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**PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 9, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(a)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Directors Chair Drew Gottfried called the March 9, 2026 board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Vice Chair Rusty Rexius, Stephen Hammond and Jennifer Woodland. Others present were Superintendent Jim Crist, Special Education Director Whitney Connolly, Elementary School Principal Brenna Fairchild, Middle/High School Principal Chris Reiersgaard, Middle School Assistant Principal Caleb Salmond and Board Secretary Kimberly Silbernagel

Director Hammond read the mission statement.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

- Middle/High School Library/Media Coordinator Daphnie Metcalf provided an update to the Board regarding the middle/high school library remodel and events and activities happening in the library.

4. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

There were no presentations or recognitions.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approve February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2526.113)

Rusty Rexius moved to approve 5.1 February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

5.2 Accept Enrollment Report – February (Exhibit 2526.114)

Superintendent Crist shared that enrollment is holding steady and up by 20 students from the 2024-25 school year.

Jennifer Woodland moved to approve 5.2 Enrollment Report – February. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

5.3 Approve Personnel Action (Resolution 2526.115)

Superintendent Crist explained that the personnel action for this month included licensed resignations as well as the annual contract extensions for licensed personnel that must be completed by March 15.

Jennifer Woodland moved to approve 5.3 Personnel Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

5.4 Approve 2026-27 Academic Calendar (Resolution 2526.116)

Superintendent Crist presented the 2026-27 academic calendar to the Board. Staff was provided three calendar variations to review, comment and vote on. The calendar that was presented for approval includes conferences during Thanksgiving week and a staff start structure that included a non-contract day prior to Labor Day. The calendar includes 175 student contact days, 32 early release days and fulfills the requirements of both collective bargaining agreements. It also has two float days for emergency closures on January 4 and February 15, 2027.

Rusty Rexius moved to approve 5.4 2026-27 Academic Calendar. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

5.5 Approve Superintendent Evaluation (Exhibit 2526.117)

Chair Gottfried read a summary of the evaluation. The Board reviewed Mr. Crist's performance in eight professional standards. The ratings are as follows.

Accomplished Performance:

- Visionary District Leadership
- Inclusive District Culture
- Culturally Responsive Instructional Leadership and Improvement
- Effective Financial Management

Effective Performance:

- Ethics and Professional Norms
- Communication and Community Relations
- Effective Organizational Management
- Policy, Governance and Advocacy

Mr. Crist successfully oversaw the implementation of the STAR assessment program, professional development for staff, prioritizing district facility needs and upgrades without negatively impacting future budgets and ability to resolve difficult situations that serves the best interest of students, staff and the community.

Jennifer Woodland moved to approve 5.5 Superintendent Evaluation. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

6. BOARD DISCUSSION

6.1 Board Legislative/ODE Engagement Regarding OSAS Proficiency Standards

6.2 Consideration of Board Liaison Assignment Regarding State Assessment Policy

The Board and Superintendent Crist discussed the state proficiency standards and their comparison to national norms. The Board expressed their concern for the state's high standards and how that could impact district funding if students don't meet those standards. The Board discussed nominating a board member to conduct advocacy work and engage with state legislators to address these issues.

Stephen Hammond moved to nominate Jennifer Woodland as the board liaison regarding the state assessment policy and to gather more information and present back to the Board for discussion and potential further steps. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

7. BOARD COMMUNICATION

7.1 Calendar of Events

Mr. Crist reviewed the calendar of events and activities happening around the district.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. RECESS REGULAR MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:51 p.m.

ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of a Public Officer

10. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:03 p.m.

11. ACTION ITEM

11.1 Consideration of Board Motion Authorizing Contract Negotiation Authority

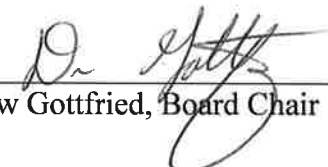
Stephen Hammond moved to appoint Drew Gottfried to coordinate with district council to review the proposed contract for the superintendent and present the final draft to the Board for any additional feedback before the next board meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Oldham – Absent Gottfried – Yes Woodland – Yes Rexius – Yes Hammond – Yes

12. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – March 23, 2026 – CANCELED
- Regular Board Meeting – April 6, 2026; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center

13. ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 p.m.

Signed: , this 6th day of April, 2026
Drew Gottfried, Board Chair