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**PLEASANT HILL SD #1
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 4, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

Stream live at <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/virtual-school-board-meetings>

Executive Session: Per ORS 192.660(2)(i).

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jeff Bernardo called the January 4, 2021 School Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members present were Vice Chair John Oldham, Curt Offenbacher, Stephen Hammond, and Wylda Cafferata. Also present were Superintendent Scott Linenberger, Elementary School Principal Devery Stoneberg, High School Principal Randy Fisher, Special Education Director Whitney Connolly, and Business Manager Sheri Longobardo

John Oldham read the Mission Statement.

2.0 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Approve December 7, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes (**Exhibit 2021.129**)

The December 7, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Policy Updates – Second Readings

4.101 IJ – School Counseling Program, *Highly Recommended* (**Exhibit 2021.130**)

4.102 IKFB- Graduation Exercises, *Optional* (**Exhibit 2021.131**)

4.103 JB – Equal Educational Opportunity, *Required* (**Exhibit 2021.132**)

4.104 JFCM – Threats of Violence, *Required* (**Exhibit 2021.133**)

4.105 LBE - Public Charter Schools, *Highly Recommended* (**Exhibit 2021.134**)

4.2 Monthly Financial Report – November (**Exhibit 2021.135**)

Wylda Cafferata moved to approve Agenda Items 4.1 Policy Updates, and 4.2 Monthly Financial Report. Curt Offenbacher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously,

5.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Principals' Reports

5.101 Student of the Month

High School Principal Randy Fisher congratulated Kurt Perini for his outstanding job distance learning, and being a great student. Mr. Perini attended a meeting with high school administrators and staff to receive his award. This Zoom meeting was recorded and presented to the board. The board thanked Mr. Fisher for presenting the video and congratulated Mr. Perini.

5.102 Most Improved Student of the Month

Principal Fisher announced Mara Thrapp as December's Most Improved Student. She has done a fantastic job focusing on her education this year. Ms. Thrapp was unable to meet with staff to receive her award. The board congratulated Ms. Thrapp for her accomplishments.

5.103 PHHS Report – Randy (**Exhibit 2021.136**)

Superintendent Linenberger presented the board with a video created by two Pleasant Hill Students. Oregon Forest Resources Institute had its first annual video competition which challenged students from Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon to create videos highlighting the value of careers in the forest products industries. PHHS Juniors Tessa Geyer and Zoey Brott received a Second Place prize of \$500 for their video titled "Landslide Specialists in Forestry."

High school enrollment (grades 6-12) is currently 573.

PHHS Principal Fisher shared with the board that over 151 one-on-one Limited In-Person Instruction (LIPI) appointments were scheduled during the week of December 14, 2020. Continued support is available for any student that requests or is identified as needing assistance.

The PHHS Band performed a virtual Holiday Concert on December 17th. This was an enjoyable event for all to see.

Pleasant Hill Boy's Basketball Coach Darwin Terry shared that the team has accomplished many things this year outside of competing and practicing. The team has honored local veterans, provided assistance at the local Dairy Queen by cleaning and washing windows, along with many other volunteering opportunities. With all of their hard work in the community, the team is recognized by OSAA as the Les Shwab Team of the Month for November.

5.104 PHES Report – Devery (**Exhibit 2021.137**)

Elementary Principal Devery Stoneberg commended the staff, recognizing the maintenance department specifically. Principal Stoneberg thanked the department for working hard to clean, sanitize, and decorate the building during Christmas break.

Grades K-3 will see approximately 208 students on-site, out of 279 K-3 students total. There are 38 fourth graders and 34 fifth graders participating in LIPI, and 143 students distance learning only. Grades K-5 have a total of 422 students enrolled.

Staff looks forward to working with more students, and hopes to welcome more students back to campus soon.

Ryan Strong, PHES Music teacher, hosted a Holiday Sing-Along for families on Thursday, December 17th. This sing-along was held via Zoom and approximately 110 families joined.

Kay Lynn Thomas will be directing the winter universal screening (DIBELS). This screening will take place the week of January 20-28, 2021. Students on-site will do the screening in the building, and those who are distance learning only will complete the screening via Zoom.

Wylde Cafferata is looking forward to the report and hearing the comparison/contrast between distance learners and students on-campus.

5.2 Superintendent Report

5.201 Enrollment Updates – Monthly & 2nd Quarter (**Exhibit 2021.138 & 2021.139**)

Enrollment for the month of January is 998, an increase of 1 from December's enrollment report. The ninth grade class is steadily increasing, while the Kindergarten class is much smaller than historical classes. The decrease in class sizes are primarily due to students enrolling in online schooling or homeschool options. The district will be monitoring the trend and projections of students expected to return to the district as the Covid-19 situation continues, though there is much more unknown than in past years, making projections more difficult.

