PLEASANT VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #62

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

September 29, 2026

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #62
Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2026 were approved at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on September 29, 2026.

Tracy Forck

Mrs. Tracy Forck, Secretary
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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 6:00 PM

Intermediate Music Room
3314 W. Richwoods Blvd.
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Briana Allen:	Present
Isaac Downing:	Absent
Suzanne Johnstone:	Present
Gia Jones:	Present
Adam Larck:	Present
Rachel Lukehart:	Present
Liz Tiethoff:	Present

Present: 6, Absent: 1.
Others in Attendance:

- Tracy Forck
- Kelly Galyean
- Rebecca Trecek
- Joshua Schauer
- Beck Donahue
- Rachel Adkins
- ** Gia Jones Arrived at 6:07 PM **

I. Call to Order

II. Communications and Visitors

III. Approve Regular and Executive Minutes
Moved to approve both the regular meeting minutes and executive meeting minutes of July 21, 2026. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV. Financial Statement and Approval of Bills
Move to approve the financial statements, payment of bills, and payroll for July 2026. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Liz Tiethoff, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V. Business

V.A. Consider a recommendation to issue a district credit card to Tiffany Williams with a limit of $1,000 to pay for fuel for sped bus.
Moved to approve the recommendation to issue a school district credit card with a limit of $1,000.00 to be used for fuel, and other SP- Ed Bus related expenses. This motion, made by

Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.B. Approve Better Banks as authorized depository for the District.(Policy 4:30)
Moved to approve Better Banks as the authorized depository for the District. This motion, made by Briana Allen and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.C. Approve treasurer/designee Rebecca Trecek to pay social security taxes and wages without further School Board approval. (Policy 4:50)
Moved to approve treasurer / designee, Rebecca Trecek, to pay social security taxes and wages without further school board approval. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.D. Approve Rebecca Trecek as activity funds treasurer. (Policy 4:90)
Moved to approve, Rebecca Trecek, as activity funds treasurer. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.E. Approve Benning Group to complete the FY26 and FY27 year audits
Moved to approve The Benning Group to complete the FY26 and FY27 school year audits. This motion, made by Suzanne Johnstone and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.F. Set budget hearing for 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 and approve public advertisement for hearing
Moved to approve setting the FY27 budget hearing for 5:45 pm on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 and to approve the public advertisement for said hearing. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Suzanne Johnstone, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.G. Explanation of Evidence Based Funding from the State

V.H. Review tentative budget for FY27

V.I. Second reading and approval of Press Plus Policies 122 : 2:230, 5:40, 5:240, 6:190, 7:30, 8:70

VI. Information

VI.A. Enrollment

VI.B. Consider moving Musical to Peoria Player's

VII. Reports

VII.A. Principal(s)
Ms. Galyean's Report:

- Thank you to all the staff members who volunteered during registration. Your time and assistance were greatly appreciated and helped make the registration process run smoothly.
- A special thank you to **Mrs. Barkley, Ms. Gordon, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Keaschall, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. McFadden** for their hard work during registration and for everything they do behind the scenes to help prepare for the start of a new school year.
- **Mrs. Ryan**, once again, did an outstanding job organizing the **Free for All!** A great deal of preparation goes into coordinating this event prior to registration, and her efforts helped make it another successful year.
- Thank you to **Mrs. Forck** for providing back-to-school gifts for staff, including Bogg bags, drink holders, and teacher goodies. It was a thoughtful way to welcome everyone bak for the new school year.
- Teachers participated in professional development led by presenters from last year's **Get Your Teach On Conference**. Staff had the opportunity to build upon strategies and ideas introduced through the conference and prepare for the year ahead.
- Thank you to our entire staff for their patience, flexibility, and hard work as we opened the 2026-2027 school year. Their commitment to our students and families is greatly appreciated.
- Mrs. Barkely is doing amazing with our students in the primary building this year. She is spending time getting to know the staff, the culture, and has fresh perspectives. The primary building will be in good hands.

Upcoming Events:

- **Birthday Buddies** will begin again on **August 26**. Mrs. Ryan will coordinate the program, which will take place on the last Wednesday of each month.
- The **Primary Grandparents Breakfast** is scheduled for **September 18**. Mrs. Ryan will be sharing additional information with parents as the event approaches.
- The **Primary SLT Committee** will host a **Family Night** at the Primary School on **September 28**. Additional information will be sent home to the students and families as the date approaches

VII.B. Superintendent
Mrs. Forck's Report:

- Mrs. Forck shared the reminder, "The grass is only greener where you water it," noting the positive start to the school year and the encouraging way teachers are helping and supporting one another.
- The district's ED classrooms are off to a fantastic start. After requesting academic information from Bartonville Grade School for students returning to the district, the district learned that academic grades had not been provided, with grades only being reported for Music and PE. Based on the transition and the strong start these classrooms are experiencing, administration feels confident that bringing these students back to our district was the right decision.
- This year's transportation report was completed with assistance from an ISBE representative. During the review, it was determined that Illinois Central School Bus overcharged the district approximately $39,000.00. The district anticipates receiving a check back OR a credit for this overcharge.
- Mr. Meints, our new PE Teacher in the Intermediate building, has begun a Survivor-themed unit in PE, providing students with a creative and engaging approach to physical education.
- Students in grades 6–8 are beginning an Invention Convention. Students will work through the engineering design process, beginning with simple concepts and progressing through the development and completion of their own invention projects
- Mr. Pickens and the PACE class are partnering with Junior Achievement during the 2026-2027 school year, providing students with additional opportunities for practical, real-world learning.
- The district's PBIS kickoff this year included Etiquette 101, incorporating expectations for positive behavior, appropriate interactions, and good manners as students begin the new school year.

VII.C. Board of Education

- Liz Tiethoff commended the teachers for taking care of all the kids, and doing such a phenomenal job connecting with them, putting support in place to help make the days easier for the kids
- She wanted the staff to hear a thank you for caring.

VIII. Adjournment
Moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Liz Tiethoff, Passed.
Isaac Downing: Absent, Briana Allen: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1