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

Monday, March 14, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(i)

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair John Oldham called the March 14, 2022 Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Vice Chair Stephen Hammond, Wylda Cafferata, Rusty Rexius, and Drew Gottfried. Others present were Superintendent Scott Linenberger, Business Manager Sheri Longobardo, Elementary School Principal Devery Stoneberg, Special Education Director Whitney Connolly, High School Principal Randy Fisher, and Board Secretary Courtney Wilson.

John Oldham read the Mission Statement.

2.0 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Linenberger requested to add the Approval of Hiring Garth Gerot, PHHS Principal as Consent Agenda Item 5.6.

Superintendent Linenberger requested to add an Executive Session following Agenda Item 10.0 Announcements/Other. This Executive Session is pursuant to ORS 192.660(d), to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Mr. Linenberger requested to add Agenda Item 6.304 PNW Football League discussion of facility use for their upcoming season.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & ATTENDANCE AT PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

There were 5 in-person attendees, and 14 online viewers.

Audience members in attendance were Garth Gerot, incumbent PHHS Principal, Callan Vaccaro, parent; Chris Rutler, head coach of South Lane Buzzards football team; Josh Higbee, player representative and captain of the South Lane Buzzards football team; and Ean Lynam, Commissioner of the Pacific Northwest Football League.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approve February 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2122.153)

The February 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by consensus.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Resolution for Contracted Teachers Contract Extensions (Exhibit 2122.154)

5.2 Approve Resolution for Contracted Administrators Contract Extensions (Exhibit 2122.155)

5.3 Approve Re-Hiring of Steve Smith, Advanced Math/Wood Shop Teacher

5.4 Approve Re-Hiring of Tim Meinzen, Publications Teacher

5.5 Approve Monthly Financial Report for February (Exhibit 2122.156)

Wylde Cafferata moved to approve Agenda Item 5.0, Consent Agenda, in its entirety. Drew Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4:1, with Stephen Hammond opposed.

6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Presentations

- 6.101 Student of the Month – Principal Fisher announced Morgan Jorgensen as Senior Student of the Month for February. Ms. Jorgensen was unable to attend the school board meeting due to attending her Varsity Cheerleading awards ceremony. Ms. Jorgensen has been a member of the Varsity Cheer team, the National Honor Society, and newly developed PHHS Discussion Club.

Ms. Jorgensen intends to attend the University of Oregon after graduation and studying Pre Med, going on to be a plastic surgeon.

Principal Fisher and the Board congratulated Ms. Jorgensen and commended her for all of her hard work.

- 6.102 Most Improved Student of the Month – Principal Fisher shared that Emilie Nguyen has done a fantastic job improving her grades and has worked very hard this semester.

6.2 Principals' Reports

- 6.201 PHHS & Spotlight on Education MS/HS (Exhibit 2122.157)

PHHS will be hosting Spring band and choir concerts. The Choir concert will take place on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00pm. The Band concert will take place on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00pm. Both will be held in the High School Student Center.

Principal Fisher shared that the majority of the “Incomplete” grades from first semester have been cleaned up, with the dedication of students and the Student Success Team.

Ms. Watne is leading the Prom Committee in planning the Spring Prom. The last two years have seen Prom cancelled due to Covid-19 issues.

Spring sports practices have begun. Winter sports teams did a great job, and congratulations to all teams who competed in the OSAA State Championships.

Today, Monday, March 14, 2022 was the first school day in which students and staff weren't required to wear masks. It was successful and all students and staff respected the choices of others. Some continued to wear masks, and those decisions were respected all-around.

As a Spotlight on Education, newly approved PHHS Principal Garth Gerot introduced himself. Mr. Gerot was previously Assistant Principal/Interim Principal at Siuslaw HS from 2017 through 2022. He was a Middle School Language Arts teacher. Mr. Gerot was also the Director of Willamette Leadership Academy. He looks forward to being closer to home, shortening his commute and working with a great staff.

Mr. Linenberger and Principal Fisher are integrating Mr. Gerot into the hiring process for new staff that will be hired for the upcoming school year. He will not be making decisions on hiring committees, as his position does not officially begin until July 1, 2022, but he will be able to see how the process takes place.

6.202 PHEs (Exhibit 2122.158)

Principal Stoneberg commended all of the Elementary School students for being very respectful of everyone on the first school day of not wearing masks. Some students and staff may have chosen to continue wearing their masks and they were welcomed and respected by everyone.

Principal Stoneberg has seen an increase in enrollment since the lifting of the mask mandate. As of Monday, March 14, 2022, PHEs has 431 students with the expectation that more will be coming. Some are students returning who may have left because of the mask mandate, and some are new students entirely.

PHEs held the Oregon Battle of the Books last week (Wednesday, March 9, 2022). The fifth grade team Beauties and the Books emerged as the team who will represent PHEs in the Regional Oregon Battle of the Books Tournament. This tournament will be held via Zoom on April 9, 2022.

Returning (K-11) and new Kindergartner registration opened on March 11, 2022. In three days 79 students have reenrolled for the 2022-23 school year and 27 new Kindergartners have enrolled.

