SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 25, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Community Center

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill School Board was called to order by Chair Parrish at 7:01 p.m. Other board members in attendance were Wylda Cafferata, John Oldham, and Barbara Orre. Others in attendance were Tony Scurto, Superintendent, and Becky Johnson, Board Secretary.

John Oldham read the Mission Statement aloud.

2.0 INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE
Kelsey Isaacson, PBIS Education Assistant; Cheryl Ruiz, High School Counselor; Darlene Baker, community member; Dian Kehres, parent; Heath Pierce, parent; Maggie Murray, student; Stephanie Murray, parent, were present.

3.0 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The December 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.

5.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS
5.1 Presentations
Thad Holub, PHHS Assistant Principal, presented Maggie Murray with the award for Student of the Month. Ms. Murry is an excellent student. She’s involved in multiple activities such as Student Council, REACH, Cupcakes for a Cause, music and track. Board Chair Parrish commended Ms. Murray on her hard work and leadership in the classroom. Mr. Holub stated that Tyler Wright was the Most Improved Student of the Month. Mr. Wright is showing dedication and maturity and is on track for graduating this June. Principal Stoneberg recognized Kimberly Basaraba as Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Basaraba is known as the “poppin good mom” as she heads up the monthly popcorn award for referral-free students. In addition, Ms. Basaraba helps with health screenings, picture day or anywhere help is needed.

Superintendent Scurto read aloud Governor Kate Brown’s proclamation making January 2016 School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Scurto thanked the Board for their service and dedication. Mr. Scurto said it’s remarkable to have a School Board that has worked together for seven years. Students from Pleasant Hill School District showed their
appreciation by sending notes, making class posters and providing the Board with homemade cupcakes from the high school’s Cupcakes for a Cause club.

5.2 Principal Reports
In addition to her written report, Principal Stoneberg shared that the elementary will have an artist in resident, Kelly Thibodeaux, teach the fiddle to grades K-4 for three weeks beginning in April. Funding for this opportunity is provided through grants and current budget funds. Ms. Cafferata commended the impressive job done by Debbie Delaplain, Title 1 Teacher, with testing students reading skills.

5.3 Superintendent’s Report - Lane County Superintendent Legislative Breakfast Meeting
Superintendent Scurto reported back on items from the January 19, 2016 Legislative Breakfast held at Lane Educational Service District. During this event, Lane County Superintendents were able to discuss with our Legislators, such as Phil Barnhart, issues concerning K-12 education. Discussion primarily focused on school funding, the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), graduation rates and how our education system compares to other states. Superintendent Scurto noted that as we head into the second biennium we know our current funding level. The following biennium funding is unknown at this point except for a PERS rates increase. In February, the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) will provide more information regarding ESSA requirements. Ms. Stoneberg will send the Board a summary of the ESSA information snapshot she received. Overall, the Legislature is concerned about finances. The Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA), Oregon Education Association (OEA) and OSBA are working on a campaign to emphasize the importance of K-12 education being adequately funded.

5.4 Facilities Update
Superintendent Scurto provided the Board with an update on current bond progress.

*Elementary Additions* – Work is progressing. We are working with the contractor, architects/engineers and inspector to decide how to address the issue of the walls being covered prior to the nail pattern being inspected.

*Elementary Kitchen/Cafeteria* - This area is complete, except for a door handle lock issue with the refrigerator and freezer.

*High School Addition* – The building is taking shape. Due to weather conditions being too wet the roof design was modified. The west wing slab is scheduled to be poured this next week.

*Auxiliary Gym* – The metal building is scheduled to arrive on Thursday, January 28th. The concrete block is installed and scheduled to be poured during the first week of February.

*Locker room* – Lockers are scheduled to arrive February 1st and should be installed shortly after.

