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Members of Pardeeville's graduating class of 2024 gather for a group photo during their graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 25 at Pardeeville High School.

Class of 2024 graduates from Pardeeville High School

Fifty-one seniors receive diplomas during ceremony

The list of Pardeeville High School alumni got a little bit longer when 51 members of the Class of 2024 walked across the stage during the Pardeeville graduation ceremony held in the high school gymnasium on Saturday, May 25.

The ceremony included a per-

formance by the Pardeeville High School Choir of the song "Thank You for Everything," which featured the musical talents of the group's senior members. The high school band senior members also joined up to perform "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Pardeeville High School Principal David Bell, who began his time in Pardeeville as the middle

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Pardeeville High School Class of 2024 Valedictorian Katherine Rieckmann addresses her classmates during the graduation ceremony.



Staupe returns to Nationals

For the second year in a row, Pardeeville High School student Elizabeth Staupe will represent Pardeeville at the FBLA National Leadership Conference, this year being held in Orlando, Florida from June 29 through July 3. Staupe will be competing in an objective test in Public Policy and Advocacy. Staupe qualified after finishing in 5th place at the Wisconsin State FBLA Leadership Conference in Green Bay in April.

Pardeeville schools announce summer office hours

The Pardeeville Area School District has announced its summer office hours

The offices at Pardeeville Elementary School and Pardeeville Middle School will operate Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meanwhile, the district office, as well as the high school offices, will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration, pictures for 2024-25 school year will take place Aug. 1

Registration and pictures for all students in 4K through 12th grade, for the 2024-25 school year, will take place on Thursday, Aug. 1 in the atrium at door No. 14 at Pardeeville High School. Registration will be open from 7-10 a.m. and from 3-6 p.m.

Pardeeville Schools are using a registration process called eRegistration. The online instructions are provided on the Pardeeville School District website home page. Parents can login to their PowerSchool account to complete the registration. Please contact the appropriate office if you need a Parent Access ID and password. Office contacts are as follows:

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Pardeeville High School

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Parents and guardians may begin the eRegistration process for each of their students beginning on July 15. Please be sure to look through the data currently recorded in each student tab pertaining to the legal guardian information, emergency contacts, health concerns, parental permissions to make sure we have the most up-to-date information.

Registration forms and fees are completed online. Fees can also be paid on Aug. 1 during the registration day with a check or cash.

New families enrolling in Pardeeville Schools should contact the appropriate office to receive the online information to enroll your students. If you do not have online access, there will be Chromebooks available at the school during the registration hours on Aug. 1 and in the office beforehand during business hours.

All 4K-12th grade students will have school photos taken during registration on Aug. 1. Pictures will be done by Galley Studios. Make-up picture day is on Sept. 19.

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- This newsletter is an official bi-monthly publication of the Pardeeville School District designed primarily to inform parents and other district residents interested in their public school system. It is designed to supplement the fine coverage and reporting of our local news media, other school publications and general or more personalized communications.
- We are striving to develop a more comprehensive school/community system of communications.

HELP US BY BEING WELL INFORMED

Mission Statement

The Pardeeville Area School District, a caring, community-based learning organization, will provide all students an education that is a lifelong asset through active participation with family, business and community in a positive and challenging environment.

GRADUATION

FROM PAGE 1

school principal when the Class of 2024 was in 5th grade, said it was then that he knew this group had the potential to do great things. Bell then told the graduates they will always have the entire school rooting for them.

“As you go forth from this place, carry with you the lessons that you’ve learned, friendships you’ve cherished and the dreams that have guided your soul,” Bell said. “Remember, wherever life takes you, you will always have a home here, a community of educators, mentors and friends rooting for your success.”

Pardeeville Class of 2024 Salutatorian Abigail Kuhn delivered a heartfelt speech, reflecting on the swift passage of their high school years. “When we started high school four years ago, everyone told us the next four years would fly by. We didn’t believe them and just rolled our eyes, but here we are, four short years later realizing that everyone was right. It goes by so fast,” Kuhn said. She emphasized the importance of cherishing the moments and lessons learned throughout their high school journey.

Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay, who was speaking at his last graduation ceremony in Pardeeville before leaving to become the administrator in the Ladysmith School District over the summer, went in a different direction with his speech. Instead of referencing short stories or novels, like he had in his previous nine graduation speeches in Pardeeville, the former English teacher decided to this year quote song lyrics from pop artist Taylor Swift.

“As you step out into the world today, remember the lessons learned from Taylor’s anthem ‘Shake It Off,’” LeMay said. “Life is full of challenges and setbacks, but it’s how we choose to respond that defines us. So shake off the doubts, the fears, and the naysayers, and dance to the rhythm of your own beat. No matter how many times life knocks you down, you have the



ABOVE: Pardeeville High School senior choir member Haven Schomburg sings during the choir performance at the graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 25.

BELOW: Graduating seniors Lauren Weisensel and Elaine Hepler strike a pose after entering the gymnasium at the start of the graduation ceremony.



power to rise again, stronger and more determined than ever before.”

After the graduates received their diplomas from Pardeeville Board of Education directors Chad Bellis and Justin Nickel, valedictorian Katherine Rieckmann took the stage. Before Rieckmann directed the class to move their tassels from the right side of their

caps to the left side, she highlighted the diverse talents within the graduating class. “We have athletes, scholars, musicians, hands-on workers, artists, hunters, and actors. Everyone has their talents and special skills. After high school our class will do amazing things,” Rieckmann said.

Our schools face plenty of change with upcoming year

LeMay says 'goodbye' after 10 years working in Pardeeville

As we move into the summer of 2024, the district is in the midst of change. From the four staff members that have retired with over one hundred years of combined experience, to the ongoing Community Conversations surrounding our facilities, to my own departure as the Superintendent of Pardeeville Schools, Pardeeville will look different with the start of the 2024-2025 school year. This time of change in our District reminded me of a quote by John F. Kennedy. Kennedy stated, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

In my final newsletter article, I wanted to take some space to thank everyone for a wonderful 10 years. The decision to leave Pardeeville was not an easy one. However, with a promotion for my wife to Signing Director at her accounting firm in Eau Claire, a desire to be near aging parents, and the ability to have family support and assistance with our young children, the decision to move to an area closer to our families in Northern and Central Wisconsin made sense. I look forward to a new adventure as a new superintendent in a new school district, but Pardeeville will always be a very special place to us.

Pardeeville, thank you for a rewarding 10-year period of my professional career. You trusted me with your students, with your school district, and showed me great respect as a community leader. You have supported the school district so well. Pardeeville was a great school district before I arrived, is still a great school district as I prepare to exit the stage, and will be a great district decades from now. Why is that?

Well, it is because Pardeeville has the best students, staff members, families, school board, and commu-



Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay is leaving Pardeeville at the end of June to become the new district administrator in Ladysmith. During his 10 years in Pardeeville, when he served as both Pardeeville High School Principal and Pardeeville District Administrator, LeMay was always #PardeevilleProud of our staff, our schools and our students.

nity members. One of my most important roles during the 10 years I have worked at Pardeeville has been to serve as the biggest cheerleader for the school district. Excellence in academics, arts, athletics and service is not just something painted on the wall of our high school gym, or some-

thing discussed in passing, it is who we are. It has been an honor to be the leader of Pardeeville School for three years, and high school principal for seven before that. I cannot thank you enough.

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Community Conversations place future focus on facilities

Watch for survey this fall to help us with planning process

Our focus will always be our students and giving them the best education possible. Part of that focus includes ensuring our facilities meet student and staff needs. Over the long term, we want to remain good stewards of our facilities and our finances — two pillars of the school district's strategic plan.

To accomplish this, the Pardeeville Area School District has enacted a long-range facility plan: a process used to make decisions through community and staff engagement regarding current and future facilities and sites. In February the first round of Community Conversations focusing on facilities occurred. The school district was happy to have a total participation of 75+ at-

tendees. Six focus categories were presented, along with the existing conditions within the district and how these spaces can look in modern educational and professional environments.

Attendees prioritized categories in the below order of importance: 1. Food Service & Cafeterias 2. Career & Technical Education (CTE) 3. Educational Adequacy 4. Support, Safety & Accessibility 5. Physical Education & Athletic Support 6. School & Community Pride. Participants voted on the categories they felt the district should prioritize. Most respondents identified Food Service & Cafeterias, CTE, Educational Adequacy and Support, Safety & Accessibility as their highest priorities.

Follow-up on these items occurred in May when the school district presented potential solutions with costs to address facility needs and community-identified priorities. The potential

solutions were presented as concepts and not final designs. From these discussions the school district will work at further refining options and provide a survey to the community this fall to gather additional feedback and information. Look for the survey this fall and further information about the facility planning process in the August school district newsletter.

In the meantime, you can find further information by reviewing the summary pages of the Community Conversations found in this newsletter. You can also access a recording of the presentation showing the conceptual designs, tax impacts, and information from the student population study conducted by the University of Wisconsin Applied Population Lab by going to the school district website at www.pasdwi.org/long-range-planning. This site also has past information, FAQs and will be continually updated.

LEMAY

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Thank you, school board members, for trusting me with the privilege and honor of serving as your superintendent these last three years, as well as the incredible support that came with the position. I have grown personally and professionally during my time here, and I thank each and every person who was part of that growth. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Pardeeville Area School District alongside so many wonderful and committed people. During my time as superintendent, we have developed a strategic plan, completed a long-range facility plan, passed a successful operational referendum, remained fiscally responsible with the funds we have been given, grown our programming, and improved opportunities for all students. This will continue to be carried forward

Speaking of people, I will always

respect and appreciate the amazing staff who put so much effort daily into their work. This is every staff member, regardless if they are a teacher, aide, kitchen worker, custodian, food service worker, administrative assistant, or administrator. The school district is lucky to have each and every person. I also want to thank the many parents and community members who I have had the privilege to come in contact with. You have not only been supportive of me, but also given your time serving on committees, coaching students, attending events and supporting our referendums. There continues to be a ton of promise in this community, with many groups and individuals whose goal it is to continue to make Pardeeville the school and community something special.

In education, students are our top priority. In my opinion, Pardeeville has some of the best students in the state. Our students are intelligent, kind, and talented and take advantage of the many opportunities afforded to them by

the school district. Great kids, involved families, and a supportive community creates the strong school system we have here in Pardeeville. You allowed me to be a part of this and I am thankful for that. I hope that the involvement and support will continue long after I have gone.

As this is my last newsletter, I also want to remind everyone to remember to celebrate all the things that make us #PardeevilleProud. It is not just a hashtag, but a reminder that each and every day there are amazing things occurring in our school district and our community. Thank you for an amazing 10 years. My family and I will continue to visit Pardeeville and I am excited to see what the future has in store. Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!



Jason LeMay
District Administrator

Community & Staff Conversations Update

JUNE 3, 2024



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Strong Schools. **STRONG COMMUNITY**

THANK YOU to parents, staff, and community members who attended our May Community & Staff Conversations!

RECAP

The Pardeeville Area School District held Community & Staff Conversations on Facility Needs on May 16 (including a condensed virtual session) and May 21.

The presentation reviewed a recap from February's conversations before reviewing district-wide potential solutions and budgets (see next page for details).

FEEDBACK THEMES

- **Middle & high school cafeteria:** Most feedback supported improving food service experience for middle and high schoolers.
- **Safety & security:** Improving dropoff/pickup, updating grounds/play equipment, and securing entrances was a common priority.
- **Career & Tech. Ed.:** Many respondents had questions and shared input on CTE spaces; further option development will be explored.
- **Accessibility:** Interest was expressed in improving special ed. spaces and at the elementary school, housing them on the first floor.



LEARN MORE // pasdwi.org/long-range-planning

COMING UP

Watch for a **SURVEY** on facility needs in September.

Every household in the district will receive one in the mail. **Your feedback is important!**

GET MORE INFO

Missed the conversation? **Watch a recording** of the presentation. Scan the QR code to find it on the long-range facility page.

QUESTIONS?

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Community & Staff Conversations Update

JUNE 3, 2024



POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS AT A GLANCE

All potential solutions incorporate the four priorities identified by the community at the first round of Community & Staff Conversations: Food Service & Cafeterias, Adequacy of Educational Space, Career & Technical Education, and Safety, Security & Accessibility.

As potential solutions are refined based on community feedback, a **survey** with revised and updated concepts will be sent to every household in the district in September.

