

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL District 27

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School Board Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Board Vice-Chair Ray Anderson.

ATTENDANCE:

Ray Anderson, Vice Chair; Richelle Sheets, Lead Teacher; Lori Sheets, District Clerk/Business Manager; and Kelly Anderson attended in person. Ryan Wade, Board Chair; Trustee Max Edington; Cal Ketchum, Flathead County Superintendent of Schools; and Kevin Kerkam joined via Google Meet.

AGENDA:

Ray Anderson moved to approve the agenda and Max seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

MINUTES:

Ray moved to approve the minutes from the Regular February Meeting. Max seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Anderson spoke to the Board about the Teacher's Aide Contract Renewal for FY 2024-2025. She asked the Board to consider opening up the position to the public as the aide position for next year is a different position than it is currently. Kevin Kerkam concurred and said that he had nothing to add to Kelly's remarks.

CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANT APPROVAL:

Lori spoke about the Preliminary Budget Data Sheet for FY25. There was an error in the Quality Educator amount. This was reported to OPI and they responded that several districts had the same issue and they would be correcting it.

Lori presented the Budget vs Actual noting that 1/3 of the budget remains and 3/4 of the fiscal year is finished. Ray moved to approve the March warrant report and Max seconded. The Board voted all in favor.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Richelle briefed the Board on upcoming events – Spring Break, end of 3rd quarter, Spring conferences, and new student roundup. MAP testing was conducted but students rushed and did not do their best. Retesting was being done and students were doing much better. State testing for 3rd and 6th grade is at the end of April with no Jr K – 2nd grade attending school during testing week.

The PurpleAirs have been installed and the outdoor monitor can be viewed online at map.purpleair.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustees Election Update: 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 28. Candidate must be registered to vote at the time the Oath is filed. Lori will be at the school on April 4th until 5 pm for the close of write-in candidates Declaration of Intent, deadline to withdraw, and determination of cancellation of election.

OPI 2023-2024 School Year Accreditation Process: The Board discussed the Integrated Strategic Action Plan OPI template answers completed by Richelle and Lori. Ray moved to accept the ISAP as presented. Ryan seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

The Board reviewed the Community Learner Profile survey. Max shared the wording seemed too educationally worded. Lori agreed but stated that we needed to conduct the survey now and had used the wording provided on OPI examples. Ray moved to approve the survey. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Max abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was to review a proposal on the Fortinet firewall 2-year renewal and proposed updates but the proposal was not received from Brent Martinez. Lori shared that the current firewall won't reach end of life until 2026. Richelle and Lori have spoken with Brent about repositioning the wired unit and putting access points into the classroom and outside.

Permissive Levy for Consideration: The Board considered adopting a resolution to impose an increase/decrease in a non-voted levy in the 2024-2025 school year fiscal year budget for the purpose of funding Pleasant Valley School's Building Reserve, Bus Depreciation Funds and Transportation Fund. Trustees estimate no increase/decrease in revenues/mills for school fiscal year 2025 (which begins July 1, 2024). Ray read resolution (resolution on page 3) and moved to adopt. Max seconded and the Board voted all in favor. Lori will have notice of this resolution published in the Daily InterLake no later than March 31, 2024.

School Calendar 2024-2025: The Board did a first read of the proposed calendar. Richelle noted that the school day had been increased by one minute and that allowed for 154 days of instruction to meet the required 1080 hours.

Teacher Contract Renewal for FY 2024-2025: Richelle requested the board consider adding additional days to the sick leave. The 5 days are not adequate if sick with the flu or Covid. The Board discussed what other districts do and Montana laws. The Board chose to add days and allow for them to accumulate to 60 days. Days over 60 will be paid out at 25% of the daily rate. Ray moved to approve the contract for teacher renewal as it is written. Ryan seconded and the Board voted all in favor. The contract will be presented to Ms. Sheets for her consideration.

Teacher's Aide Contract Renewal for FY 2024-2025: The Board tabled the aide's contract renewal as her part-time Jr K aide position is ending. The new full-time aide position for FY 24-25 needs to be opened to accept applications. Ray moved that we advertise and accept applications for the full-time aide position. Ryan seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

The Board considered the updated policy 3141 Non-Resident Enrollment and 3141F form to apply for non-resident enrollment. The deadline for submitting form will be April 30. Ray moved to accept updated policy 3141 and form 3141F. Ryan seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

The Board considered discontinuation of accounting and payroll services provided by the Flathead County Superintendent of Schools office due to Cheryl Morgan's retirement. Lori has been being trained to take over the functions. Ray moved to discontinue having accounting and payroll services provided by the Flathead County Superintendent of Schools office effective July 1, 2024. Max seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY:

Max contacted Tom, an electrician, to see about adding outlet in gym, reconfiguring the power distribution in gym and replacement of parking lot light. Tom is schedule to visit school with Lori and prepare a quote.

Spring groundskeeper: Contact Kyle Presley to see if he is interested. Ray moved that the district clerk be given authorization to hire Kyle if he is interested. Max seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

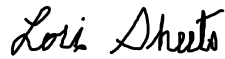
School Safety Compliance Newsletter, March 2024, emailed to trustees

Next Regular Meeting Date: The next regular school Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:45 pm at Pleasant Valley School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ray adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully,



Lori Sheets, District Clerk

Ryan Wade, Board Chair: _____

Approved as submitted: 4/10/2024

Approved as corrected:

Resolution of Intent to Impose No Increase/Decrease in Levies

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Pleasant Valley School District #27 Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Pleasant Valley School District #27 Board of Trustees estimates the following changes in revenue and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district. The district estimates raising a total of \$6,442 with no anticipated millage or revenue increases. The district estimates raising \$2,500 with no anticipated millage or revenue increase in its Bus Depreciation Fund; estimates raising \$700 with no anticipated millage or revenue increase in its Transportation Fund; and estimates raising \$3,242 with no anticipated millage or revenue increase in its Building Reserve Fund. The Building Reserve Fund will be used for: 1) Deferred building maintenance; Repair/replace deteriorating sidewalks and concrete pads; 3) Improve outdoor lighting; and 4) Update gym wiring.