PLEASANT VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #62

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May 19, 2026

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #62
Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting minutes of April 21, 2026 were approved at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on May 19, 2026

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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 6:00 PM

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

Present: 7.

- Adam Larck was in attendance through Google Meets
- Others in Attendance:
  - Tracy Forck
  - Rebecca Trecek
  - Cliff Quine
  - Angie Robertson
  - Stacy Hall
  - Courtney Michael
  - Thomas Mooneyham - Veregy
  - Dawn Green - Veregy
  - Dan Funk - Veregy

I. Call to Order

II. Communications and Visitors

- Former board member and past president, Cliff Quine, shared that former board member, William "Bill" Houlihan has passed away.
- Mrs. Forck shared that our district librarian, Deb Sadowski, is currently in ICU due to diabetic complications and is expected to be out for the week.
- Michelle Benway, one of our Bright Futures teachers, will be out for the remainder of this school year after sustaining a shattered arm.
- Mrs. Forck shared our Spring Break Traveling Duck adventures will be up for a vote among staff to determine who had the BEST adventure over spring break.

II.A. Congratulations to Nicole Koontz, ECE teacher, for receiving a $1,700 grant from the JP Morgan Charitable Giving Fund

II.B. Spring Break Duck Adventures

II.C. Sign up for Board Staff Dinner on May 1

II.D. Be sure to file Economic Interest survey

II.E. Triple I conference will be November 20-22. We will need a delegate by the May board meeting

III. Approve Regular and Executive Minutes
Moved to approve the regular and executive meeting minutes from March 24, 2026. This motion, made by Isaac Downing and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

IV. Financial Statement and Approval of Bills
Moved to approve the financial statements, bills and payroll for March 2026. This motion, made by Liz Tiethoff and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V. Business

V.A. Resolution - Non re-employment final year of probation
Moved to approve the resolution for non-reemployment, final year of probation. This motion, made by Isaac Downing and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.B. First Reading of Policies: 2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 4:165, 5:30, 5:50, 5:250, 5:330, 6:50, 6:65, 6:145, 6:170, 6:180, 7:50, 7:185, 7:220, 7:230, 7:260, 7:300, 8:900

VI. Information

VI.A. Presentation by Thomas Mooneyham on Veregy Solar Project

VI.B. Enrollment

VI.C. Choose a date for summer Board retreat and topics

- Tentative date was set for July 13, 2026 beginning at 8:00 AM

VII. Reports

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

- Students and staff returned last week following Spring Break and have quickly reestablished daily routines, creating a smooth transition back into the school environment.
- On Wednesday, April 22, kindergarten students will debut their performance of *Tacky the Penguin* during our school-wide reading assembly. Students have been working

throughout the year with Mr. Blanks to develop their performance and speaking skills, and they are excited to showcase their growth.

- As we approach the end of the school year, students and staff are looking forward to a variety of upcoming events, including field trips, end-of-year activities, promotion ceremonies, field days, and PBIS celebrations. These events will take place throughout the month of May.
- **Save The Date:** Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony will be held on May 29 at 9:30 AM.

VII.B. Superintendent

- The Board was invited to attend the Fine Arts Fair scheduled for tomorrow evening beginning at 6:00 pm. Student Council members will be serving, and the band and choir will be performing.
- Ms. Michael provided an update on the track and field season, noting that it is going well and that there has been positive feedback from parents of participating students.
- Mrs. Forck recognized Ms. Michael for going above and beyond in her role as Athletic Director and also expressed appreciation to Mr. Bobbitt for helping coach track & field.
- The District has completed IAR testing. Appreciation was extended to Mrs. Barksdale for her thoroughness and organization, as well as to the teachers and paraprofessionals who contributed to a successful testing process.
- A reminder was given that The Lion King performances will take place on May 14 and May 15. Tickets will go on sale, Friday, May 1, and will be available by pre-sale only; there will be no open seating.
- The Brown Bag It Event is scheduled for next Monday.

VII.C. Board of Education

- Board member, Suzanne Johnstone, reported that she attended an AI session, noting both the benefits and potential drawbacks of artificial intelligence.

VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session
Move to adjourn into executive session at 7:51 pm. This motion, made by Liz Tiethoff and seconded by Isaac Downing, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

IX. Action from Executive Session
Moved to hire Lauren Troxell as a fourth grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Liz Tiethoff, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0
Moved to hire Isabel Bird as a second grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Liz Tiethoff and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.

Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0
Moved to hire Caelyn Gauerke as a second grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Isaac Downing and seconded by Rachel Lukehart, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X. Adjournment
Moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm. This motion, made by Rachel Lukehart and seconded by Liz Tiethoff, Passed.
Briana Allen: Yea, Isaac Downing: Yea, Suzanne Johnstone: Yea, Gia Jones: Yea, Adam Larck: Yea, Rachel Lukehart: Yea, Liz Tiethoff: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0