Capital Maintenance:

- Building envelope & roof, mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems, site, and interiors

Elementary School:

- Concept 1: 5K-1st grade addition, core classroom renovation, intervention & support space renovation
- Concept 2: 4K addition, second floor classroom addition, more intervention space & more staff/support space (through renovation)

Middle & High School:

- Demolish Balliet building (across both concepts)
- Concept 1: MS cafeteria & 5th grade classroom addition, HS cafeteria expansion, Ag. addition, foods renovation, Tech. Ed. expansion, MS office and secure entry addition
- Concept 2: Shared cafeteria addition for MS & HS, MS gym expansion, 8th grade



Scan the QR code to find a recording of the presentation, which has additional info on financial and tax impact.

Students, staff give back on Community Service Day

Variety of projects designed to foster strong sense of community

On Friday, May 10, the Pardeeville Area School District held its inaugural Community Day of Service, bringing together students and staff from across the district to engage in a variety of community service projects in and around Pardeeville. This landmark event showcased the district's commitment to giving back and fostering a strong sense of community.

At Pardeeville Elementary School, students embraced their creative sides by making posters and thank you cards for local businesses and organizations. These heartfelt creations were designed to express gratitude to those who contribute to making Pardeeville a wonderful place to live.

Pardeeville Middle School students and staff focused on beautifying their immediate surroundings. They cleaned up around the school grounds, hosted a bake sale and added a splash of color to the sidewalks with cheerful chalk drawings.

Meanwhile, Pardeeville High School students and staff took on an array of impactful projects throughout the community. Their efforts included gardening around town, cleaning up at the Boys and Girls Club of Columbia County and the Columbia County Humane Society, and tidying up grave-stones at Marcellon Cemetery.

They also participated in highway cleanup efforts and contributed to building beds for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization in Portage.

Other projects completed by Pardeeville volunteers were painting a mural that will hang at Pardeeville Elementary School, assembling "Find Your Anchor Boxes" for Columbia County Health and Human Services, building squirrel boxes for Wisconsin WildCare, cleaning up at places like the Pardeeville Methodist Church, the River Haven Homeless Shelter in Portage and Latoya's Cat Rescue. Two groups even spent the day working and spending time with residents at the Columbia Health Care Center in Wyocena and the At Home Again Assisted Living and Memory Care in Rio.

Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay expressed his pride and gratitude for the event's success. "Pardeeville is a community that has always been supportive of its schools, and I hope this will continue for a very long time," LeMay said.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students of all grade levels, teachers, administrators, and support staff, who all worked side by side to make a difference. Their collective efforts not only enhanced the local environment but also strengthened the bonds within the community.



Pardeeville High School junior Cole Engelhart (ABOVE) was part of a team that helped build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Portage during the Pardeeville Schools Community Day of Service on May 10.

Pardeeville students and staff also helped clean up at the Pardeeville United Methodist Church (BELOW) and at the Marcellon Cemetery (BOTTOM) during the Pardeeville Schools Community Day of Service on May 10.





On June 6, the Pardeeville Area School District celebrated its four retiring educators. They are, from left; Mary Roberts, Pat Pape, Bruce Brey and Jim McConnell.

Pardeeville bids farewell to 4 outstanding educators

The Pardeeville Area School District held its annual Retirement Recognition and Celebration on Thursday, June 6, in the Lenz Auditorium, celebrating the distinguished careers of four esteemed educators who have collectively dedicated over 100 years to enriching the lives of students, including a combined 57 of those years here in Pardeeville.

The ceremony, a heartfelt event, honored the careers of Pardeeville Elementary Teacher Mary Roberts, Pardeeville Elementary School Music Director Jim McConnell, Pardeeville High School Alternative Education Teacher Bruce Brey, and Pardeeville Middle School Teacher Pat Pape.

Former Pardeeville Middle School counselor Mike Haynes served as the Master of Ceremonies, guiding the afternoon's festivities with warmth and humor. The event featured presentations of awards by Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay and Pardeeville Board of Education President Becky Levzow, highlighting the significant contributions

each retiree made to the district.

Mary Roberts, retiring after seven years with the district, was praised for her dedication and commitment to her students. Guest speakers, Pardeeville Elementary Principal Andy Kohn and Pardeeville Elementary Math Teacher Tara LaVallee, lauded her contributions and her unwavering support for her students.

Jim McConnell, who served as the Music Director at Pardeeville Elementary for four years, was celebrated for his passion for music and his ability to inspire a love for the arts in his students. Kohn and LaVallee also spoke on his behalf, emphasizing the joy and creativity he brought to the school.

Bruce Brey, retiring after 14 years as an Alternative Education Teacher at Pardeeville High School, received accolades from Pardeeville High School Choir Director Taya Larson and Pardeeville High School Physical Education Teacher Alex Hammer-schmidt. They highlighted his dedication to providing a supportive and adaptive learning environment for all

students, helping them reach their full potential.

Pat Pape, who is retiring after an impressive 32 years with Pardeeville Schools, was honored for his long-standing commitment to education and his profound impact on generations of students. Tributes from Pardeeville Middle School teachers Pat Bleich and Greg Wagoner underscored Pape's tireless efforts, dedication, and the positive influence he had on his colleagues and students alike.

The ceremony was filled with touching anecdotes, heartfelt speeches, and a few tears as the district bid farewell to these remarkable educators. Their legacy of dedication, passion, and commitment to education will continue to inspire the Pardeeville community for years to come.

As the event concluded, attendees expressed their gratitude and best wishes to the retirees, celebrating not only their careers but also the lasting impact they have had on the Pardeeville Area School District.

Families come together to celebrate 4K graduates

Parents and family members who filled the Lenz Auditorium beamed with joy and pride on Friday, May 31, as 49 young students from Pardeeville's 4K program celebrated their graduation. The event, a significant milestone for these young learners, marked the completion of their first educational journey and the beginning of many more to come.

The ceremony commenced with an enthusiastic audience of family members, friends, and educators who gathered to witness this special occasion. The highlight of the event was the musical performances by the graduates. With bright smiles and eager voices, the children sang "One Small Voice," "Graduation Dynamite," and "This Little Light of Mine," capturing the hearts of everyone in attendance.

Each student then proudly received a 4K diploma, signifying the hard work and growth they have achieved. The presentation of diplomas was met with cheers and applause, reflecting the supportive community surrounding these young learners.



Pardeeville 4K graduates sing and dance on stage during their 4K graduation ceremony held in the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, May 31.

Following the formal ceremony, the graduates and their families enjoyed a reception where they posed for pictures, creating lasting memories of this significant day. The celebration continued with refreshments, providing an opportunity for families to mingle and share their pride in their young gradu-

ates' achievements.

The Pardeeville 4K graduation was not just a ceremony; it was a heartfelt celebration of early childhood education, the importance of community, and the promise of bright futures for these young students. Congratulations to the Class of 2037!

Bookworm program helps provide books to 4k students

By Geri Gorman

Pardeeville Elementary School
Bookworm Coordinator

Let me tell you a story about Wisconsin Bookworms, an exciting program that our Pardeeville 4K students enjoy.

The goal of the Wisconsin Bookworms is to get books into the hands of our young children. Volunteer readers visit 4K and Head Start classrooms once a month, read a book, do some story extensions, and then EACH CHILD receives a copy of the book to add to their personal library. Since the Wisconsin Bookworm program began 25 years ago, 103,655 preschool children have been read to and 960,500 books have been distrib-

uted.

I am proud to be a member of the Columbia County Bookworms, which is the most active Bookworm county in Wisconsin. Last year, over 30 volunteers read to 260 children and distributed over 1,800 books, just in Columbia County.

Of course, this does not happen without the wonderful donations from individuals and organizations who fund the purchase of all those books. (Each set of books typically costs between \$17 and \$20). We are currently serving children in Cambria, Columbus, Fall River, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette and Rio.

Besides the benefit of hearing a story and receiving the gift of a book seven times a year, the intergenerational relationships that are formed

between the children and the readers are priceless.

As we begin to organize for another year, and place our order for books, I felt compelled to tell you about this wonderful program and encourage you to consider helping fund this noble cause. Every dollar helps. Should you find it in your heart personally, or should you be part of an organization that would like to contribute to the Columbia County Bookworms, please donate and write your check to CCAHCE and send to:

Donna MacLeish, Columbia County Bookworms Coordinator
W11596 Circle Bluff Road
Merrimac, WI 53561



Pardeeville High School Special Education Teacher Chris Sherrick was surprised to receive the Special Education Teacher of the Year Award on Friday, April 26.

Sherrick wins Special Education Teacher of the Year Award

The Pardeeville Area School District is proud to announce that Chris Sherrick, Special Education Teacher at Pardeeville High School, has been recognized as the Special Education Teacher of the Year by the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS).

The prestigious award was presented to Sherrick by WCASS president elect Erikke Nystrom-Grothaus during a surprise ceremony held on Friday, April 26, inside the high school office. Sherrick's commitment and passion for special education have made a significant impact on the lives of students and the community.

Annette LaVia, Pardeeville's Director of Special Education from CESA5, nominated Sherrick for the award. LaVia highlighted Sherrick's unwavering dedication, innovative teaching methods, and compassionate ap-

proach to supporting students with special needs.

In his role as a Special Education Teacher at Pardeeville High School, Sherrick has demonstrated an exceptional ability to connect with students, create inclusive learning environments, and promote academic and personal growth. His tireless efforts have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, students and families alike.

Zillmer wins award

Also earning recognition from WCASS was CESA5 school psychologist John Zillmer, who works closely with many of our students here in Pardeeville. John received the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services Pupil Services Award.

We congratulate John and thank him for playing such a crucial role in the success of our students.

Music students recognized at annual awards concert

The Pardeeville High School and Middle School music departments held their spring awards concerts during the month of May in the Lenz Auditorium.

At the high school concert on Thursday, May 9, senior Katherine Rieckmann was honored with the prestigious Louis Armstrong Jazz Award for her outstanding dedication and skill in jazz music, while fellow senior Taylor Stolinas took home the John Philip Sousa Award. In choir, Natalie Olson was honored with the prestigious National Choral Award.

At the middle school awards concert held on Monday, May 13, Pardeeville 5th grader Monica Lerch was named the James W. Rusch Pardeeville Band Rookie of the Year. Other band awards given out at the middle school level went to Lauren Undraitis (Middle School Band Student of the Year) and Rocky Reinecke (6th Grade MVP).

Winning middle school choir awards were Addyson Neary (Middle School Choir Member of the Year), Brielle Schultz (6th Grade Choir Most Valuable Singer) and Roland Houslet (Rookie of the Year).



Pardeeville 8th grade student Addyson Neary performs with the Middle School Show Choir at the Middle School Awards Concert held on May 13. At the concert, Neary received the Middle School Choir Member of the Year Award from Choir Director Mrs. Taya Larson.

Spanish Club helps collect 354 pounds of recyclable plastic

The Pardeeville High School Spanish Club is basking in the glow of success after wrapping up its third annual Plastic Drive with a record-breaking collection of 354 pounds of plastic. Throughout the month of April, students and volunteers rallied together to gather plastic bags for recycling, marking their largest haul yet.

Considering that 80 plastic grocery bags equal 1 pound, the club and those who donated helped keep 28,320 bags out of the land fill. Over the past three years, and an additional year before the Spanish Club was involved, the district has collected 1,016 pounds of plastic!

In a collaborative effort, the Pardeeville Lions Club joined forces with the Spanish Club, amplifying the impact of the initiative. On Friday, April 26, representatives from the Lions Club visited the school to collect the amassed plastic, which will now undergo transformation at NexTrex, a company specializing in repurposing plastic into practical products such as deck boards and benches.

In a heartening gesture of appreciation, the Pardeeville Lions Club



Members of the Pardeeville High School Spanish Club and the Pardeeville Lions Club pose in front of the 354 pounds of plastic they helped collect during the month of April.

bestowed upon the Spanish Club a bench crafted from recycled plastic, symbolizing the fruitful partnership between the two organizations. This act not only serves as a tangible token of gratitude but also underscores the importance of community collaboration in fostering sustainable practices.

Encouraging ongoing participation in environmental conservation, both

the Lions Club and the Spanish Club urge community members to sustain their efforts by continuing to recycle plastic bags year-round. To facilitate this ongoing commitment, a collection bin has been stationed at the Angie W. Cox Public Library, providing a convenient drop-off point for those looking to contribute to the cause.

4th graders promoted to middle school



Pardeeville Elementary School 4th graders pose for a photo during the 4th grade awards program held on Wednesday, June 24. At the program, 4th grade students received awards for their hard work during the year. All 4th graders received a certificate of completion, the final step before moving to middle school to begin the next school year.

