



PLEASANT VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT #62

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March 21, 2023

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #62 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2023 were approved at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on March 21, 2023.

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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6:00 PM

Intermediate Music Room
3314 W. Richwoods Blvd.
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Mary Gray: Present
Suzanne Johnstone: Present
Gia Jones: Absent
Adam Larck: Present
Alan Paredes: Present
Cliff Quine: Present
Gennett Smith: Absent
Present: 5, Absent: 2.
Others in attendance:

- Tracy Forck
- Kelly Galyean
- Rebecca Trecek
- Mendy Heaps
- Michelle Buscher

I. Call to Order

II. Communications and Visitors

II.A. Community Word Newspaper Article on Pleasant Valley

II.B. Pickle Ball Schedule for March

III. Approve Regular and Expulsion minutes

Moved to approve the regular, executive and expulsion minutes of January 17, 2023. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.

Gia Jones: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV. Financial Statement and Approval of Bills

Moved to approve the financial statements and payment of bills. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

Gia Jones: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V. Business

V.A. Approve recommendation to contract with Illinois Central Bus Company for FY24-FY26

Moved to approve the recommendation of contracting with Illinois Central Bus Company for the FY24 -26 school years. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

Gia Jones: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V.B. Approve mortar repair at the Primary School

Moved to approve the mortar repair at the primary building. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.

Gia Jones: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V.C. Approve recommendation to purchase a 15 passenger activity bus

Moved to approve the purchase of a 15-passenger (appropriate) van up to a 15-passenger activity bus. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Alan Paredes, Passed.

Gia Jones: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI. Information

VI.A. Resignation of Aanya Johnson, special education assistant

VI.B. Fentanyl issue in vapes <https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/at-issue/>

VI.C. Fentanyl and vaping policy

VI.D. Enrollment

VII. Reports

VII.A. Teachers

- The teachers present were Mrs. Heaps and Mrs. Buscher.
- Mrs. Heaps shared she has 42 6-8th grade students involved in art. She shared the importance of having this class and giving them exposure with the ability to create and also given exposure to different artists.
- She shared that there would be a fine art show in the spring, held in an open-house style.
- Mrs. Buscher shared that she is a 1st year teacher, new to Pleasant Valley this year and she is so happy to be here. She voiced her appreciation for the support she has received from all of our staff.
- Mrs. Forck shared Mrs. Buscher has taken on a new role in Special Education this year and has done very well in this position.

VII.B. Principal(s)

Ms. Henegar's Report

- Parent-Teacher Conferences started off the month of February.

- The Student Council hosted a blood drive in February. We had 22 people donate between the community and our staff. It was a great turn out!
- Parent's Night Out was hosted by the 8th grade team of teachers. 15 students RSVP'd, and they had a great time. They were able to raise funds for their 8th grade field trip to Six Flags.
- We had a Writing Day at the intermediate school this month, which the students really enjoyed! They were able to write nice things about each other, make ACROSTIC poems with their names, play MAD LIBS, and had a writing competition with the winners receiving Panther Bucks and a gold pen!
- We also had a STEAM day at the intermediate school. Local people came in and talked with our 6th - 8th grade students about different careers (sports medicine, plumbing, pediatrics, and an electrician). We also had a teacher talk about art and one about theatre. 4th and 5th grade students were able to complete fun stations and activities related to STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, and Math).
- The Limestone Music Tour came to our intermediate building on February 15th. The students loved seeing the band and color guard perform.

Ms. Galyean's Report:

- We had Parent-Teacher conferences on February 1st and 2nd. We had 96% of parent participation via phone or in person.
- Thank you to all of our staff for their hard work leading up to the conference and throughout the year.
- Thank you to Jill Getz and Heidi Zeiler, our amazing kitchen staff for the delicious meals they prepare for all of us during conferences as well as returning to clean up.
- During the last month, students have had a chance to celebrate "100th" day and Valentine's day with many different fun activities.
- The end of the 3rd grading period is March 3rd. Report cards go home on March 10th.
- Our 3rd grade will start the Illinois Assessment of Readiness on March 14th. Thank you to Mrs. Barksdale for all her hard work in putting this together.

VII.C. Superintendent

- Mrs. Forck shared an infographic on Pleasant Valley's Points of Pride which is attached.
- Mrs. Forck also shared information regarding our Black History Month Celebration which took place on February 27.

VII.D. Board of Education

- Suzanne Johnstonre shared that she went to our primary building during building STEAM. She was impressed with how great our primary building looked.
- She made the suggestion of bottle fillers at the water fountains and began the process of going green. She also suggested the possibility of a picnic table outside of the primary building.
- Cliff Quine shared Janet Kattah recently passed away.

VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:44 pm. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

Gia Jones: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX. Action from Executive Session

moved to hire Sophia Kirchgessner as a third grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Mary Gray, Passed.

Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea, Gennett Smith: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0 Moved to hire John Fulton as a kindergarten teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea, Gennett Smith: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X. Adjournment

moved to adjourn at 7:16 pm. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Alan Paredes: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea, Gennett Smith: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0