*High School Multi-purpose Room/Kitchen* – Students are enjoying this area. Two concerts and a wrestling tournament have been held since the opening. We are hoping that the quality and design of this space is an indication of what the rest of the projects will portray.
During the February 22, 2016 Board Meeting we will have a full report on the bond project from our Owner’s Representative, Cornerstone Management. The next Citizens’ Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

5.5 2nd Quarter Reports 2015-16

Enrollment
As of December 31, 2015 we had 974 students, 482 at the high school and 492 at the elementary. Enrollment is down slightly from the first quarter, but this is not unusual from other years. We are still close to our target number.

Financial Reports
Superintendent Scurto presented financial reports as of December 31, 2015.

General Fund - In reviewing the general fund it shows that resources are slightly lower than expected. This is primarily from changes in our State School Fund such as a 24.8 student reduction in Small High School Correction, higher local taxes and lower funding ratio. Based on the January projections we will run slightly below the two months average operating expenditures.

Capital Projects Fund – Current capital expenditures are approximately $6 million. Cornerstone Management will discuss the projects detail at the February 22, 2016 Board Meeting.

Special Revenue Funds – 2nd quarter expenditures are above received resources as grants are funded after expenses have incurred. Reserves show a balance which we’ll review during budget time.

Cash and Investments – Ending balance of $16 million which comes mainly from bonds.

Safety Reports
Safety drills at the Elementary were completed during the second week of January. In addition to the regular drills, students participated in a lock-out drill. Bus evacuation drills will be completed in February. The High School completed a fire drill when they returned from Winter Break. Other drills will take place during the first week of the second semester. Principal Fisher is planning a “Every 15 Minutes” presentation to students on the importance of not drinking and driving.

Achievement
State Assessments will be held in the upcoming months for grades 3rd thru 8th and 11th. Students will be assessed in the areas of English and Math using the online Smarter Balance testing system. Those students in 5th, 8th and 11th will also take an assessment in Science using the OAKS system. As required by law, opt out letters were sent out to students in the testing grades. One change this year from last year is that students may opt out for any reason. Currently, we have seven students at the Elementary and five at the High School who are opting out. We are watching these numbers closely as we need to stay above a 95% participation rate to not receive Federal sanctions. The Board discussed the amount of time it takes to prepare for and administer the test, the validity of the test and scoring. Ms. Stoneberg mentioned that practice test may be viewed at www.oaksportal.org/students.
6.0 PUBLIC FORUM – 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).

Ms. Kehres brought forward a request for additional funding to the music program. She explained there are instruments that need to be fixed or purchased. Ms. Kehres stated that Jonathan Light is doing a wonderful job and that the community really enjoyed the Winter performance held in the newly remodeled high school student center. She also stressed the importance of learning about the arts as part of being a well-rounded student.

Ms. Baker stated that the wrestling club had a great turnout for their meet last weekend. Approximately 300 wrestlers used the high school student center and she heard multiple comments about how impressed people were with the space.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA
7.1 Personnel
7.101 Approve Gary Ishizaki, Temporary Advanced Math Teacher
7.102 Approve Christy McAllister, High School Special Education Assistant
7.103 Approve Karen Van Sickle, National Honor Society Advisor
7.104 Approve Erik Hoberg, Student Council Advisor
7.105 Approve Matthew Thornton, Co-Curriculum Coordinator, Math 7-12

Wylda Cafferata moved to approve the consent agenda. Barbara Orre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 BOARD ACTION ITEMS
No Board action items were discussed.

9.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS
- Board Meeting – February 8, 2016 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center
- Work Session – February 22, 2016 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER
Ms. Cafferata announced that she participated in the webinar “Igniting Teacher Leadership” presented by Dr. William Sterrett from the University of North Carolina. She noted that this webinar was geared towards principals and discussed ways to encourage teachers to take more leadership. Ms. Johnson will email the Board and Principals Ms. Cafferata’s notes from the webinar.

Principal Fisher stated that meetings have begun regarding the sixth grade transition into the new middle school wing at the high school next Fall.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:16 p.m.

Signed: [Signature], this 16th day of Feb, 2016.

Kevin Parrish, Board Chair