Class of 2028 members receive promotion to high school

The 8th grade students from Pardeeville Middle School were in the spotlight on Tuesday, June 4, when the school held its 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony inside the Lenz Auditorium. A total of 59 students received their promotion certificates, marking their transition to Pardeeville High School where they will embark on their 9th grade journey this coming September.

The ceremony was a significant milestone for the students, faculty, and families in attendance. Alongside the presentation of certificates, several students were recognized with awards from their teachers, celebrating their achievements and growth throughout the school year.

Two students, Addyson Neary and Macey Young, took to the stage to deliver heartfelt speeches. They reminisced about the memorable moments shared by the future Pardeeville High School Class of 2028, reflecting on their collective journey and the bonds they have formed.

Adding a musical touch to the event, the middle school choir performed "Try Everything," featuring solos by 8th grade members.

As the event concluded, the students' excitement was palpable. With their certificates in hand and high school on the horizon, the 8th graders of Pardeeville Middle School are ready to embrace the next chapter of their educational journey.



ABOVE: Members of the Pardeeville 8th grade class share a laugh during their promotion ceremony held on Tuesday, June 4.



LEFT: Pardeeville 8th graders Noah Black and Avri Anderson received the Pythagorean Excellence Award for their work in algebra class.

Pardeeville advanced culinary team members, from left; Elaine Hepler, Lauren Vilstrup, Isabella Hineman and Finley Ramirez competed at the CESA5 Hungry Games in Wisconsin Dells.



Pardeeville culinary team finishes 2nd at CESA5 Hungry Games

The Pardeeville High School Advanced Culinary team got the opportunity to compete at the CESA5 Hungry Games Culinary Competition, which was held in Wisconsin Dells this spring.

The team, which consisted of seniors Elaine Hepler, Isabella Hineman, Finley Ramirez and Lauren Vilstrup, finished in second place. The Pardeeville team had to craft a mouthwatering burger along with a potato side, and did so while showcasing their culinary skills.

Seniors rake in scholarships during High School Awards Night

Over \$545,000 awarded to Class of 2024 members

On Wednesday, May 15, the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School was filled with pride and celebration as students, families, and faculty gathered for the annual Awards Night. This special event honored the outstanding achievements of the Class of 2024 seniors and other exemplary students from across all grade levels.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement that the Class of 2024 seniors had collectively earned an impressive \$545,750 in scholarships. These scholarships were generously provided by local donors, reflecting the strong community support for the educational aspirations of Pardeeville High School students.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the top 10% of students from each grade were recognized for their academic excellence. These students have demonstrated exceptional performance and dedication throughout the school year, setting a high standard for their peers.

Those who were recognized for being in the top 10 percent of their class were:

Freshmen: Nadia Ballweg, Caitlyn Bellis, Tristen Homan, Jade Koepp, Elle Hardwick, Hayden Ballweg and Onan Casteel.

Sophomores: Bailey Grissom, Bronte Hulberg, Ava Wagner, Taylor Luedtke, Josephine Bue, Abigail Jacobson and Isabel Bue.

Juniors: Eli Achterberg, Kayla Buzzell, Lauren Schaller, Elizabeth Staupe, Alex Gabsch, Audra Stark and Caleb Gard.

Seniors: Katherine Rieckmann, Abigail Kuhn, Lauren Weisensel, Owen Kirk, Lauren Vilstrup and Natalie Olson.

The evening was filled with many other awards that highlighted the diverse talents and hard work of Pardeeville High School students. From academic achievements to extracurricular excellence, the event was a testament to the students' dedication and perseverance.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards and to everyone who worked hard throughout the school year. The night was a proud moment for the Pardeeville High School community, showcasing the bright futures that lie ahead for its students.

See page 15 for a full list of scholarship winners



Members of the sophomore class are recognized for being in the top 10 percent of their class academically. They are, from left; Abigail Jacobson, Josephine Bue, Taylor Luedtke, Isabel Bue and Ava Wagner. Absent from the photo are Bailey Grissom and Bronte Hulberg.



ABOVE: Pardeeville High School senior Isabella Hineman accepts the Chelsea Jordan Becker Memorial Scholarship from Kitzi Muniz during Awards Night on May 15.



LEFT: Pardeeville seniors Logan Neary and Ella Cerkoney were the recipients of the Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial Scholarship.

Pardeeville High School Awards Night

2024 Scholarship Winners

Bouchard, Arianna (\$500)

St Vincent dePaul Society Scholarship - \$500

Cerkoney, Ella (\$146,250)

Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial Scholarship - \$250

Lawrence University - Lawrentian Award - \$8,000 (\$2,000/year)

Lawrence University - Light! More Light! Scholarship - \$128,000 (\$32,000/year)

Lawrence University - Main Hall Green Award - \$8,000 (\$2,000/year)

Señora Casey Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Wyocena Farmers Cooperative Scholarship - \$1,000

Dechert, Kylie (\$2,500)

Fairway Mortgage Scholarship- \$1,500

The National Exchange Bank & Trust Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000

Hepler, Elaine (\$1,000)

Christian Bernard Muniz Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Hineman, Isabella (\$1,850)

Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$300

Chelsea Jordan Becker Memorial Scholarship - \$500

FFA Alumni Scholarship - \$300

Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship - \$750

Hinkley, Mason (\$155,500)

Fairway Mortgage Scholarship- \$1,500

Pardeeville Boys Club - \$500

Ripon College 175 Award - \$16,000 (\$4,000/year)

Ripon College Faculty Scholarship - \$136,000 (\$34,000/year)

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 221 - \$500

Wyocena Farmers Cooperative Scholarship - \$1,000

Hohn, Austin (\$74,100+)

Adams-Columbia Electric Scholarship - \$1,000

Alliant Energy Children of Employees Scholarship \$1,500

Bulldog Academic Excellence Award Scholarship - \$400

Fairway Mortgage Scholarship- \$1,500

Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation - \$700

Lakeland University Achievement Scholarship - \$64,000

Lakeland University J. Garland Schilcutt Business Scholarship - \$4,000

Lakeland University Service & Leadership Scholarship - TBD

Wyocena Farmers Cooperative Scholarship- \$1,000

Holsten, Raelynn (\$8,750)

Sgt. Don Marine Scholarship \$2,000 (\$500/year up to 4 years)

WI Technical Excellence Scholarship - \$6,750 (\$2,250/3 years)

Kirk, Owen (\$3,500)

Fairway Mortgage Scholarship- \$1,500

Pardeeville Area Business Association - \$500

Pardeeville Boys Club - \$500

Wyocena Farmers Cooperative Scholarship-\$1,000

Kuhn, Abigail (\$17,050)

Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$300

Edward C. & June M. Lenz Scholarship \$750

West Texas A&M Provost's Scholar Merit Scholarship - \$16,000 (\$4,000/year)

Krueger, Grace (\$4,500)

Pardeeville Area Business Association - \$500

Pardeeville Area Lions Club - 4 year - \$3,000

Pardeeville Key Club Scholarship - \$1,000

Maass, Aubrey (\$1,550)

Aaron W. Babcock Memorial Scholarship - \$250

NJCAA - \$800 (\$400/semester)

Pardeeville Girls Club - \$500

McGuire, Ilyana (\$2,250)

Pardeeville Area Lions Club - 2 year - \$1500

Pardeeville Curling Club - \$500

Pardeeville High School Student Council Scholarship - \$250

Mitchell, Theran (\$750)

Pardeeville Garden Club - \$750

Neary, Logan (\$2,250)

Aspirus Divine Savior Volunteers Scholarship - \$1,000

Columbia Co. Assoc for Home and Comm. Education Scholarship - \$1,000

Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial Scholarship - \$250

Olson, Natalie (\$6,700)

Christian Bernard Muniz Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation - \$700

Prevent Suicide Columbia County - \$1,000

Portage Elks Lodge #675 - \$1,000

Portage Area Community Theater Scholarship - \$500

Prairie Ridge Health Scholarship - \$500

United Postmasters and Managers of America Scholarship - \$1,000

Wyocena Farmers Cooperative Scholarship - \$1,000

Rieckmann, Katherine (\$93,700)

Aspirus Divine Savior Medical Staff Scholarship - \$1,000

Carthage College Endowed Scholarship - \$8,000 (\$2,000/yr)

Carthage College Highest Honors Scholarship - \$72,000(\$18,000/yr)

Crawford Oil & Propane Valedictorian - \$1,000

Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation - \$700

Portage Public Library Foundation - \$1,000

Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship - \$9,000 (\$2,250/yr)

Wisconsin Elks Association Scholarship - \$1,000

Schmidtke, Logan (\$500)

Pardeeville Boys Club - \$500

Smith, Colin (\$250)

Rocky Run Riders Snowmobile Club Scholarship - \$250

Stolinas, Taylor (\$2,500)

Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500

Crawford Oil & Propane "Fueling for Success" Music Scholarship - \$2,000

Vilstrup, Lauren (\$18,500)

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative - \$1,000

Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$500

Joan Ballweg Leadership Scholarship - \$500

Pardeeville Girls Club - \$500

West Texas A&M Provost's Scholar Merit Scholarship - \$16,000 (\$4,000/year)

Weisensel, Lauren (\$1,300)

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative - \$1,000

Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$300



ABOVE: Members of the Bulldog Stomp organizing committee pose for a photo following the completion of the event. This year's Bulldog Stomp raised \$45,000 dollars, a new record amount. BELOW: Competitors take off at the start of the 5K race.

Community makes Bulldog Stomp another huge success

The 16th annual Bulldog Stomp was held on Saturday, May 4, with resounding success, as the event raised a remarkable \$45,000 in funds to support the UW Carbone Cancer Center. This achievement marks a new milestone for the community-driven initiative, showcasing the collective dedication and generosity of participants and organizers alike.

Since its inception, the Bulldog Stomp has served as a beacon of hope and solidarity in the fight against cancer, rallying individuals from all walks of life to unite for a common cause. This year's event was no exception, as attendees, volunteers, and donors came together to make a tangible impact in the battle against this devastating disease.

The organizing committee, composed of passionate individuals committed to making a difference, worked tirelessly to orchestrate an unforgettable experience for all involved. Their unwavering dedication and strategic planning were instrumental in the event's success, ensuring smooth coordination and maximum participation.

In addition to expressing gratitude to the organizing committee, the Bull-



dog Stomp extends heartfelt thanks to every individual who contributed to the event's success, whether through participation, sponsorship, or donations. Their collective efforts have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals and families affected by cancer, offering hope and support when it is needed most.

In the Bulldog Stomp 5K race, the top overall and top male finisher was Dane Overland, who crossed the finish line in 19 minutes, 55.64 seconds. Top overall female finisher was Kenna

Jenkins, finishing in 21:35.84.

Other division winners from the 5K race were; Nadia Overland (female, age 10-19), Brittney Robertson (female, 20-29), Morgan Serstad (female, 30-39), Nina Grasse (female, 40-49), Tami Simonson (female, 50-59), Michele Pufahl (female, 60-69), T. Burton (male, 1-9), Logan Crary (male, 10-19), Peter Freye (male, 20-29), Dylan Hayes (male, 30-39), Nels Midthun (male, 40-49), JJ Hoffman (male, 50-59), Paul Hees (male, 60-69), Bill LaFleur (male, 70-79).

Drama Club finishes year with fun performance of 'Murder Box'

The Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School came alive with intrigue and suspense as the Pardeeville Drama Club delivered a captivating performance of "Murder Box" in early May. The show, which marked the group's final production of the school year, also served as a farewell to a cohort of talented seniors.

Directed by Ms. Katelyn Dugenske, along with Mr. Bruce Brey, the production of "Murder Box" was met with enthusiastic applause from the audience, who were drawn into the narrative from the moment the curtains rose.

The cast and crew, composed of dedicated students from Pardeeville High School, delivered stellar performances, bringing the characters of "Murder Box" to life with depth and authenticity.

As the curtains closed, the Pardeeville Drama Club bid farewell to its graduating seniors with a mix of pride and nostalgia. While the final bow marked the end of an era, it also symbolized the beginning of new adventures for the talented performers, who will carry the lessons learned and memories made with them wherever they go. The group of seniors involved in the production of "Murder Box" included; Antonio Cebrero, Alexandra Fay, Elaine Hepler, Ariel Netzel, Natalie Olson, Henry Pieper, Jason Renz, Katherine Rieckmann, Taylor Stolin and Rosanna Vaglio.



