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

Monday, March 8, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

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

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jeff Bernardo called the March 8, 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, and Special Education Director Whitney Connolly.

Wylda Cafferata read the mission statement.

2.0 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent noted that Jonathan Nixon, Speech Therapist, resigned his position and should be removed from the Contracted Teachers Contract Extensions Resolution (Consent Agenda Item 5.2).

Tom Harris's retirement announcement will be added to Agenda Item 10.0, Announcements/Other.

3.0 ATTENDANCE AT PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS - 52

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approve February 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2021.160)

Board Member Wylda Cafferata complimented the Board Secretary for the detailed reports on Student Council members' responses to the Board's questions.

The last sentence of Item 9.2, Board meeting attendance, will now read "Future board meeting attendance reports will be moved to the beginning of the agenda."

Item 5.102 will strike "experience on a previous budget committee" and now read "...noting his previous budget experience at the 4j school district will be extremely helpful."

The February 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Personnel

5.101 Approve re-hiring of Steve Smith, Advanced Math/Wood Shop Teacher

5.102 Approve re-hiring Tim Meinzen, Publications Teacher

5.2 Resolution to approve Contracted Teachers Contract Extensions (Exhibit 2021.161)

5.3 Resolution to approve Contracted Administrators Contract Extensions (Exhibit 2021.162)

Wylde Cafferata moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, Personnel; 5.2, Resolution to approve Contracted Teachers Contract Extensions; and 5.3, Resolution to approve Contracted Administrators Contract Extensions. Curt Offenbacher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Presentations

6.101 Student of the Month – Jordan Ausmus

High School Principal Randy Fisher announced Jordan Ausmus as February’s Student of the Month. Jordan has done an excellent job with her academics this year and a superb job staying engaged with distance learning.

6.102 Most Improved Student of the Month – Samantha Lewis

Ms. Lewis has done an excellent job during distance learning and focusing on her classwork.

Principal Fisher and Assistant Principal Brandon Haberly invite Students of the Month and Most Improved Students to meet in a video conference with their teachers and staff members to receive their awards and commendations. Unfortunately, this month both students were unavailable for a video conference.

The Board applaud Jordan and Samantha for their hard work and dedication during these times.

6.2 Principals’ Reports

6.201 PHHS/PHMS – Principal Fisher (Exhibit 2021.163a & b)

Principal Fisher shared with the board a sample of the weekly updates sent to middle/high school families. Each week will include updates from the principal, information regarding hybrid learning, and other new developments.

Last week, beginning March 1st, all middle school students were welcomed back to campus for hybrid learning. On Mondays & Tuesdays all 8th grade students and half of the grade class will attend on-campus instruction. The second half of the 6th grade class, along with the 7th graders are welcomed on-site on Wednesdays & Thursdays. High school hybrid learning is anticipated to begin on March 15th. Schedules have been sent to students and parents.

The middle/high school administrators held a Hybrid Transition Overview Zoom meeting on March 4th. This meeting allowed families to ask questions and learn what this transition to hybrid learning will look like. Principal Fisher thanked Superintendent Linenberger, Mr. Hoberg, and Mr. Haberly for facilitating this meeting.

Principal Fisher provided the board with a master class schedule draft. The goal in mind while creating this schedule was to ensure all students received support from teachers in all of their core classes, while also offering electives for students.

6.202 PHES – Principal Stoneberg (Exhibit 2021.164)

Elementary school principal Devery Stoneberg shared that PHES currently has 335 total students participating in hybrid learning. This is approximately 78% of the student body (K-5) returning for on-campus instruction. With new families in the district and more students attending classes on-site, the elementary has opened an additional 1st and 2nd grade class. PHES now has 18 hybrid classes and one full-time CDL class in the morning, plus nine hybrid and nine CDL classes in the afternoon.

The Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Oregon reached out to principal Stoneberg with an offer to provide activity kits for students. Each student will receive a hands-on mini activity kit about the history of dinosaurs in Oregon. The kits will contain everything the student and family needs to complete these activities. The museum has chosen to give back in some ways to Lane County schools who usually visit each year but are unable to during these times.

Kindergarten registration historically takes place on the Wednesday before Spring Break. There will be more information regarding registration and a “Kindergarten Round-Up” for parents & families on a website being created by Ms. Quinones. Principal Stoneberg hopes to welcome kindergarteners and their families to campus for an in-person tour in August.

6.3 Superintendent Report

6.301 Enrollment Update (Exhibit 2021.165)

Pleasant Hill School District currently has a total of 998 students enrolled. This number has increased by approximately 25 since the start of the school year and has remained consistent for the last few months.

