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

Monday, April 19, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jeff Bernardo called the April 19, 2021 School Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Vice Chair John Oldham, Curt Offenbacher, Stephen Hammond, and Wylda Cafferata. Also present were Superintendent Scott Linenberger, Business Manager Sheri Longobardo, Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund (ONREF) President Pete Sikora, and Pleasant Hill ONREF advisor Steve Cafferata.

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 ATTENDANCE AT PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

There were 40 viewers of the April 5, 2021 Board Meeting

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approve April 5, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (**Exhibit 2021.175**)

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Presentations

6.101 Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund (ONREF)

Steve Cafferata introduced Pete Sikora as the Chief Executive Officer for the Giustina Resources Company / G Group in Springfield. Mr. Sikora shared that ONREF was created in hopes of supplementing state funding for Forestry/CTE programs. The Pleasant Hill sub-fund was the first sub-fund through ONREF. Since its creation, many more sub-funds have been created.

There are now 36 official Forestry CTE programs in the state, a drastic increase in the last decade. Pleasant Hill's program is not an official Forestry CTE program, but its Agricultural CTE program incorporates Oregon Forest Resources Institute curriculum. Agricultural CTE program coordinator Angela White submitted an application and many letters of support for the ONREF grant. Mr. Sikora presented Pleasant Hill High School with an awarded amount of \$4,570 for the development of Pleasant Hill's Discovery Arboretum. This fund is coming partially from the Oregon Small Woodlands Association sub-fund, as well as Pleasant Hill's sub-fund of ONREF.

It has been nearly 10 years since PHSD has received a grant from ONREF and board would like to thank Ms. White for her dedication and all of the hard work she and her students have put into their grant application. The board also thanks Mr. Sikora and the Giustina family for their support of the PHSD Ag CTE programs.

6.102 Spotlight on Education

Future Farmers of America program coordinator Angela White shared with the board updates on the program of activities. The program has had limited ability to compete this year, but still focused on the desire to build the program and start community projects to reach both schools as well as the community.

Students from the FFA/Ag CTE program created a video summarizing their accomplishments during the time of Covid-19. Many students have been using at-home labs focused on soil, food science, and horticulture. The program has also been able to host online speakers and virtual tours.

FFA and natural resource program students have been competing in several online events and students will continue to compete during the months of April & May.

With online learning, students were able to focus on business knowledge, writing, and public speaking skills. These skills have enabled the leadership team to write multiple grant requests, and program members have earned a total of 11 Student of the Month awards for their successes in school.

Since the 2017-18 school year the Pleasant Hill Ag CTE courses have increased from 23 student seats to over 200 total student seats in all Ag classes. The FFA program has four Supervised Ag Experiences: Ownership/Entrepreneurship, Foundational, Placement, and Research/Experimentation. Students complete Agriculture Experience Trackers to record their time, expenses, and goals. It is required to make weekly journal entries for classroom time and projects. Students have logged over 2800 journal entries with over 9500 journal hours so far this year.

For students, the Ag program teaches hands-on learning, increases interest in jobs and internships, as well as networking opportunities. This is accomplished by taking tours, hosting industry members, practicing public speaking, and financial record keeping.

Competitions and Career Development Events have been held virtually this year. So far FFA students have participated in District Beginning Interview, Advanced Job Interview, and Beginning Public Speaking competitions. High school students Tressa Geyer and Zoey Brott took second place in the "Thru the Trees" Pacific Northwest Forestry video competition. PHHS FFA student Savannah White won the Lane County Livestock youth producer of the year; an event that requires applications, resumes, letters of recommendations, and proven animal production. On April 25, 2021 students will participate in the Oregon Future Natural Resource Leaders Convention.

The Pleasant Hill Ag program received a grant from ONREF to design a Discovery Arboretum. Students will install, maintain and educate with this living classroom, focusing on natural resource management, wildlife preservation, career related opportunities, observation areas, and land stewardship.

PHHS FFA helped raise \$36,000 at the Lane Youth Ranchers Marketing Campaign to be distributed to members selling animals. This is in addition to the modified County Youth

Sale, an annual auction that brought in a record-setting \$300,000 this year. FFA Invites others to attend the in-person Lane County Youth Fair and Auction July 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The Pleasant Hill CTE program has raised over \$37,000 so far to fund the completion of the Greenhouse project. Pending grants include the Coastal Farm Grant, Wilco Farm Grant, and Lane County Farm Bureau Grant. The fencing around the perimeter of the greenhouse has been between 60-70% funded, with many pending grants that the program hopes to hear results on prior to reaching out to other possible contributors.

The program launched a marketing campaign and were featured in several publications. Their new website (www.pleasanthillffaoregon.com) is used to connect students, teachers, administration, alumni, sponsors, and community members.

Students gave multiple testimonies about how the Ag CTE program has impacted them. Many have learned what they are interested in doing after graduation and how to prepare for a career in agriculture. Pleasant Hill High School freshman Tressa Geyer shared that she has learned how to master her presenting skills and improve all aspects of communication skills. Freshman Savannah White believes she and her classmates have learned a lot about website management and marketing skills, resulting in the new FFA program website. Zoey Brott and Erin Arney reiterated the importance of improving communication skills and how their ability to ask for assistance or give presentations both virtually and in-person have improved.