ABOVE: Pardeeville High School seniors Elaine Hepler and Henry Pieper played key parts during the performance of "Murder Box."



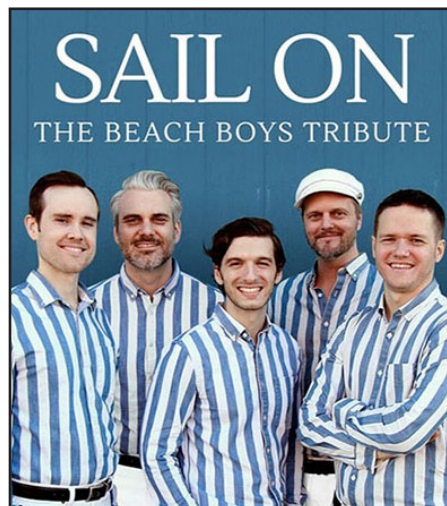
LEFT: From left; Katherine Rieckmann, Jason Renz and Elizabeth Staupé talk things over during one of scenes in "Murder Box."

Beach Boys tribute group performing in Pardeeville this summer

Get ready to surf into summer with the timeless tunes of the Beach Boys, as the tribute band Sail On is set to perform at the Lenz Auditorium on Saturday, July 13. The concert, which begins at 6:30 p.m., promises an evening of classic hits that will transport audiences back to the sunny shores of the 1960s.

Sail On has garnered a reputation for their authentic and energetic renditions of the Beach Boys' greatest hits, from "Good Vibrations" to "Surfin' U.S.A." The group's meticulous attention to musical detail and vocal harmonies ensures a performance that both longtime fans and new listeners will appreciate.

Tickets for this much-anticipated event are priced at \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors aged 65 and over. They can be purchased online at pasdwi.org/community/events.cfm, via phone at (608) 285-2717 during business hours (Monday through



Beach Boys tribute group Sail On will be at the Lenz Auditorium on July 13.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), or at the door, subject to availability. Given the band's popularity and the intimate setting of the Lenz Auditorium, attendees are encouraged to secure their tickets early.

Don't miss this chance to experi-

ence the joyous, sun-soaked sounds of Sail On and relive the golden era of rock 'n' roll. Join the fun in Pardeeville and make it a night to remember!

We are on Instagram

Follow us @lenzauditorium on Instagram. When we reach 100 followers, we will be giving 1 lucky winner a free ticket to an upcoming show!

Ticket sale policy

1. Online Ticket sales end 24 hours prior to the performance. If the show is sold out, it will be posted on our website, Instagram, and Facebook page.

2. Ticket sales are non-refundable except in the case of a canceled performance. Refunds can take the form of a gift certificate, which can go towards a future ticket purchase, or, a donation to our general operating fund.

3. Any questions about tickets or experiencing troubles in ordering? Contact Adam at 608-285-2717.

Now is best time to get things in order for next school year

With the school year now complete, please remember to pick up your student's medication, now or after summer school. Any medication not picked up by June 30th will be destroyed. New medication will need to be brought in at the start of the school year along with the proper paperwork.

When registering your student for the 2024-2025 school year in Powerschool, there is health information data that the school nurses will need:

1. Enter in PowerSchool (hopefully it will transfer over) any medications your child will be taking both at school and at home. If the medication is a prescription that has to be taken at school, please have your doctor fill out the form that is in Powerschool and bring it to registration. We will be unable to give your child any prescribed medications if we don't have a doctor's order. If it is an over-the-counter medication, a paper form must also be filled out. You must list the medication, along with how much to give the child and what the medication is being given for. The medication needs to be in the original bottle with an expiration date after June 2025 unless it is only given for a shorter period of time.

2. Enter any health concerns that your child may have into Powerschool, so the nursing staff will be able to make necessary accommodations and assist in



JANETTE SHEEKS
School Nurse

their education. Also, when they come to the nurse's office, it helps us properly assess a student. This may prevent a call to you because we will know that you are aware of a situation. Some health concerns, such as diabetes and a special diet (see below) require additional paperwork.

3. All students entering 4k, kindergarten, or who are new will need documentation of the immunizations they have been given, and must be up to date with all of them. This is a good time to visit your doctor to get a well child check up and immunizations up to date. (Chicken Pox disease must be verified by a medical provider and is a new requirement for the 24-25 school year.)

4. All students entering 7th grade will need a Dtap and MenACWY for school immunization requirements. The MenACWY is a new requirement for the 24-25 school year.

5. All students entering 12th grade will need a MenACWY booster (2nd dose in series). *age will determine the

number of doses. The MenACWY is a new requirement for the 24-25 school year.

5. Any students behind on immunizations should also take this time to get up to date. Immunizations are a state requirement and reports need to be sent to them within 40 school days of the start of school.

Please use this summer to get your child's immunizations and bring their record to registration.

5. The Department of Public Instruction requires a "Licensed Medical Practitioner's" statement that allows the Pardeeville Area School District to provide for your child's "Special Dietary needs." If your child needs a special diet, please take the form that is in Powerschool to your "Licensed Medical Practitioner" to have them fill it out. We need this form on file so we can provide your child the special diet required.

Nurses will be back on registration day on Aug. 1st, and at the end of August to assist with any questions you may have. You may call your school's office if you need assistance prior and they can let me know. Thank you and may you have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer.

Janette Sheeks RN

Hughes earns 1st place at Trailways Art Show

Pardeeville High School's art students entered some impressive artwork into the Trailways Conference Art Show, which was held in Randolph on Wednesday, May 1.

Two Pardeeville artists returned home with top honors from the event. Leading the way was senior Ize Hughes, who was awarded first place in oil painting. Pardeeville's Aca-cia Netzel earned a third place in Functional Ceramics.

Congratulations to all our students for creating some truly amazing pieces of art.



Pardeeville High School senior Ize Hughes earned a first place for her oil painting at the Trailways Conference Art Show held on May 1 in Randolph.

Donation allows students to enjoy, learn about eclipse

The anticipation buzzed through the halls of Pardeeville Elementary School on Monday, April 8, as students and staff eagerly prepared for that day's solar eclipse. With excitement levels soaring high, everyone geared up for a celestial event they wouldn't soon forget.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Dairyland Moving and Storage, LLC, every student and staff member had the opportunity to safely witness the eclipse through special viewing glasses. The donation from Dairyland Moving and Storage, LLC ensured that every child could experience the wonder of this rare cosmic occurrence.

As the moon began its slow journey across the sun, the schoolyard transformed into a hub of excitement and curiosity. Students gazed up at the sky, their faces filled with awe as they watched the celestial ballet unfold before their eyes.

Under the watchful eyes of their teachers, the students asked questions, shared observations, and marveled at the beauty of the natural world. It was a moment of unity and wonder as the entire school came together to witness the magic of the universe.



Students and staff at Pardeeville Elementary School got to view and learn about the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 thanks to a donation of special viewing glasses from Dairyland Moving and Storage LLC. Every student got a pair of glasses, which allowed them to safely view the sun as the moon traveled in front of it that afternoon.



Tell us what adventures you are going on this summer

Happy summer break Pardeeville Area School District Families. We want to know what fun things you are doing this summer.

For the second summer in a row, we will be spotlighting Pardeeville Area School District families and staff members on the district's Facebook page with special feature called "#PardeevilleProud Around the World." This feature is designed to highlight some of the fun things area

families are doing during their summer break.

To be included in the feature, send one to three photos of something fun you've done this summer. Whether you're on vacation, or a staycation, email your photos, along with a brief description of what you did, to communications specialist Travis Houslet at housl@pasdwi.org. Bonus points to family members seen wearing Pardeeville gear in the photos.



Pardeeville High School senior athletes, seated from left; Austin Hohn, Logan Schmidtke, Colin Smith and Aubrey Maass are joined by their parents after signing a letter of intent to play college sports next year during a special ceremony held on May 15.

Signing ceremony celebrates senior college-bound athletes

Four Bulldogs plan on playing at the next level

In a special ceremony held at Pardeeville High School on Wednesday, May 15, four talented seniors signed their letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the college level. The Lenz Auditorium buzzed with Pardeeville pride, as family, friends, and coaches gathered to support and

celebrate the achievements of these dedicated student-athletes.

Austin Hohn, a standout on the basketball court, will be taking his skills to Lakeland University. Logan Schmidtke, a force to be reckoned with on the football field, has committed to the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Colin Smith, a versatile athlete excelling in both cross country and track and field, will be competing for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Aubrey

Maass, a dynamic player on the girls basketball team, is set to join Madison College.

The ceremony concluded with a round of applause and congratulations as the students posed for photos with their families, friends, and coaches. The community's support for these young athletes was evident, marking a memorable day for Pardeeville High School.

Hohn selected to play in WBCA All-Star Games

Pardeeville senior Austin Hohn has been selected to play in the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Games, which will take place on Thursday, June 27 at JustAgame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

Hohn will be a member of the Division 4 Red team, which will play the Division 4 White squad, starting at 10:30 a.m.



Cheer team hands out awards at banquet

In April, the Pardeeville High School Winter Cheer Team celebrated the completion of its season with a potluck banquet. During the banquet, coaches Garcia and Waldinger summarized the team's season, along with each athlete's accomplishments.

Receiving team awards at the banquet were Ari Bouchard (Best Cheer Teammate), Josephine Bue (110% Award) and Makensy Miller (Unsung Cheerleader Award).

The cheerleading program also recently announced its team members for the 2024-25 school year. Earning a spot on the 2024-25 squad are; Isabel Bue, Catherine Wendt, Olivia Bue, Cleo Meier, Jade Koepp, Josephine Bue, Sydney Sween, Makensy Miller, Nadia Ballweg, Elle Hardwick, RaeLyn Holtan, Merissa SanEmeterio and Constance Fallon.

The cheer team will stay busy over the summer months, participating in the Pardeeville 4th of July Parade and a stunt clinic while also attending a two-day Central Wisconsin Cheerleading Camp.



ABOVE: Members of the Pardeeville High School winter cheer team are, in front, from left; Merissa SanEmeterio, Josephine Bue, Isabel Bue, Cleo Meier, Catherine Wendt and Sydney Sween. In the back; Nadia Ballweg, Rosanna Vaglio, Ari Bouchard, Kylie Dechert, RaeLyn Holtan and Makensy Miller.



LEFT: Receiving team awards at the banquet were, from left; Ari Bouchard (Best Cheer Teammate), Josephine Bue (110% Award) and Makensy Miller (Unsung Cheerleader Award).

Fall sports parent meeting is July 22

The Pardeeville Area School District is holding its 2024 Fall Sports Parent and Athlete Meeting on Monday, July 22 in the Lenz Auditorium, starting at 7 p.m.

High School and Middle School athletes planning on playing one of the fall sports sponsored by Pardeeville Schools, along with their parents or guardians, are encouraged to attend this meeting. Pardeeville sponsors fall sports in football (grades 7-12), volleyball (grades 7-12), cross country (grades 5-12), cheerleading (grades 9-12) and trap shooting (grades 7-12).

Athletes at the meeting will receive all paperwork that will need to be filled out and returned before they can begin practice. Parents and athletes will also get to meet their fall coaches and learn expectations during this meeting.

For information about the meeting contact Pardeeville Athletic Director Alex Hammerschmidt at hammal@pasdwi.org.

Volleyball, football coaches needed for fall season

The Pardeeville Area School District has several coaching opportunities for the upcoming fall sports season. If you have a passion for sports and working with students, we want to hear from you. We're looking for dedicated coaches for the following positions:

- JV Girls Volleyball Coach
- JV2 Girls Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Football Coach (7th and 8th Grade)
- Assistant High School Football Coach

Apply Now! Help shape the future of our student-athletes and make a positive impact in our community. For more information, including how to apply, visit our employment page at www.pasdwi.org/



GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

Members of the Pardeeville boys and girls track and field teams pose for a team photo. The Bulldogs had a great 2024 season and had eight members compete at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships on May 31 and June 1 in La Crosse.

Kessenich's state title caps off special season for Bulldogs

Smith also wins 2 medals at state meet, boys 3,200 relay nearly wins title

It was a season to remember for the Pardeeville boys and girls track and field teams, led by junior Chloe Kessenich, who finished her season at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse by winning the Division 3 girls shot put with a winning throw of 40 feet, 3 inches.