6.302 Covid-19 Update

Last week Lane County reported 426 Covid-19 cases; 112 cases per 100,000 people; and a 1.8% test positivity rate. As of Monday, March 8th there are a reported 92 cases per 100,000 people. This number keeps school districts in the county in the “Yellow Zone” according to public school health metrics; but the trend is in the right direction. PHSD will be in K-12 hybrid learning (also considered in-person learning) as of March 15th, making transitions into the “Green Zone” much less drastic than other districts. The biggest challenge remains the six-foot (or 35 square-feet) per person distancing. With this requirement, classrooms are not large enough to bring all students back to campus at one time.

After Governor Brown’s announcement on Friday, March 5th, Superintendents met with ODE Director Colt Gill. There has not been an Executive Order following this announcement, but there are many speculations. Superintendent Linenberger shared a few of the discussion items that were brought up by districts, and reiterated that these are only speculations, not official updates.

The speculation/hope is to have the distancing reduced from six feet to three feet, which would allow more students to return to campus. Oregon is one of few states who require a six-foot distancing, and a maximum number of people students may encounter (at school) of 100 per week. Most states only recommend the six-foot distancing, and the maximum amount of people is 160.

Health screening questions and temperature-taking is not catching Covid-19 cases. It is instead primarily found to re-teach good cleanliness habits. It is speculated that the state will reassess whether they want school districts to continue health screening.

Oregon schools are required to be cleaned/sanitized three times per day: in the morning before classes, afternoon between classes, and after school. Most states require one cleaning per day, and the speculation is that Oregon may change its requirements.

Ventilation expectations are being discussed and OSHA may update its requirements. PHSD has followed OSHA guidelines prior to the updates recently put in place. The district has added an electrostatic process, which allows disinfectant to be sprayed on

surfaces, sanitizing them in under a minute. In addition to current HVAC filtration systems the district implemented a new ionization system. This is an electrical process that eliminates germs and particles for many viruses. All areas on campus have been updated with these systems, except for the shop areas. The wood shop is undergoing an entire upgrade, and the metals shop is expected to receive an update soon.

Superintendent Linenberger is discussing the opportunity to offer summer school to students from June 15th through July 2nd. The on-site/hybrid option would be offered as additional learning opportunities for special education students and Title I students, as well as credit recovery options.

Districts can expect a high school graduation guidance update on March 17th.

The next guidance update for K-12 schools is expected to be released on March 19th.

At this time Pleasant Hill School District staff who opted to receive the Covid-19 vaccine are starting to schedule their second doses. If a staff member would like to receive the vaccine but previously turned down the opportunity, they may reach out to Mr. Linenberger's assistant at the District Office for information about scheduling an appointment.

The board wanted to reiterate that the district is following ODE & OHA guidelines for school reopening regulations. Many speculate that teachers' unions are dictating plans for reopening. It was made clear that these are not accurate speculations, and the district is grateful for all of the work teachers and staff do. Plans to bring students back to campus are being drafted based on regulations from the state and local health departments.

6.4 Legislative Update

The revenue forecast for the remainder of the school year remains solid, there will not have to be financial adjustments for staffing and programs. The state has just over \$3 billion in reserve funds to pull from if needed (General Fund, Education Stability Fund, and Rainy Day Fund). This is approximately 14% of the state's General Fund revenue.

The state has currently allotted \$9.2 billion for the State School Fund for the current biennium. The Governor wants to budget \$9.1 billion for the next biennium, but districts are anticipating needing \$9.6 billion to maintain current business operations. PHSD has sufficient funds in its reserves to continue with programming and staffing currently offered should the Stat School Fund for the biennium be set at \$9.1 billion.

7.0 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.

There were no public comments/questions submitted to the board prior to the meeting.

8.0 BOARD ACTION ITEMS

8.1 New Business

8.101 Approve 2021-22 Board/Budget Calendar (Exhibit 2021.166)

Curt Offenbacher moved to approve the 2021-22 Board/Budget Calendar. Jeff Bernardo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- Board Meeting – April 5, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*
- Board Meeting – April 19, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

Pleasant Hill School District is grateful for the school nurse Tom Harris. Mr. Linenberger hopes that Mr. Harris will continue his work with the Mr. Billie program after his retirement.

The School Health Advisory Committee is still awaiting results for the employee wellness grant applied for earlier this school year.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

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 8:55 p.m.

Board Chair Jeff Bernardo read a statement relating to the Superintendent Evaluation:

“Pleasant Hill School Board is giving notice that they have reviewed and evaluated the Superintendent. The Superintendent’s performance was found to be satisfactory. The Pleasant Hill School Board is announcing the renewal for the following school year for employment as defined under ORS 332.505(1)(a).”

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:56 p.m.

Signed: _____, this _____ day of _____, 2021.
Jeff Bernardo, Board Chair