Principal Stoneberg reported that there were between 67 and 80 students enrolled per grade (K-5) with more expected to enroll for the remainder of the year.

PHEs 3rd and 4th graders will be hosting “A Race Through Time” (formerly known as “The Living Museum”). Students selected a famous person to study and write a five-paragraph report. The students will dress in costume and present a 1-2 minute speech based on these biographies. This will take place in the hallways and gymnasium on Tuesday, March 15, and Thursday, March 17 from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Fifth grade teacher Ms. Wolpe invited students to participate in an after school book club on Tuesdays following Spring Break. A snack will be provided and students will ride the high school bus, or may be picked up by their parents.

6.3 Superintendent’s Report

6.301 Enrollment Update – March (Exhibit 2122.159)

This month shows a higher enrollment count than the previous two months. More are expected to return with the lifting of the mask mandate as well.

6.302 Covid-19 Update

Officially, as of March 12, 2022, indoor masking is no longer required. Superintendent Linenberger presented the question to ODE, LPHA, and OHA the question about what would happen if cases were to flare up again. There was not a clear response.

6.303 Legislative Update

SB1521 – adding protections to Superintendents in contracts regarding a “no-cause clause,” has passed through the House of Representatives and Senate and is awaiting the signature of the Governor.

HB4029 – Required board trainings – did not make it through this legislative session. It is expected to be presented in future sessions.

6.304 Pacific Northwest Football League

The league had previously utilized Pleasant Hill facilities (turf football field, locker rooms, etc). After complaints of inappropriate behavior were reported, the board decided to no longer permit the league to use PHSD facilities.

Superintendent Linenberger met with Ean Lynum, League Commissioner. Mr. Lynum assured the Superintendent that the issues and incidents were addressed. Any participants in these behaviors (using illegal drugs on school district or physical altercations) have been removed from the league and will not be permitted to participate.

Facility use request forms were submitted to the District Office and the request had been denied in February. The league was unaware that their request was denied. They asked to address the board in hopes to have this decision overturned.

7.0 PUBLIC FORUM –

Individuals who are onsite: During this portion of the Board Meeting, members of the public are specifically invited to present items of commendation and/or concerns. At the discretion of the Board Chair, further public participation may be allowed at the time specific agenda items are under consideration by the Board (District Policy BDDH).

Individuals who are viewing online: 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.

Personnel matters may not be discussed in public at a School Board meeting. Members of the public who have personnel concerns or commendations should share them directly with the district superintendent.

Chris Rutler, the South Lane Buzzards Coach, shared that the players and teams that were involved in the reported incidents are no longer participants in the league. Mr. Rutler stated that the team takes pride in the team and their integrity. Leaders of the team and league assure that any issues are and will continue to be addressed immediately on the spot. Other teams will not be permitted to use the facilities unless the South Lane Buzzards are present. Mr. Rutler asks the board that they are given the chance to show how things have changed.

Player Representative Josh Higbee explained that the team is a nonprofit and the league hopes to get the school and community involved by partaking in the events via adding concession stands or other opportunities for raising funds for the district.

As League Commissioner, Ean Lynum would like to sincerely apologize on their behalf and take ownership for the poor behaviors that took place. Mr. Lynum hopes to repair the relationship that the league has been building with the district since 2015.

8.0 BOARD ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approve the use of the PHSD turf field by the PNW Football League.

Before using the PHSD facilities, the league played in Cottage Grove. They chose to move further north because the majority of the players live further north and they would like a facility closer.

The league also shared that they enjoy the small-town feel of Pleasant Hill and the comradery that is felt when the community attends games and interacts with players after games at the local pizza parlor.

Principal Fisher confirmed that the league's use of the PHSD facilities has historically not interfered with district activities. There would be ten games hosted at Pleasant Hill this season.

The fields are rented at \$20 per hour for nonprofit events. There is an additional \$25 fee for use of field lights. Facility rental fees go into a Miscellaneous funds account.

Principal Fisher assured the board that the funds raised by hosting the league in the past has helped purchase football helmets and other gear for the football program. The students have greatly benefited from it.

Chair Oldham is concerned about the wear and tear on the field with the added use. Principal Fisher shared that he believes the field is wearing well considering the age of the turf.

Wylda Cafferata believes that people should get second chances.

Following the vote, the League Commissioner thanked the board and invited them to attend the events in the future.

Rusty Rexius moved to add the approval of the use of the PHHS turf field by PNW Football League as Board Action Item 8.1. Wylda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rusty Rexius moved to approve the use of the PHHS turf field by the PNW Football League. Stephen Hammond seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4:1, with John Oldham voting against the motion.

9.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- Board Meeting – April 4, 2022; 7:00pm
- Board Meeting – April 18, 2022; 7:00pm

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

The board recessed to Executive Sessions at 7:57 p.m.

Executive Session

To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations is pursuant to ORS 192.660(d).

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 9:01 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:01 p.m.

Signed: , this 4 day of April, 2022.

John Oldham, Board Chair