The state shot put title by Kessenich was the ninth state championship won by the Pardeeville girls track and field program, including the seventh title by an individual. It was the first title since Mikayla Brouette won the triple jump in 2017. Other Pardeeville girls to win individual state titles – not including relays – were Kara Hughes (800 meters in 1980 and 1981), Bridget Griepentrog (300 hurdles in 1989), Gretchen

Guenther (high jump in 1979) and Darci Kerzan (triple jump in 2001).

Kessenich actually won a pair of medals at the state meet, finishing fifth in the Division 3 girls discus with a throw of 122 feet, 1 inch.

Kessenich was one of eight Pardeeville athletes to qualify for the state meet. Joining her on the girls side was freshman Haley Gard, who advanced in the high jump. In her state meet debut, Gard finished in 14th place by clearing the bar at 4 feet, 10 inches.

The Pardeeville boys 3,200 meter relay team almost gave the Bulldogs a pair of state titles at the state meet, as the team of Brody Motsenbocker, Nicholai Undraitis, Will Becker and Colin Smith finished in second place with a new school record time of 7 minutes, 59.24 seconds, which was just 0.8 seconds behind the winning relay from Fennimore.

Smith earned a pair of medals in his final meet with the Bulldogs. The

senior, who is headed to UW-Oshkosh, where he will compete in track and field and cross country, finished in fourth place at the state meet in the 800 meters with a new school record time of 1:56.46.

Other results for Pardeeville from the state meet included the 1,600 meter relay team of Motsenbocker, Dominic Garcia, Jamison Wickersham and Smith making the finals and finishing in eighth place in 3:29.19 and Becker finishing 15th in the 3,200 meters.

The state meet was the final icing on the cake of an amazing season for the track programs. Under the direction of hall of fame coach Wes Babcock, who returned to lead the Bulldogs this season, the Pardeeville girls finished at the dual meet champions of the Trailways West Conference. At the Trailways Conference Meet, which includes all 20 teams across all divisions in the conference, the Pardeeville boys finished third, while the Bulldog girls finished sixth.



GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

Members of the 2024 Pardeeville varsity baseball team are, in front, from left; Hayden Hauber, Joe Dosemagen, Walker Wheeler, Jarrett Killoran and Preston Jenkins. Middle row; assistant coach Kerry Young, Nick Sween, Caleb Mackey, Caleb Gard, assistant coach Jeff Jenkins and head coach Elliott Snow. Back row; Zachary Hineman, Cole Engelhart, Tyler Farber, Logan Young, Theran Mitchell and Brady Dolgner.

Pardeeville baseball claims first conference title since 2013

Bulldogs have 6 players earn all-league honors

It was an exciting year for the Pardeeville varsity baseball team, as it claimed the program's first conference championship since 2013 after finishing atop the Trailways North Conference standings with a 16-2 record.

The conference race came down to the final game of the regular season, as the Bulldogs were tied with Oakfield entering a winner-take-all showdown with the Oaks on Wednesday, May 22. Pardeeville came out on top in Oakfield thanks to a super pitching performance by junior Preston Jenkins and a clutch homer by senior Tyler Farber.

Jenkins tossed seven shutout innings, giving up just two hits and fanning seven. Farber then broke a

scoreless tie with a solo homer in the top of the seventh inning, lifting the Bulldogs to a 1-0 victory.

Unfortunately, Pardeeville's postseason didn't go as well as the regular season. The Bulldogs received an opening round bye in the playoffs, but were then ousted from the postseason with a 5-0 loss to Belleville in a regional semifinal game on May 28.

Following the season Pardeeville had six players recognized by conference coaches, including three who landed on the All-Trailways North Conference First Team. Earning top honors in the league were Jenkins along with juniors Logan Young and Caleb Mackey.

Jenkins was named to the first team as a pitcher, finishing with a 7-0 record and a sparkling 0.48 earned run average. Jenkins finished with 59 strikeouts in 44 innings pitched. Jenkins was also pretty good at the plate,

finishing with a .379 batting average and 22 RBI.

Young led Pardeeville at the plate, finishing with a team-high batting average of .478 while also leading the conference with five triples. He also had six doubles and drove in 20 runs. Mackey batted .328 on the season with 10 RBI.

Farber earned second team honors as an infielder, while sophomore Brady Dolgner was a second team pick as a catcher. Farber had a .413 batting average with seven doubles and 12 RBI. Dolgner, who played pitcher, catcher and the infield, had a .329 batting average and six doubles. He also had a 2.07 ERA on the mound for the Bulldogs.

Junior outfielder Nick Sween earned honorable mention. He batted .296 with 10 RBI.



GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

Members of the 2024 Pardeeville softball team are, in front, from left; Abigail Jacobson, Tamber Corning, Mallory Baures, Addisyn Crawford, Lorelei Hepler and Aspen Fox. Second row; head coach Ron Jacobson, Chloe Lukowski, Alexis Bryan, Sophia Jerome, Aubriana Agnew, Taylor Luedtke, assistant coach Don Andringa and assistant coach John Bryan. Back row; Briar Otawska, Erika Wickus, Rosanna Vaglio, Isabella Hineman, Ava Wagner and Arianna Wendlandt.

Pardeeville softball makes huge improvements in 2024

Team more than doubled win total this season

One year after winning just four games and finishing in eighth place in the nine-team Trailways North Conference, the Pardeeville varsity softball team finished the season 9-11 overall and in fifth place in the final league standings.

Under the direction of head coach Ron Jacobson showed vast improvements this season, including a pair of three-game winning streaks. Pardeeville's season came to a disappointing finish with a 12-11 loss to Randolph

in a regional quarterfinal game on May 16.

After the season, Pardeeville had four players receive recognition from conference coaches. Leading the way for a Pardeeville offense that nine times scored 10 or more runs in a game were juniors Alexis Bryan and Sophia Jerome. Bryan, who was named to All-Trailways North Conference First team, batted .458 with a team-high 31 RBI. She had eight doubles and struck out only once in 71 plate appearances. Jerome, was named to the All-Trailways North Conference Second Team, batted .500 on the season with eight doubles, three home

runs and 14 runs batted in.

Earning honorable mention from conference coaches were sophomore Abigail Jacobson and junior Chloe Lukowski. Johnson finished with a .362 batting average with seven RBI, while Lukowski batted .333 and drive in 14 runs.

Another offensive leader for the Bulldogs was sophomore Ava Wagner. She had a .356 batting average with 1 homer and 19 RBI.

Sophomore Taylor Luedtke was Pardeeville No. 1 pitcher this season. She struck out 82 batters in 93 innings of work and finished with a 7-7 record in the circle for the Bulldogs.



GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

Members of the 2024 Pardeeville golf team are, in front, from left; coach Jesse Huset, Isaac Buchholz, Jackson Weisensel, Caitlyn Bellis, Nadia Ballweg, Lucas Shogren and head coach Mitch Beckett. Middle row; Mason Hinkley, Harrison Breneman, Lucas Olson, Hans Kilmer and Noah Manthe. Back row; Bryce Pulvermacher, Owen Sadlon, Alex Gabsch and Cameron Koepp.

Golf team lacked varsity experience, but made strides

Senior Bradyn Bezzi reaching sectionals highlighted season

With nobody returning from last year's conference championship winning team, the Pardeeville varsity golf team knew it would be much harder to compete for a Trailways South Conference Championship this spring.

Despite lacking varsity experi-

ence, the Bulldogs still put together a respectable season, finishing fifth in the conference standings. Leading Pardeeville in conference nine-hole scoring average this season were seniors Bradyn Bezzi (47.75 shots) and Mason Hinkley (49.75). Other golfers for the varsity squad were Owen Sadlon, Bryce Pulvermacher, Jarrett Killoran, Noah Manthe and Jackson Weisensel.

At the Trailways Conference Meet held on Thursday, May 16, Pardeeville finished in fourth place

out of six Trailways South Conference squads. Leading the Bulldogs at the conference meet were Hinkley with a 47 and Bezzi with a 48.

Pardeeville competed at the Division 3 Randolph Regional held at the Fox Lake Golf Club on May 22. The Bulldogs finished in seventh place at the regional, but Bezzi managed to advance to the sectionals by finishing in eighth place with a 93. Bezzi's season ended the following week at sectionals when he finished in 63rd place with a 108.

Pardeeville FFA students finish off another excellent year

This year was another successful year for the Pardeeville FFA. Four students sent in their FFA proficiency application for their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects and all four are being recognized as State Finalists at the State FFA Convention. This is the most students in the history of the Pardeeville FFA to be recognized as top 4 in the state in their category.

Students being recognized are Isabella Hineman (Outdoor Recreation Proficiency at Pride of America Campground), Macy Cross (Swine Production Placement Proficiency at Cross Showpigs), Mya Noyons (Veterinary Science Proficiency at Pardeeville Vet Hospital) and Brooke Luedtke (Beef Production Placement Proficiency at Luedtke Farms). We will find out later this month each of their individual placings, but only the top four are recognized as State Finalists.

Pardeeville's parliamentary procedure team won first place at both district and sectional level competitions to advance to the state contest. This contest demonstrates their skills to properly run a meeting using parliamentary law. Team members include Isabella Hineman, Jason Renz, Celia Kopfhamer, Kiera Westbury, Madi Holland and Taylor Luedtke.

Additionally, Pardeeville had three Career Development Events (CDE) teams advanced to the state competition in April. These contests all focus on different career skills to prepare students for different aspects of the agriculture industry. Students have to place in the top five at the regional competition in March to advance to the state contest. Pardeeville had seven teams compete at region-



Wisconsin FFA vice president Julia Lenz, far left, poses with Pardeeville parliamentary procedure team members Jason Renz, Kiera Westbury, Isabella Hineman, Celia Kopfhamer, Madi Holland and Taylor Luedtke.

als at UW-Platteville and Fox Valley Technical College, with three teams advancing to the April contests at UW-Madison.

The ag sales team placed 10th at state with team members Isabella Hineman, Celia Kopfhamer, Catie Kopfhamer and Kaliegh Klein. The veterinary science team placed 22nd at state with team members Macy Cross, Taylor Luedtke, Lauren Schaller and Kiera Westbury. And the livestock team placed 35th at state with team members Madi Holland, Ava Wagner and Lane Cross. We are proud of this group for all their hard work and wish our proficiency finalists and parliamentary procedure team good luck at state.

World champion Stolz visits Pardeeville, talks with students



World champion speed skater Jordan Stolz poses for a photograph with Pardeeville 8th grade student Karsen Bussan during his visit to the Pardeeville Schools on Tuesday, May 28.

World champion speed skater and Wisconsin native Jordan Stolz visited Pardeeville Schools on Tuesday, May 28, where he took time to talk about his journey to Pardeeville Middle School and Pardeeville Elementary School students.

Stolz visited Pardeeville schools as a favor to his aunt Carmel Willet, who works as a special education aide at Pardeeville Elementary School. Stolz talked to the students about how he became interested in speed skating and then answered questions about a variety of subjects, like his training and some of the different competitions he has won.

Stolz is one of the world's top speed skaters. At the 2023 World

Speed Skating Championships, Stolz won the 500 meters to become the youngest single distance world champion in history. He also became the first male skater to win three individual gold medals at a single World Speed Skating Championship, a feat he repeated this year. He currently holds four junior world records and two senior world records.

At the age of 17, Stolz made his Olympic debut at the 2022 winter games in Beijing, where he finished in 13th place in the 500 meters and 14th place in the 1,000 meters. He is currently training to return to the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy.

Pardeeville looking for special education paraprofessionals

The Pardeeville Area School District is hiring part-time paraprofessionals to assist our special education teachers in the middle school and high school. These positions are perfect for individuals who are passionate about supporting students with diverse learning needs and contributing to their academic success.

To apply for one of these positions, send a letter of interest and a completed support staff employment application to David Bell, High School Principal, or Amber Denure, Middle School Principal, Pardeeville Area School District, 120 Oak Street, Pardeeville, WI, 53954. Applications can be picked up in the District Office or found on our school website at pasdwi.org.



Top scholars recognized

Pardeeville High School Class of 2024 Top Scholars Katherine Rieckmann, left, and Abby Kuhn, were recognized at the Trailways Conference Academic Honors Banquet in Green Lake back in April. Both Rieckmann and Kuhn attended the banquet with their significant educators; PHS Choir Director Mrs. Taya Larson for Rieckmann, and PHS Spanish Teacher Ms. Kimberly Brees for Kuhn.



Pardeeville Elementary School hosted Muffins for Moms (above) on May 3 and Donuts for Dads (left) on May 17. Both events recognized the parents and the important role they play in the academic success of the students at Pardeeville Elementary School.

