

The Latest

2021-2022 Preliminary School Calendar

Superintendent, Dr. Steven Meyers presented a draft of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar to the Board for their consideration to be voted on in January.

Leave Resolution extending COVID leave

Superintendent, Dr. Steven Meyers presented to the Board proposed updates to COVID leave procedures, extending personal leave for confirmed positive cases and caring for family members who have tested positive as well.

The Resolution includes:

- Does not apply to all the types of absences that an employee could use under the EPSL and does not include the Emergency Family and Medical Leave, which also expires on Dec. 31
- Does not cover absences
 - To Care for a child whose school or daycare is closed
 - For persons who are particularly vulnerable to the virus, but who have not been exposed; and
 - Due to illness "substantially similar" to COVID-19
- Only applies to employees who are caring for their spouse, child or parent that is diagnosed with COVID-19, as defined under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
- Excludes substitute employees
- Allows the district to require more documentation of the absence than was allowed under Federal Law.
- Allows for the Superintendent or designee to deny the use of leave in circumstances where employees are not following district protocol or are violating an isolation order or recommendation or other local, state or federal health order.

Board approved raises for Substitute Pay

Dr. Steven Meyers presented to the Board proposed raises to the District's Sub Pay Scale. Regular subs would earn \$105 per day and long term subs will earn \$145 per day.

John T. Belcher Scholarship

High School Senior, Landon Fatino was approved to represent the Pleasant Hill School District for the John T. Belcher Scholarship. This scholarship is from MSBA through the Future Builders Foundation.

Board of Education makes Employment Decisions

In Closed Session, the Board approved the following retirements effective at the end of 2020-2021 contract year:

- *Chris Purnell—HS Spanish Teacher, A+ Coordinator*
- *Shari Douth—PS School Counselor*
- *Denise Robinson—PS Kindergarten Teacher*
- *Julie Smith—PS Art Teacher*
- *Victoria Mosier—MS Family and Consumer Science Teacher*
- *Brenda Koval—PAT Parent Educator*
- *Jackie Emo—Secretary to the Superintendent*
- *Dr. Becky Gallagher—Assistant Superintendent*
- *Nancy Bouchard—District 504 Secretary*

The Board approved the following recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

Certified

- Molly Anker—HS ELA Teacher

Classified

- *Samuel Pinaire, Substitute Custodian*
- *Carlie Chambers, Full-time Custodian*

Board Approved Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items approved:

- Minutes of previous meetings
- Financial report, monthly bills and transfer of funds
- Program Evaluations—Operation of Plant
- Misc. Contract—Yearbook Contract Walsworth

Filing Dates for the 2021 Board Election

Resident taxpayers who are interested in filing for the Pleasant Hill R-III Board of Education may do so in person in the District Central Office at 318 Cedar St., Pleasant Hill, MO, from December 15, 2020, through January 19, 2021. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office will be closed from December 21, 2020 through January 3, 2021. Filing will continue until 5 PM on January 21, 2021. Filing will not occur on weekends or days in which the district is closed due to inclement weather; should the district be closed due to COVID-19, in person appointments may be made with the board secretary, Jessica Miller at jmiller@pleasanthillschools.com; All candidates wishing to file for a board seat must wear a mask upon entering Central Office.

Two seats are open for election. Both seats are for three-year terms.

To be eligible for the Board of Education, an individual must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Missouri for one year preceding the election, a resident taxpayer of the school district, and at least 24 years of age.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Dr. Meyers, Dr. Gallagher and the Board of Education*