



# PLEASANT VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT #62

*Engage, inspire and empower each student toward academic excellence and citizenship.*

November 14, 2023

## PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #62 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2023 were approved at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on November 14, 2023.

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Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:00 PM

Intermediate Music Room  
3314 W. Richwoods Blvd.  
Peoria, IL 61604

Mary Gray: Present  
Suzanne Johnstone: Present  
Gia Jones: Present  
Adam Larck: Present  
Alan Paredes: Absent  
Cliff Quine: Present  
Gennett Smith: Absent  
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

- Others in Attendance:
  - Tracy Forck
  - Kelly Galyean
  - Ashley Henegar
  - Rebecca Trecek
  - Hannah Colwell
  - Stacy Hall
  - Melissa Strait
  - Josh Schauer

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Communications and Visitors

- Mrs. Forck shared an established board member recognition for Mary Gray that was received from the Illinois State Board of Education.

#### III. Approve Regular and Budget Hearing Minutes

Moved to approve the budget hearing and regular meeting minutes. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Mary Gray, Passed.

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

#### IV. Financial Statement and Approval of Bills

Moved to approve the financial statements, payment of bills, and payrolls for September 2023. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

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

#### V. Business

## V.A. Chose delegate and back up delegate for Triple I conference in November

- Adam Larck was chosen as the delegate, and Gia Jones as the back up delegate for the Triple I conference in November 2023.

### V.A.1. Approve recommendation to have Tazwell County Asphalt repave the Primary Parking lot and Playground

Moved to approve Tazwell County Asphalt to repave the primary school parking lot and playground. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed. Alan Paredes: Absent, Gennett Smith: Absent, Mary Gray: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## VI. Information

### VI.A. Enrollment

## VII. Reports

### VII.A. Teachers

- The teachers that were present were Melissa Strait and Stacy Hall.
- Mrs. Strait presented on "All Things Special Education".
- She shared about her position as an instructional coach and her excitement about being in this role.
- Overall, she shared that they have been given additional support for our special education teachers and there has been additional support for our special education families.
- Mrs. Strait shared examples of the special education support which has been created by our staff.
- Mrs. Forck shared approximately 25% of our current study body have IEP's and we also have students coming into our district that do need an IEP and have not had one up to this point.
- She also shared how valuable it is to have Mrs. Strait as a support both to our SE families and our SE teachers.
- Mrs. Forck shared there is a continuum of support to do all we can to ensure each student's success.
- Cliff Quine asked what students were being housed at Bartonville Grade. Mrs. Forck shared, there are 3 ED students as well as life skill students being housed there.

### VII.B. Principal(s)

#### Ms. Galyean's Report:

- Parent-Teacher conferences were held prior to the fall break. Thank you to the staff for all of their hard work, the ladies in the kitchen for providing the delicious meals both nights and to the parents attending. Thank you to Mrs. Ryan for assisting families with transportation needs.

- The Peoria County State's Attorneys Office will be visiting students at the primary building on October 27. They will be introducing their facility dog, Kiwi, to students. Kiwi is available to comfort children who have been victims or witnessed violent crime. Kiwi helps ease the trauma of coming to court. The "Kiwi Goes to School" program is intended to allow students to meet Kiwi before the need arises.
- The Halloween Annual Parade and parties are Tuesday, October 31. The parade will start at 2:15 pm and take place in the primary school gym. We are looking forward to seeing all the students and staff dressed up for the parade.

**Ms. Henegar's Report: ( see attachments)**

- 8th Grade trip to Career Spark - the students had a great time and learned about different careers.
- Data day for the intermediate school was a fun day for students to move to different classrooms, look at data, apply data to EVERY day life, and play games involving STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- Assembly with Jordan Toma - Great message to our students about persevering. Third graders came over and joined us. Students were excited to receive bags, hats, shirts, etc. with signatures.
- Family Reading Night - Haunted Hallways is October 25 from 5 - 7 PM.
- 7th and 8th grade boys basketball tryouts will be on October 23 and October 24.

**VII.C. Superintendent**

- Mrs. Forck shared the new playground for the primary building which was approved by the Board, should be delivered mid-December.
- She shared that it is possible, weather permitting, that it could be installed at that time. She shared that rubber mulch would be put down as well at the time of installation.
- Mrs. Forck shared due to receiving the Jehan Gordon-Booth Grant, we are able to have enhanced field trips. One of those will be taking 30 students to see The Wiz in Chicago on December 6.
- She shared that the students are being selected by completing an essay on how drama / theater has had a positive impact on their lives. Approximately 15-20 essays have been turned in to date.

**VII.D. Board of Education**

- Adam Larck inquired for an update regarding the purchase of an activity bus or van.
- Mrs. Forck shared we do not have a staff member interested in doing the required training to operate such a vehicle.
- It is not being pursued at this time.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Moved to adjourn at 6:37 pm. This motion, made by Mary Gray and seconded by Gia Jones, Passed.

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