Events honor elementary school parents

During the month of May, Pardeeville Elementary School celebrated two special events that brought together students and their families for mornings filled with joy and gratitude.

On May 3, the school hosted the “Muffins for Moms” event, followed by the “Donuts for Dads” event on May 17. These gatherings were a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents, and guardians to connect with the school community and share in the delight of their children’s education.

The “Muffins for Moms” event saw a great turnout as mothers, grandmothers, and female guardians were warmly welcomed into the school. The day started with a delightful spread of muffins and beverages, allowing everyone to enjoy a relaxed morning together. It was a perfect setting for moms to bond with their children, meet other parents, and interact with the school staff.

Two weeks later, the “Donuts for Dads” event brought a similar spirit of camaraderie and celebration. Fathers,

grandfathers, and male guardians were invited to indulge in a variety of donuts and drinks. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children before the school day began, strengthening the sense of community and support within the school.

Both events were a huge success, highlighting the importance of family involvement in the educational journey of students. The Pardeeville Elementary School staff were thrilled to see such enthusiastic participation and were grateful for the chance to honor and thank the families who play a crucial role in supporting their students.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents, grandparents, and guardians who took the time to attend these events. Your unwavering support and involvement are invaluable to the growth and success of our students. We look forward to more opportunities to bring our school community together in the future.

Biology students find out what's living in our retaining pond

During the month of May, the students in Mrs. Holmes' Biology classes at Pardeeville High School explored the biodiversity lurking beneath the surface of the retaining pond located near the high school's parking lot. Armed with curiosity and microscopes, they delved into the depths of pond water to uncover a bustling ecosystem teeming with life.

From vibrant algae to elusive microorganisms, every drop of water revealed a story of adaptation and survival. Students sketched their findings, capturing the details of these tiny inhabitants and documenting their unique movements. Some students were even able to photograph what they found by pressing their camera phones against the lens of their microscopes.

Through hands-on exploration, the students gained a deeper understanding of ecological dynamics and the interconnectedness of life forms in their local environment.



Pardeeville High School sophomore Harrison Breneman studies a water sample that came from the retaining pond located near the high school's parking lot.



Pardeeville's Advanced Culinary students made some awesome looking and great tasting cupcakes during their annual Cupcake Wars held at the end of the school year.



Culinary students battle it out in Pardeeville's Cupcake Wars

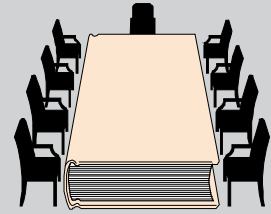
The air was filled with sugary excitement as students in Mrs. Seichter's Advanced Culinary Class at Pardeeville High School engaged in a deliciously competitive Cupcake Wars at the end of the school year. The event saw budding bakers whisk their way to sweet success, showcasing their creativity and culinary skills in a battle to create the ultimate cupcake.

In a competition that was the icing on the cake for the academic year, students presented their delectable creations to a panel of cupcake experts, who were none other than the esteemed PHS staff members. These judges had the tough task of evaluating each cupcake on appearance and taste, a job that was no piece of cake.

The contestants mixed, baked, and frosted their hearts out, each hoping their cupcakes would take the cake. From classic vanilla with a twist to daringly decorated chocolate masterpieces, the variety of cupcakes left the judges in a sugar-induced conundrum.

The Cupcake Wars not only provided a sweet ending to the school year but also allowed students to sprinkle a bit of their personality and passion into their baking. The event was a testament to the talent and creativity within the halls of Pardeeville High School, leaving everyone with a sweet taste in their mouths and memories to savor.

Pardeeville Board of Education



MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Mr. James Riese, Ms. Maddy Harvey, Ms. Autumn Fischer, Ms. Allie Gawel, Ms. Chloe Kessenich, Ms. Kaye Dosemagen, Ms. Natalie Olson, Ms. Lauren Vilstrup, Mr. Lucas Shogren, Mr. Colin Smith, Ms. Amber Houslet and Ms. Kiana Berry. Ms. Becky Levzow and Mr. Bret Achterberg were both absent. Mr. David Bell arrived at 7:05 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Recognition of State Curling Participants

Mr. Hammerschmidt made a brief introduction of Ms. Seichter and the curling program. Ms. Seichter then talked briefly about the girls curling team that made it to the State Semi-Finals. Students Maddy Harvey, Autumn Fischer, Allie Gawel and Kiana Berry talked about their experience and how grateful they were to have the experience to go to State.

Recognition of State Powerlifting Participants

Mr. Hammerschmidt made a brief introduction of Ms. Dosemagen and Chloe Kessenich and the powerlifting program. Ms. Dosemagen talked about the powerlifting number of participants increasing and hoping for bigger numbers in the future. Ms. Kessenich stated that she is enjoying the experience of powerlifting and learning a lot about the sport, and also about her mental and physical capabilities. She is amazed with seeing other participants working hard and doing what she is doing. Ms. Kessenich said that powerlifting has helped her in all aspects of life.

Report on Facility Community & Staff Conversations Held in February

Mr. LeMay recapped how the community and staff conversations went. Tours did not seem to be popular during the conversation events. There was good attendance at each event. After the first event, changes were made to the following meetings due to feedback, and it seemed to help the process go

smoother. Mr. LeMay talked about next steps which include a summary of the sessions being compiled by Groth, an enrollment projection study will be completed and contacting School Perceptions for a fall community survey. The virtual session along with other videos will be uploaded to the website and get answers for any outstanding questions that were posed. Upcoming presentations for the community and staff will be on May 16, 2024 and May 21, 2024.

Proclamation of Athletic Trainers Appreciation Month

Mr. Hammerschmidt talked about our collaboration we have with Aspirus Divine Savior in utilizing their trainers. Trainers are in high demand and they continue to be a profession that is short of help so we are appreciative of the trainers that are able to come to our schools. Mr. LeMay read aloud the proclamation.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes Dated 2/19/2024

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve minutes dated 2/19/24 with the corrections to be made that were mentioned. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Out-of-State Senior Class Trip

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the out-of-State senior class trip and also to be out on a Wednesday night after 6:00 pm. Mr. Bell introduced the Senior class advisors, Ms. Amanda Seichter and Ms. Amber Houslet as well as the Senior class representatives Colin Smith, Natalie Olson, Lucas Shogren and Lauren Vilstrup. They presented to the board about their Senior Trip to the Shedd Aquarium in Illinois, and asked their permission to be able to go out-of-State, as well as returning late on that Wednesday evening. The Senior class has done all of the fundraising necessary to be able to have this trip paid for and no student would have to pay out of pocket. They said students in their class have varied interests and the Shedd Aquarium would be a great opportunity for all to learn from. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Certified Staff Retirements

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the certified staff retirements of Bruce Brey, Patrick Pape and Mary Roberts. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2023-2024 Student Calendar Change on 5/20/24- Regional Track Meet

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the 2023-2024 student calendar change on 5/20/24 for the regional track meet. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Purchase of Leg Press for Fitness Center

ness Center

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the purchase of a Hammer Strength Plate-Loaded ISO-Lateral Leg Press machine for the fitness center. Mr. Hammerschmidt went over the updated quote that he had been given and compared it to what Mr. Housner had put in their recommendation for the Hammer Strength Plate-Loaded ISO-Lateral Leg Press machine in the amount of \$4,161.79. Mr. Hees showed the board photos of options for comparison purposes. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Change in Garbage Service Provider

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the change in garbage service provider to Pellitteri. Mr. Housner gave a brief presentation on comparison of the different companies and costs. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the donations from the Maass family in the amount of \$809.30 towards the coach bus for the girl's regional basketball game and the donations for the Elementary school book/magazine fund in the amount total of \$125.00 from Marcia Barth, Barb Howe Memorial by Marcia Barth, Joe Young Memorial by Marcia Barth, Wendy Werner Memorial from the Class of 1978 and Susan Dettmann. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of First Reading of Proposed Retirement of Athletic Number/Jersey Procedure

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the first reading of proposed retirement of athletic number/jersey procedure. Mr. Hees went over the new proposed policy being submitted for approval. Mr. Hammerschmidt appreciated the policy committee creating this policy and that this recognition is long overdue. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-16

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the first reading of NEOLA policies 1-16 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

State wrestling participants will be recognized along with a report from the wrestling program. Will also be approving Start College Applications for the 24-25 fall school year. Will also have a closed session to go over evaluations for the Superintendent.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion

passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Tara Lavalley, Ms. Jacquelyn Weidner, Mr. Jesse Huset, Mr. Kingston Galetka, Mr. Caleb Mackey, Mr. William Becker, Ms. Janet Pautzke, Mr. Egan Walsh, Mr. Troy Erlandson, Mr. Lawson Walsh, Mr. Graiden Casey, Mr. Lars Erlandson, Ms. Liz Erlandson, Mr. Jeremiah Casey and Mr. Judd Becker. Ms. Becky Levzow was absent

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

Open Forum

Ms. Janet Pautzke talked about the high school CCAP course and about the air conditioning timeline for the buildings.

Student Spotlight- Elementary Math 24

Ms. Weidner talked about Math 24 and introduced some of the 4th grade students involved. Ms. Weidner started with 13 students at the start of the group, but currently has 11 students. 6 of the students went to a Math 24 competition. Mr. Troy Erlandson talked about the rules for Math 24. Mr. Graiden Casey talked about the 1 dot cards, Mr. Lawson Walsh talked about the 2 dot cards and Mr. Egan Walsh talked about the 3 dot cards. Mr. Lawson Walsh talked about the competition that they were in. Ms. Weidner does not know the final results yet of that competition, but is very proud of what the students have accomplished. The board was excited to see so many students enjoying math.

Recognition of State Wrestling Participants & Report on Wrestling Program

Mr. Jesse Huset introduced Mr. William Becker, Mr. Kingston Galetka and Mr. Caleb Mackey, 3 out of the 4 State wrestling participants. Mr. Huset presented a small video of the State wrestling participants. Mr. Huset said that they were within the 1% to make it onto the podium. Mr. Huset did give a report on the current wrestling program, stating that they did start with 16 students and at the end of the season had 12 students at the high school level. There was only 1 senior this year, so the entire team will be back next season including quite a few 8th graders to join the high school team who have a lot of potential. The board congratulated the students on their accomplishments. Ms. Pufahl did ask Mr. Becker now that he has been to State twice

on how he thinks his experiences compared to each other.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School: Mr. Nickel said the circus seemed to be a big success. Mr. Kohn agreed and stated they had around 85 spectators for the morning session and quite a few for the afternoon session as well. Mr. Bellis asked what the winning science project was and Mr. Kohn answered. Mr. Hees asked about I Spy Geo and Mr. Kohn clarified that it had to do with geography.

Middle School: Mr. Achterberg asked what needed to be done to earn the option to go on the incentive trips. Ms. Denure did answer that question.

High School: Ms. Pufahl stated that the ACT testing seemed to go well. Mr. Bell did state that all students were present so do not have to worry about scheduling for extra testing dates. Activities: Ms. Pufahl asked about how ticket sales were going for the baseball game. Mr. Hammerschmidt said they were doing good and had about half of the money raised. Mr. Bellis asked when the funds are due to be handed in.

Building and Grounds: Ms. Pufahl stated that building and grounds continue to be busy.

Technology: Ms. Walker asked how Mr. Walker's conference went. Mr. Walker stated that it was very good and he was able to connect in person with multiple vendors.