Students in the Ag CTE program would like to thank their many sponsors and contributors who have made the program what it is today.

6.2 Quarterly Reports

6.201 Safety, Facilities, Maintenance Reports (**Exhibit 2021.176**)

Superintendent Linenberger presented the board with updates on the Pleasant Hill campus. Among the updates are HVAC filter replacement for the district, district ionization duct system installments, and adding available WiFi to the New Gym and the Blue Gym.

The district is in the process of upgrading the remainder of the HVAC units in the district. One of the areas that districts may spend ESSER funds is air quality improvement. Superintendent has asked for a cost analysis to discuss moving forward with the upgrade of the remaining HVAC systems. The initial ionization system installation was funded by the CARES Act.

PHSD has been awarded \$40,000 GREEN Grant from EPUD to install additional solar arrays on the elementary school roof. EPUD is also interested in installing six vehicle charging stations in the high school rear parking lot. The district would not be responsible for the cost of electric for these units and will have the ability to turn the power off during certain times in order to avoid inappropriate traffic.

6.202 Third Quarter Financial Report (**Exhibit 2021.177**)

Business Manager Sheri Longobardo shared the monthly activity of the General Fund revenues and expenditures. It is projected that the district's revenues will be under budget by a couple hundred thousand, but its expenses will be far less than budgeted as well. The district has been able to continue to provide programs and staffing, while adding software programs and facility upgrades as well. These additions/upgrades have been federally funded, allowing the district to avoid spending from the General Fund.

The projection of total revenue is approximately \$202k less than anticipated and requirements are much less as well. This includes Salaries and Benefits, primarily due to less use of substitutes during distance learning/hybrid instruction.

The Common School Fund came in above expectations, while the State School Fund came in lower than anticipated.

The Cash and Investments report shows reduced interest rates than previous years. There is \$9 million in the Government Investment pool, which the taxes and State School Fund payments go directly into.

Reserves and Special Revenue Fund accounts are in good standing. The preschool program is doing well. Food service is slightly behind, awaiting reimbursement for inventory purchases, but is expected to balance out by the end of the year.

6.203 Third Quarter Enrollment Report (Exhibit 2021.178)

As of this report the district has 1003 students enrolled. Historically the enrollment numbers decrease throughout the year. Currently, in comparison to the previous two years, the district has less students in its third quarter report. However, enrollment has increased throughout this year and is expected to continue to trend upward.

6.3 Superintendent Report

6.301 Monthly Enrollment Report – April (Exhibit 2021.179)

Superintendent Linenberger reported the monthly enrollment along with the third quarter enrollment report.

6.302 Covid-19 Update (Exhibit 2021.180)

Lane County now has a case rate of 180 and a test positivity rate of 3%. This keeps the county in the “Green Zone” and districts may continue to stay open if operating properly under the new Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) guidance. More students are returning to campus after the newest updates to the RSSL guidelines allow distancing regulations to be reduced to three feet in classrooms. Students must still maintain six feet apart during mealtimes.

6.303 Legislative Update

The current biennium (2019-21) finance for education is at \$9 billion. The Governor has proposed financing for the next biennium (2021-23) at \$9.1 billion. Educational organizations are pushing for funding at \$9.6 billion.

Last year’s Student Investment Account was funded at \$475 million and is anticipated to be funded at \$800 million. The Measure 98 Fund is expected to be fully funded at \$315 million.

6.304 OSBA Training

There may be two new board members and a third who will not have had formal school board training. Superintendent Linenberger reached out to OSBA and held tentative dates for possible training opportunities. This training would be in open session, allowing the public to observe how a school board operates and collaborates.

Following the election on May 18, 2021, the Board Secretary will reach out to current and newly elected board members to solidify the best dates to hold this training.

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.

8.0 BOARD ACTION ITEMS

There was no new business.

9.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- Board Meeting (Budget Orientation) – May 3, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*
- Board/Budget Committee Meeting – May 17, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*
- Board/Budget Committee Meeting – June 7, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*
- Budget Committee Meeting (If Needed) – June 14, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*
- Budget Hearing & Board Meeting – June 28, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Until Further Notice*

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

10.1 Resignation of Steve Johnson, Maintenance/Custodial

10.2 Hiring of Carole Duncan, Custodian

10.3 SHAC Update

The School Health Advisory Committee is made up of community members and teachers.

Every two years the Oregon Health Authority releases data gathered from a wellness survey of fifth, eighth, and ninth grade students. The results and data from this survey are localized for PHSD students and enable SHAC to build their goals around student needs.

Wylde Cafferata updated the board that the SHAC Committee has not yet received a response to their application for the Oregon Department of Education Wellness Grant for \$2500. The committee hopes to hear a response in May. This grant may be used towards district-wide wellness improvement.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:21 p.m.

7Signed: _____, this _____ day of _____, 2021.
Jeff Bernardo, Board Chair