5.202 Covid-19 Metrics Update (**Exhibit 2021.140**)

The case counts have been dropping for the last few weeks, per the Lane County Public Health report. Currently, Lane County's case rate per 100,000 people is 250.7, which is down from the previous report of 289. This metric keeps the district in the "Red Zone" for reopening plans. The County Test Positivity Rate increased from 3.18% to 4.8%, but the metric remains in the "Green Zone." These metrics combined indicate that the district must remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning model, with allowable Limited In-Person Instruction.

Governor Brown's announcement on December 23, 2020 made the reopening metrics "advisory" rather than "mandatory." This announcement gives individual districts more power to make reopening decisions. If a county remains in a "Red Zone," it is recommended to continue to follow the metrics.

Superintendents across Lane County will meet on January 5, 12, and 19 to discuss details of the Governor's announcement and continued options for returning to school. House Bill 4402 provides districts with liability protection for communicable diseases. With these new announcements, it is unknown what protections will remain if districts go against the advised reopening metrics. Lane County Public Health, ODE, and OSBA do not recommend schools to stray from the advised metrics, as it is not guaranteed the liability protection will remain in effect if schools reopen.

Pleasant Hill School District will continue with its current learning plan after Winter Break. Updates are expected to be released around January 19, and again on February 15, 2021. PHSD is still one of very few districts with students in class, and will continue to consult with the public health department in regards to next steps.

Vaccine distribution is still being discussed. There are concerns that there will not be as many doses as anticipated. PHSD is also discussing options for rapid testing on-site.

5.203 Continuing Comprehensive Distance Learning (**Exhibit 2021.141**)

Superintendent Linenberger is proposing a concept to allow students to continue with virtual learning, even after the full return to school. The option would allow students to continue their education at their own pace. Students could continue the hybrid option, or remain fully online. If students chose to remain in virtual learning, they would still have the opportunity to receive assistance on-campus.

The option to continue with virtual learning is made possible without having to open a charter school. Opening a virtual learning option would also allow students from out of

state, or even international students, to attend school at Pleasant Hill. Out-of-state or international students would be charged a tuition rate equal to the ADM rate within the state of Oregon.

The board shared differing opinions regarding the continued online learning option. Concerns include socialization issues for students and the lack of on-site public schooling having an effect on students' futures. On the other hand, continued online learning options would allow the district to expand its student numbers without having to worry about physically expanding the district buildings further. The board suggests analyzing the logistics for this option (costs, district character, staffing demands, etc.).

Administrators shared that there are many students who have benefited from distance learning. The adaptation and flexibility has assisted students who are at different learning levels, allowing them learn at their own pace. PHSD has been using forms of distance learning/online programs for extended learning or credit recovery that has been very successful for many students.

5.204 2021-22 District Calendar Draft (**Exhibit 2021.142**)

Superintendent Linenberger presented the board with the proposed district calendar. The proposed calendar would bring students back on August 31, 2021. This would prevent extending the school year further into June. The proposed calendar will be posted on the district website for public feedback. Administrators have also presented the proposed calendar to staff for feedback. The calendar will be brought to the February 8, 2021 board meeting for approval.

5.3 Board Report

Board Chair Jeff Bernardo suggested continuing to monitor its requested data, working with the Pleasant Hill Improvement Plan (PHIP) Team, administrators, and Superintendent. Mr. Bernardo suggested waiting until current pandemic conditions calm down before adding data sources to monitor.

The board would like to continue receiving reports regarding attendance/views of the virtual meetings.

6.0 PUBLIC FORUM – PHSD posts the upcoming agenda on our website www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us the Friday before regularly scheduled Monday school board meetings. This will allow for public comment prior to the board meeting. Please click on the tab provided to share your comment(s) for the school board to consider at the upcoming meeting.

The board announced that they received a comment from a community member and appreciated their feedback. Chair Bernardo reiterated that all public feedback that is School Board related is passed on, also noting that there is a drop-down option on the feedback form for those wishing to specifically send messages to the board.

7.0 BOARD ACTION ITEMS

There were no board action items.

8.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- Board Meeting – February 8, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*
- Board Meeting – February 22, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

9.1 Board Meeting Attendance

Superintendent shared the attendance/views for this year’s board meetings:

August

- 10th 25
- 24th 78

September

- 7th 15
- 14th 66

October

- 5th 21
- 19th 15

November

- 2nd 26
- 16th 18

December

- 7th 20

9.2 Budget Committee Openings

The Pleasant Hill Budget Committee has two vacancies for the 20-21 Committee. Please see the district website for application information.

The board recessed to executive session at 8:29 p.m.

Recess to Executive Session

To review and evaluate performance of the chief executive officer or any public officer employee or staff member, unless the person whose performance is being reviewed and evaluated requests an open hearing ORS 192.660(2)(i).

The board returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:46 p.m.

Signed: _____, this _____ day of _____, 2020.
Jeff Bernardo, Board Chair