Committee Reports

No conversation on either the building and grounds or the finance committee reports.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Pufahl stated that Ms. McGuire's reports are always exciting to read.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was discussed or addressed.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/4/2024

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 3/4/24. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Start College Now Applications

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Start College Now applications. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Volunteer Baseball Coach

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve Joseph Hodgson as a high school volunteer baseball coach. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the \$10 donation to the auditorium from Stephen Woxland. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of First Reading of Job Descriptions 1-7

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the first reading of job descriptions 1-7 as listed on the agenda. Motion

passed 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA policies 1-17

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies 1-17 as listed on the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Current items for the next agenda would be the 2nd reading of job descriptions, a 1st reading of policies as well as a closed session.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss annual Superintendent evaluation and Certified Staff step advancement chart 2024-2028. Return to Open Session

Approval of Certified Staff Step Advancement Chart 2024-2028

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the Certified Staff step advancement chart 2024-2028. Motion passed 6-0. Roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hees - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Pufahl, - yes, Ms. Walker - yes, Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel and Ms. Margo Pufahl. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum and Mr. Jared Napralla. Ms. Karla Walker arrived at 7:03 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

Request for Rio Schools Softball Co-Op 2024-2025

Mr. Hammerschmidt introduced Mr. Jared Napralla, Athletic Director from the Rio School District to talk about the possibility of doing a Co-Op for softball for the 24-25 and possible 25-26 school years. Mr. Napralla gave information about declining enrollment and athletic participation for the 24-25 school year and they are looking at options in regards to possible Co-Op with other school districts. Pardeeville and Fall River being the two in particular. Mr. Hammerschmidt talked about our numbers being healthy the next few years for softball due to bigger middle school classes coming up to the high school level. Mr. Napralla explained that as of right now he is just doing his due diligence in

seeing which school district may be willing to do this. Mr. Hees stated that he would like to hear more information from coaches/players to determine if it is compatible or beneficial to do with our school district. Ms. Pufahl asked if by doing this would change our conference status, and it was clarified that it may be for tournament purposes, but not for regular season. Ms. Levzow asked if Cambria had been talked to and Mr. Napralla stated not at this time. Mr. Nickel asked about Pardeeville numbers for the next few years to be presented and also inquired if a survey could go out to those players and parents to see what their viewpoint would be on the subject. Mr. Nickel also asked about equipment, and if there is an opportunity to get another batting cage outside for the girls to use to help with sharing times. Mr. Achterberg stated that Rio softball should go to Fall River as they are in a similar situation as Rio with low number of students. Mr. Hammer-schmidt stated that they just wanted to have the discussion tonight to get the information out to the board to think about. Mr. Napralla stated also they were just trying to have the discussions before anything was approved. He knows that Pardeeville and Rio have a great competitiveness between the two schools. Mr. Bellis stated that he would also like to see Pardeeville's projection participation numbers for the next few years.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was brought up.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/18/2024

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve minutes dated 3/18/24. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Awards Night on Wednesday, 5/15/24

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve awards night on Wednesday, 5/15/24. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of School Perceptions Proposal

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the School Perceptions Proposal. Mr. LeMay went over the timeline and continued need for a possible future referendum. The costs associated with the proposal were explained. Ms. Levzow talked about the information being presented in the building and grounds committee meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Showcase/Trophy Case for High School Atrium

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the Dell Creek Company showcase/trophy case proposal for the high school atrium. Mr. LeMay talked about the costs associated with it along with a donation from the Pufahl family to help offset some costs. Mr. Housner talked about the contractor, location of the trophy case and the aesthetics. Ms. Levzow talked about their discussions during the building and grounds committee meeting regarding getting different bids, looking over the different options. Ms. Levzow wanted to give a big thank you to the Pufahl family for their donation towards this project. Mr. Hees asked about the time-

line of when finished. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Pardeeville Area School District Medical Advisor

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the new Pardeeville Area School District Medical Advisor Dr. Amy Doherty. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donations of \$160.00 from Dairy Queen in Portage, \$12.00 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund and \$25,000 from Barry & Margo Pufahl for the showcase/trophy case in the atrium. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Job Descriptions 1-7

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the second reading of job descriptions 1-7 as listed. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-21

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the first reading of NEOLA policies 1-21 as listed. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Student spotlight, CESA 5 contract for 24-25 school year, second reading of policies and a closed session.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss 2024-2025 staffing needs and under 19.85(1)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to update the board on an investigatory matter. Return to Open Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel and Ms. Margo Pufahl. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Annette Lavia, Ms. Megan Kopfhamer, Mr. Chris Lynch, Ms. Catherine Kopfhamer, Ms. Abby Kuhn, Ms. Lauren Vilstrup and Mr. Francis Finco. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:03 pm and Ms. Karla Walker arrived at 7:08 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

Official Oath of School Board Members

Both Ms. Pufahl and Mr. Nickel read and signed their oath of office to be a school board member for the Pardeeville Area School District.

Open Forum

No one signed up.

Student Spotlight: High School Bulldog Stomp

Mr. Lynch had students from the Bulldog Stomp, including Ms. Catherine Kopfhamer, Ms. Abby Kuhn and Ms. Lauren Vilstrup who talked about their goal and their roles within the group. The event is on May 4th and the theme is a Hawaiian theme. Ms. Kopfhamer talked about being new to the group this year and seasoned members do a lot and makes it easy for her to help. Mr. Lynch talked about the website and thanked Mr. Phil Walker for helping set that up. Mr. Lynch talked about how they make the group efficient and organized so there is no duplicating of work. Ms. Levzow asked about how many baskets they had last year and Ms. Vilstrup thought around 250 or so. Ms. Levzow gave them a lot of credit for all of their hard work to put on an event that is able to keep happening year after year and make it successful. Ms. Pufahl asked what their goal was for this year and they said \$45,000. Mr. LeMay asked them to discuss their Carbone Cancer Center experience. Ms. Vilstrup and Mr. Lynch talked about their trip back in December and how they were able to see different things and interact in the labs and see robots working. Ms. Pufahl asked about any challenges they are facing and Ms. Vilstrup stated that there seemed to be less donations and businesses when going in to personally ask for a donation, asking the group to contact their corporate office. Ms. Pufahl said they run this group very well. Mr. Hees asked about registration numbers for walkers and runners and Mr. Lynch said pre-registration numbers have been down the past few years. Mr. Hees was amazed that there were more baskets than runners.

Presentation on District Special Education Programming

Mr. LeMay introduced Ms. Annette Lavia, or Special Education Director. Ms. Lavia showed a PowerPoint presentation and went over curriculum, supplementary curriculum in the elementary school and middle school, continuum of programming and CPI training for staff. She also talked about additional updates on audits and 504/health plans. Ms. Levzow asked how many students currently have IEP's and Ms. Lavia thinks currently at least 85, and that number will increase by the end of the school year. Ms. Levzow stated that the numbers seem high, but we are giving students the services they need. Mr. Nickel thanks Ms. Lavia for the presentation. Mr. Nickel did ask Ms. Lavia's views on what position we are in responding to Act 20. She advised that Elementary School staff are already starting training, but there are still some unknowns. It was asked if a 316 license would cover us and Ms. Lavia is unsure of this as there are still a lot of questions that need to be answered by DPI. Ms. Lavia is gracious of the staff for helping her this first year here and helping in getting issues addressed quickly.

Presentation on Wisconsin School Board

Association Superintendent Search Services

Mr. Francis Finco from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards talked about the Superintendent search process.

Discussion and Possible Action Related to Reduction of 1.0 FTE for a 5th Grade Teacher Position for the 2024-205 School Year:

Mr. LeMay talked about next year's 5th grade enrollment numbers and how they are the lowest they have been for the past 8 years, indicating that we would need to reduce staffing in that grade level.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School: Ms. Pufahl stated that she liked to see the High School band and choir go to the Elementary School to perform and show the younger students what they can do.

Middle School: Mr. Nickel stated that it was good to see they were planning for the service day. Ms. Levzow gave kudos to the Middle School FFA Horse Judging team who competed.

High School: Mr. Nickel confirmed that pre-ACT's were approaching. Ms. Levzow heard the prom went well and Mr. Bell confirmed. Ms. Levzow liked to see a lot of clubs that were competing at State levels. Mr. Bell talked about those clubs doing a walk-through of the halls. Building and Grounds: Ms. Levzow stated good job to Mr. Housner for the amount of work tickets they completed.

Technology Department: Ms. Pufahl asked if students put in their own work tickets to which Mr. Walker answered.

Committee Reports

Nothing discussed for either Building and Grounds or Policy committee notes.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Levzow said that it was nice to see the students being able to go on the New York City music trip and it looked like they had a great time and it was a great opportunity for them.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was brought up.

Approval of Minutes Dated 4/1/2024

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 4/1/24. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the receipts and expenditures. Mr. Hees asked about budget questions which Mr. LeMay clarified. Ms. Levzow stated we have pulled enrollment reports in the past to show where costs are going. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Additional Start College Now Application

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the additional Start College Now application. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of CESA 5 Contract for 2024-2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the CESA 5 contract for 2024-2025 with adjusted amounts and seeking part-time paraprofessionals. Mr. LeMay

talked about the contract and making some changes to eliminate a couple programs through them. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Marshall High School Track Meet on Wednesday, 5/8/24

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the Marshall High School Track Meet on Wednesday, 5/8/24. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Softball Co-Op with Rio High School for 2024-2025

No motions made. Mr. Bell talked about the survey that went out to families and players and the results were inconclusive. The current participation numbers were talked about, which seem to be solid. Mr. Bell stated that he would prefer not to do the Co-Op. Mr. LeMay also gave his opinion of not doing the Co-Op at this time. This will be tabled until hearing back from Rio School District after their board meeting.

Approval of Wisconsin School Board Association Superintendent Search Services

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Wisconsin School Board Association Superintendent Search Services contract not to exceed \$13,500. Ms. Levzow talked about past services rendered that went well. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Retirement of Mark Bortz Jersey Number

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the retirement of Mark Bortz Jersey Number. Mr. Hees talked about Mr. Bortz's leadership abilities. Ms. Levzow gave credit to the policy committee to create this opportunity. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Art Club

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve an overnight field trip to St. Louis for the art club. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Spring Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve spring coaches Bobby Harry and Laura Bell along with volunteer Bill Hebl. Amended motion made by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker approved the spring coaches of Bobby Harry and Laura Bell to be hired. Motion passed 7-0. Separate motion by Mr. Achterberg / second by Ms. Walker approved Bill Hebl as volunteer coach for the High School Baseball Team. Mr. Nickel gave some information to the board that had been published in the paper. Ms. Pufahl presented some past experiences. Mr. Hees asked if there is a statute of limitations of what had been done previously. Motion voted on 3-3-1. This is tabled until can hear from Coach Snow.

Approval of Resignation of Coaches

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the resignation of Nakicha Meinholdt and Cami Johansen. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Resignation District Administrator

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the resignation of District

Administrator Jason LeMay. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donations of \$50 to the music program from Barry & Margo Pufahl, \$210 from Dairyland Movers for the purchase of eclipse glasses for the Elementary School, \$500 from Portage One Stop to the Elementary School and \$41.41 donations from Ludus Ticketing towards the High School Show Choir from show 4/5/24. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of First Reading of Job Descriptions 1-5

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the first reading of job descriptions 1-5 as listed on the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-21

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies 1-21, to which Ms. Levzow motioned / second by Mr. Nickel to amend the approval to policies 1-19. Motion passed 7-0. Ms. Levzow brought up concerns and Mr. Nickel answered the concerns. Policies 9130 and 9140 being brought back to the policy committee to review again for clarification. The last two policies were tabled.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There will be the election of the board officers, will delegate a board member to go to the CESA 5 Annual Convention, a recap of the WASDA Conference, delegate board members to hand out diplomas at graduation and will be an update on the population study.

Board Planning Session for WASB Search

Mr. Finco went over the search services timelines and coordinated with the board on scheduling meetings. The timeline was okayed by the board and WASB.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss 2024-2025 staffing and consideration of employment (renewal/non-renewal) of a teacher. Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Levzow to go to a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg- yes, Mr. Bellis- yes, Mr. Hees- yes, Ms. Levzow, Mr. Nickel -yes, Ms. Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to go back into open session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg- yes, Mr. Bellis- yes, Mr. Hees- yes, Ms. Levzow, Mr. Nickel -yes, Ms. Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes. Motion passed 7-0. The board returned to open session at 11:05 pm.

Approval of Reducing 5th Grade by 1.0 FTE Position

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the reducing 5th Grade by 1.0 FTE Position. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg- yes, Mr. Bellis- yes, Ms. Levzow-yes, Mr. Nickel -yes, Ms. Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Certified Staff Non-Renewal:
Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the non-renewal of Beth Davenport. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg- yes, Mr. Bellis- yes, Ms. Levzow, Mr. Nickel -yes, Ms. Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker-yes. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg – yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl - yes, Ms. Walker - yes. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mr. Jason LeMay, District Administrator. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Mr. David Egan-Robertson, Ms. Erika Freeman, Mr. Aaron Zutz, Mr. Nathan Schiebe. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:07pm. Viewing remotely was Robert Koehler and Emily Wottreng.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Election of School Board Officers

Mr. LeMay opened the floor to take nominations for President. Nominated was Ms. Becky Levzow, motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Ms. Walker. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Levzow thanked Ms. Pufahl for her 12 years of service as board President for the Pardeeville School District. Ms. Levzow also thanked the board for their efforts and look forward to working with everyone. Ms. Levzow then opened up the floor for nomination for Vice President. Nominated was Ms. Pufahl, motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes, Mr. Bellis - yes. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Levzow opened up the floor for nomination for Clerk. Nominated was Mr. Nickel, motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pufahl. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Levzow opened up the floor for nomination for Treasurer. Nominated was Ms. Walker, motion made by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms.

