

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Board Chair Ryan Wade.

ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Wade, Board Chair; Ray Anderson, Vice Chair; Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; and Lori Sheets, District Clerk/Business Manager.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the Special June Meeting and the Regular June Meeting. Ray seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori explained the new budget and the encumbrances made from the previous budget. Then she went over expenditures from the August Budget vs Actual report, the July warrant report and the August warrant report. Ryan moved to approve the August warrant report and Ray seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on the following:

- Standards-based Grading. The board discussed standards-based grading and the district's current grading policy. The board discussed the current policy which is A-F mixed with standards 4-1 and how the numeric values do not correspond to the A-F. Ryan moved to change the policy to standards based 4-1 only. Ray seconded and board voted all in favor.
- 2023-2024 school calendar and class schedule were reviewed.
- Date for Fall Open House was selected for September 8th at the conclusion of the school day.
- Harvest Party date selected as October 14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Teacher's Aide Position: Trustees considered the teacher's aide contract for SY 2023-24. The contract stated Monday through Thursday but school is in session a few Fridays. Wording amended to say 4 days per week. Ryan moved to approve the contract as amended as discussed. Ray seconded and board voted all in favor. As a part of the contract discussion, Lori brought up that the previous clerk had said that PVS did not offer sick and vacation leave but Lori had heard in a class that it was something that was to be done for permanent part time employees. MCA Title 2 Chapter 18 Part 6 was emailed to the board to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Disposal of obsolete school items: The board requested Lori to set a date for the sale that would work with her schedule.

MTSBA School Policy Manual: Trustees continued the review process. Trustees read through part of the 2000 section stopping at 2151. Notes were made on policies which need correction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and approve Junior Kindergarten Student Enrollment: Enrollments were approved by the board.

Consideration of CHS Inc. Propane Sales Contract: Ryan moved to enter into the contract with CHS Inc. Ray seconded. Board voted all in favor.

E-Rate Consultant - Consideration of contract with E-Rate Program Management, LLC: Ryan moved to enter into the contract as long as it was not required to put contract up for bid until our contract with MontanaSky expires. Ray seconded and board voted all in favor.

Consider retaining current Groundskeeper for 23-24 school year: It was discussed to keep Kyle as groundskeeper. Groundskeeper is a seasonal position. The board wants Kyle to be groundskeeper when needed again the spring.

Consideration of Message Center Purchase/Construction: The board discussed options for the sign and choose to purchase the message center kit from Uline and will ask Kyle to install it.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Tasks completed: Gravel driveway and parking area, and carpet cleaning. Driveway still needs approx. 3 loads of gravel. Lori will contact Doug and complete the driveway exit when he is available. Inquire about grading and rates for rolling.

Tasks to complete: Cracked pipe on side of gym. Ryan will fix. Spraying the knapweed. Ray will do in fall after frost. Parking area light still flickering on and off. Contact Kory Shriver.

Pest Control: Mice in heating duct of mobile home. Lori will get quote for duct cleaning.

School Car: A/C Update - Part still not available.

Security Cameras: Ray has a Blink system which he will bring to be installed prior to the next meeting.

Conduct annual Safety Inspection Walk-Thru in September.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

School Safety Compliance Newsletter, July and August 2023, emailed to trustees

Pleasant Valley School Calendar – Handbook distribution postponed for grading policy update.

Next Regular Meeting Date: The next regular school board meeting will be held on September 12, 2023 at 5:45 pm at Pleasant Valley School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lori Sheets

Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: _____

Approved as submitted: September 12, 2023 Approved as corrected: