bambi seconded with the Board voting all in favor.

**MontanaSky:** Trustees considered the use of the school building by MontanaSky to house Fiber Internet Router/Switch. The Board was not aware that MontanaSky would be placing their equipment in the school building when it was installed. The Board would like to be compensated for having the equipment in the building, providing electricity and heat. The Board instructed Lori to contact MontanaSky and see what compensation can be received. At the least, getting the internet to the Teacherage for free.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY: A Spring Maintenance Person is needed to be hired soon.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

- *School Safety Compliance Newsletter, March 2023* has been emailed to trustees.
- **Next Meeting**: The next regular school board meeting is **Tuesday, April 11, 2023** at 5:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully,



Lori Sheets, District Clerk

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

Approved as submitted: April 11, 2023

Approved as corrected:

**Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies**

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Pleasant Valley School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Pleasant Valley School Board of Trustees estimates the following increases in revenues and mills for funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund Supported	Increase/Decrease Revenue	Increase/Decrease Mills	Cost to \$100,000 Home	Cost to \$200,000 Home
Transportation	\$176.00	0.34	\$0.46	\$0.93
Bus Depreciation	\$900.00	1.76	\$2.38	\$4.75
Building Reserve	\$ 88.00	0.17	\$0.23	\$0.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,164.00</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>\$3.07</b>	<b>\$6.15</b>

Regarding the increase noted for the building reserve levy referenced above, the following are school facility maintenance projects anticipated to be completed at this time: 1) Deferred building maintenance. 2) Repair/replace deteriorating sidewalks. 3) Install permanent signage and community message boards.