Pufahl. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentation of Enrollment Study Reports by Applied Population Laboratory

Mr. LeMay introduced Mr. David Egan-Robertson who went over the enrollment study report done through Applied Population Laboratory through UW Madison. The board members did ask questions of Mr. Egan-Robertson and they were answered. The board did comment that this information will be valuable in the long run for any potential referendum needs.

Presentation of Facility Items for May Community Conversations by Findorff and Groth Design

Ms. Freeman, Mr. Zutz and Mr. Schiebe presented a condensed version of what the community conversation meetings were going to look like as well as presenting building concepts along with costs. The board was appreciative of their time and efforts, and that they did show different building/remodeling ideas for the constituents to look over and that they were just not given one idea. The board looks forward to the community conversations in May and appreciate the team working very hard for these meetings.

Delegate for CESA 5 Annual Convention - 5/16/24, 7:00 pm at CESA 5

Mr. Chad Bellis will be the delegate for this meeting.

Superintendent's Report on WASDA Annual Educational Conference

Mr. LeMay gave a short recap on his attendance of the conference. He was impressed with the amount of superintendents that were recognized for their longevity in this position as the current trend is that there is more of a 3-5 employment span at that level due to transferring to other districts, or moving on to other career paths. Mr. LeMay did state that they were made aware that voucher schools were becoming more popular. He also attended discussions about Title IX updates as well as Act 20.

School Board Members to Hand Out Diplomas at Graduation

Mr. Nickel and Mr. Bellis will hand out diplomas at graduation on May 25, 2024.

July Board Meeting Dates

Mr. LeMay suggested keeping to the tradition of only one board meeting scheduled in July. July 15, 2024 will be the only meeting scheduled that month.

Reminder of Special Meetings on May 8, 2024 at 6:30pm and May 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Mr. LeMay reminded the board of the upcoming special meetings later in this week.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow talked about her participation in doing scholarship interviews with 21 students. She was very proud of the students on how they prepared themselves for these and they did excellent work on their materials. Mr. Hees did talk about himself participating in the senior exit interviews. He said it was a great experience and was a lot of fun to do.

Mr. Levzow stated the play that the drama club put on was very good. She attended the Friday performance and there was a good crowd. She mentioned that there are a lot of seniors graduating, but it looks like there is a lot of young talent coming up to keep making it successful. Ms. Pufahl also went to the play this weekend and was very happy to see students cheering other students on. Ms. Levzow also mentioned that the Bulldog Stomp did very well with trying to make their goal of \$45,000.

Approval of Minutes Dated 4/15/2024

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 4/15/24. Mr. Nickel asked for a correction to be made to the closed session in the roll call vote of the Full time 5th Grade Teacher area. Corrections were made. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Certified Staff Retirement

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the retirement of certified staff James McConnell. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2024-2025 CESA 9 E-Rate Shared Service Contract

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the 2024-2025 CESA 9 E-Rate Shared Contract. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the donations. Mr. Nickel did state that the donations for the uniforms were great, but we do have to get a fundraiser or procedure in place to help make it equitable for everyone. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Job Descriptions 1-5

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve second reading of job descriptions 1-5. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-2

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve second reading of NEOLA policies 1-2. Mr. Nickel just went over the two policies quickly to clarify the double checking of them. Ms. Levzow appreciated the extra time put into them. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Mr. LeMay stated there will be a student spotlight, the 8th Grade class will recap their DC trip and we will be recognizing our senior student representative.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve closed session minutes to discuss letters of intent for 2024-2025 support staff and letters of intent for 2024-2025 certified staff.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Letters of Intent for 2024-2025 Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the letters of intent for 2024-2025 support staff. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes, Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis -

yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Letters of Intent for 2024-2025 Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the letters of intent for 2024-2025 certified staff. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- yes, Ms. Walker- yes, Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were, Ms. Jen Mecum and Mr. Francis Finco. Mr. Justin Nickel arrived at 6:32pm, and Ms. Karla Walker arrived at 6:37 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Review of Survey Question Responses

Mr. Francis Finco went over the responses from the survey that went out to the community, parents and staff. There were a total of 216 people that did the survey, breaking that down to 126 parent participants, 27 community participants and 52 staff participants.

Review of Focus Group Responses

Mr. Finco went over the responses from the school Board focus group survey.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss the Superintendent application process.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Superintendent Application Questions

There were no action items to be approved at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board

members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Margo Pufahl, Ms. Becky Levzow, and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Windy Watson, Ms. Jen Bussan, Mr. Chris Lindert, Ms. Stacy Blader, Ms. Morgan Blader, Ms. Natalie Grant, Ms. Becky Grant, Ms. Alison Lemanczyk, Ms. Grace Baures, Ms. Isabel Fisher, Ms. Leah Fisher and Mr. Andy Fisher. Ms. Karla Walker arrived at 7:03 pm and Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:08 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Open Forum

No one signed up.

Student Spotlight: 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip & Report

Ms. Denure had the students introduce themselves. The students had a PowerPoint presentation of their trip that went over day-to-day activities they were able to do. Mr. Lindert also talked about the trip and the different sponsors they had this year who were able to donate towards shirts for the trip. Every day they had a new shirt to wear from different sponsors. He is hoping to keep that going on for next year's trip. Mr. Lindert did go over the financials of the

trip and how much was raised for donations and how much it cost per pupil for the trip. Ms. Bussan also spoke and said the trip was great and the best one she has been to. The board did ask the students what their favorite part or activity of the trip was and they seemed to like the Naval Academy as well as Mount Vernon. Mr. Lindert did present to the board the trip date in 2025 being from 5/3/25-5/9/25.

Food Service 2023-2024 School Year Presentation

Mr. LeMay introduced Ms. Watson from Taher who then went over some of the fun events that they did throughout the school year in the food service departments. They had fun food days to incorporate different nationality meals as well as a cooking pizza night for the 5th graders. Ms. Watson did state that the high school students do seem to like their raffles for free foods. Ms. Levzow stated that she likes the variety that Taher is offering the students.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School: Ms. Walker said that Donuts for Dads went well. Ms. Levzow asked when the concert will be.

Middle School: Mr. Nickel said teachers seemed to be spoiled during teacher's appreciation week with all the treats that were handed out.

High School: Ms. Levzow stated that it seemed that this awards night was very well attended and seemed to be the biggest crowd. She said that this was good to see. Ms. Levzow also stated that a lot of scholarships were handed out. Ms. Levzow also stated she went to the FFA banquet that was held over

the weekend where they had a good turn out as well.

Activities: Ms. Levzow stated that the varsity baseball game at American Family Field looked to go over very well.

Building and Grounds: Ms. Levzow stated that it seemed they were busing moving tables and chairs for all of the events as well as starting up on mowing. Very busy department.

Technology: Ms. Levzow also stated that this department is very busy right now.

Committee Reports

No comment towards the curriculum committee meeting minutes. For the Building and Grounds committee minutes it was noted that some of the action items for tonight's agenda. No comments were made towards the finance committee minutes.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Levzow stated that plastic gathering for the Spanish Club was a success again this year. Ms. McGuire stated they would sort through the items during 6th hour to get it cleaned up and organized. Ms. Levzow also talked about the Community Service Day. The board loved seeing that all the schools were able to participate and the community really liked it. Mr. Hees stated his daughter went to the Humane Society and enjoyed helping out there. Ms. Levzow asked how this event had come about and Mr. LeMay stated that it had been talked about prior to COVID, and this year they were able to actually plan it out with the help of the counselors, including the intern counselors. Mr. LeMay stated that the shirts were donated which they appreciated.

Recognition of Graduating Student Representative

Ms. Levzow stated that she really appreciated Ms. McGuire's effort put into her reports and being able to come to the meetings regularly on top of her school work and other obligations. It was a huge commitment on Ms. McGuire's part.

School Board Committee Assignments

Ms. Levzow is keeping the committee assignments the same as of right now due to the transition of getting a new superintendent and the possible referendum. She stated that it would be beneficial to keep everyone the same and to relay information as the new superintendent comes on board. Future discussions for the personnel committee to finalize the safety plan, as well as a group looking into the wellness policy and going over that information to make sure everything is implemented.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow reminded the board to go over the superintendent interview questions and get the form updated. She also reminded the board of the community session tomorrow. Ms. Levzow stated that the virtual session went well and last week's in person went well as well, having good attendance. Adjustments are being made to the slides to make the presentation go smoother.

Approval of Minutes Dated 5/6/2024

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms.

Pufahl to approve minutes dated 5/6/24. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes Dated 5/8/2024

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 5/8/24. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the receipts and expenditures. Mr. Hees did ask about the utility bills asking if electricity was going up. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip in 2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip in 2025. Mr. Lindert did recap the proposed dates of the trip being 5/3/25-5/9/25 Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of WIAA Wednesday Post-Season Games for Baseball & Track

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the WIAA Wednesday post-season games for Baseball on 5/22/24 and 5/29/24. Track was able to host the regional game on 5/20/24, so no further approval was needed for Track. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of New Teacher Mentoring Program Coordinator

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the new teacher mentoring program coordinator to be Amber Denure. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 24-25 Fall High School Head Coaches & Resignation of Coach

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the hiring of 24-25 fall head coaches of Robert Harry, Heather Thomas, Wes Babcock, Margaret Waldinger & Carmela Garcia as well as the approval of the resignation of Dustin Bussan from Middle School Football. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2024 Summer School Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the 2024 summer school staff for the Elementary School and High School. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Resignation of Support Staff:

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the resignation of support staff custodian Jessie Falk. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Hiring of Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the hiring of Timothy Klang to be a full-time custodian. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the hiring of Zachary Jacobson to be the High School and Middle School Band Director. Motion passed 7-0. Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the hiring of Tyler Bovre to be the High School Alternative Education teacher. Mr. Bell did give a brief introduction of both candidates. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the resignation of Jennifer Bussan. Ms. Bussan did speak to the board and thanked them for the opportunity to work the length of her career at the Pardeeville School District. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Elementary School Playground Blacktop Resurfacing

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the United Paving Company bid of \$70,267.300 to do the Elementary School Playground Blacktop Resurfacing. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Mulch for Elementary Playground

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the bid from JR's Mulch Sales of \$7,465.00 for the Elementary School Playground. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Food Service Management Company for 2024-2025 School Year

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve Taher as the food service management company for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Applications

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve 2024-2025 open enrollment applications. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2024-2025 Transportation Contract With Smith Bus Service

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve 2024-2025 transportation contract with Smith Bus Service. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2024-2025 Health Insurance Plan

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve 2024-2025 health insurance plan. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2024-2025 Dental Insurance Plan

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve 2024-2025 dental

insurance plan. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the donations as follows: \$250 donation from PTO for the 4K graduation, \$100 donation from the Wisconsin Wildcare Inc towards the purchase of squirrel nest boxes for the community service day on 5/10/24, Dunkin Donuts donated 528 donuts for Donuts for Dads event at Elementary School, Piggly Wiggly donated 16 gallons of milk for both the Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads events, \$100 donated by Walmart for upcoming events at the Elementary School, \$150 donated from PTO for end of the year celebration at the Elementary School. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Boardman and Clark will be here to talk about Title IX, the counselors will do their yearly update, there will be an ACP update, approval of pupil nondiscrimination 5-year self-evaluation report as well as approval of all school handbooks for 24-25 school year.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve closed session minutes dated 5/9/24 and to discuss staffing for the 2024-2025 school year.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes Dated 5/9/24

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the closed session minutes dated 5/9/24. Motion passed 5-0-2.

Approval of Offer of Intent Letter to Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the offer of intent letter to Darlene Postler. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Pufahl - yes, Ms. Walker - yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Pufahl / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Pufahl - yes, Ms. Walker - yes. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

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- June 17 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- July 13 Sail Away Beach Boys Tribute Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- July 15 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 1 Pardeeville School Registration, HS atrium, 7-10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.
- Aug. 5 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 19 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 28 District-Wide Open House, time TBD
- Sept. 2 No School, Labor Day
- Sept. 3 1st day of school for Kindergarten, 5th and 9th grade
- Sept. 4 1st day of school with all students present
- Sept. 9-13 Homecoming Week