



# PLEASANT VALLEY

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #62**

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

February 25, 2025

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #62  
Regular Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025**

The regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 were approved at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on February 25, 2025.

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Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6:00 PM

Intermediate Music Room  
3314 W. Richwoods Blvd.  
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Mary Gray: Absent  
Suzanne Johnstone: Present  
Gia Jones: Present  
Adam Larck: Present  
Rachel Lukehart: Present  
Alan Paredes: Absent  
Cliff Quine: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 2.  
also present Tracy Forck and Heather Hill

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Communications and Visitors

II.A. Congratulations to Jimmy Ulrich for receiving a PNC grant for \$1,000

II.B. Three of our boy basketball players were recognized in the Limestone Independent News for Super Student and Player Profile.

II.C. Thank you to Brady Varwig with Varwig studios for providing the sound system for the Primary School Winter program

II.D. Communication from Elmwood Parent about the Store Next Store

III. Approve Regular, Executive Minutes, and levy hearing minutes  
moved to approve the December regular, executive, and levy hearing minutes. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Gia Jones, Passed.

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

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

moved to approve the payment of bills. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.

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

#### V. Business

V.A. Approve SEAPCO survey for FY26  
moved to approve the SEAPCO hiring survey as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.

Mary Gray: Absent, Alan Paredes: Absent, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam

Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Cliff Quine: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

#### V.B. Approve Vision 2030 Resolution

moved to adopt the resolution of support for Vision 2030. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.

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

### VI. Information

#### VI.A. Presentations given to Primary and Intermediate School on achievement and growth data

Mrs. Forck reviewed the presentations she gave at the Primary and Intermediate schools regarding IAR data and student growth. She also reviewed the components that determine each school's summative rating.

#### VI.B. Attendance Initiative

Mrs. Forck shared the attendance data for the district and discussed the tiered system of support in place to help parents get their students to school. She also mentioned Kelly Gayean's idea to hold a kindergarten graduation tied to attendance.

#### VI.C. Communication about special education programming, and class arrangements for next year

Mrs. Forck reviewed the recommendation from the state to move to an inclusion model to increase special education students' exposure to grade level curriculum and, in turn, their achievement scores.

#### VI.D. Electric Bus Grant

Mrs. Forck shared that she had applied for an EPA grant of \$700,000 to purchase 2 electric school buses and the charging stations needed for them to run. The district will find out in May-June if they will be awarded the grant.

#### VI.E. Enrollment

#### VI.F. Behavior Data

#### VI.G. Handle With Care

#### VI.H. Mentor program for students created by Raeleen Hart

Mrs. Forck shared that Raeleen Hart was developing a mentorship program for students. It has become evident that there is a need for community support for our students as good role models. Mrs. Forck was pleased to share that two mentors have already volunteered to meet with students. She will keep the board updated on the progress of the program.

### VII. Reports

#### VII.A. Principal(s)

##### **Ms. Galyean's Report:**

- The Primary School Winter concert was prior to our winter break. Thank you to Mrs. Ryan for serving hot chocolate again this year prior to the concert. Thank you to Miss Bialas, Mr. Blanks, and Miss Meints for their hard work organizing the program. This year we had backdrops, lighting and a speaker system.
- A special thanks to Mr. Blank's performance contacts, Brady at Varwig Studios, for waiving the \$600.00 fee. This is such a special day for everyone. It would not have been possible without the help and flexibility of all of our staff members.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for February 5 and 6. Letters went home to parents this week.
- Please see the letter from Sonia Chino, our 1st grade teacher. She received a donation to her classroom.
- Congratulations to Jimmy Ulrich, our 2nd grade teacher who received the \$1,000.00 PNC grant to be used towards building his classroom library.
- Special thank you to our RtI staff for their flexibility and support throughout the building. They are always willing to step in when needed.

#### **Ms. Henegar's Report:**

- Student Winter Benchmarking took place in January—we are seeing student growth in both reading and math!
- Kicked off January 2025 with PBIS stations for reteach. A lot of new students were able to start the first week back and were able to go through all the stations.
- Intermediate teachers have been busy with extra coaching this year. 5th and 6th-8th ELA teachers at the Intermediate school have been busy with extra WRITE coaching with two staff members from the ROE. They meet a couple of times each month with Jennifer Krider from the ROE on math coaching.
- The 7th grade boys' basketball regional is coming up this weekend, and the 8th grade boys' basketball regional is the first weekend in February.
- 5th and 6th grade boys basketball tryouts are next week on Monday, January 27.
- 5th and 6th grade Parent Night is February 4. More information will be sent home next week.
- Volleyball has started, and the 7th grade team has been doing very well and has won both games so far! The 8th grade team is making a great effort and is doing a great job also!
- 7th and 8th grade boys basketball has two fundraisers happening right now. One is a shoot-a-thon on January 30, right after school. The other is a Parent Date Night (basketball players | students will "babysit" and entertain children (K-6) on Valentine's Day, February 14, from 5 to 8 pm.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up on February 5 and 6. Teachers will start scheduling those this week.
- The Student Council is hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on February 12 from 2 to 6 pm. Please sign up with Mrs. Barksdale if you are interested.
- Limestone Music Tour is visiting the Intermediate school on February 18th. Our students always enjoy watching them in our gym.

#### **VII.B. Superintendent**

Mrs. Forck shared the idea to put out a publication once or twice a year that would be mailed to all the residences in the district. This publication would highlight all the good things Pleasant Valley is offering to students and families. Board members liked the idea and suggested it be put out over the summer so that perspective parents would be more likely to enroll their students at Pleasant Valley. It was also suggested that Mrs. Forck reach out to PIP printing for costs. Mrs. Forck will get back to the board with more information. Mrs. Forck also shared what a fantastic job Mr. Blanks and some of the PV singers past and present did at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Health and Human Services building.

#### VII.C. Board of Education

Gia Jones also shared compliments about the PV singers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

#### VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session

moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:52 pm. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Cliff Quine, Passed.

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

#### IX. Action from Executive Session

No action was taken from Executive Session.

#### X. Adjournment

moved to adjourn at 7:21pm. This motion, made by Cliff Quine and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.

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