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Members of Pardeeville's graduating class of 2025 gather for a group photo during their graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 24 at Pardeeville High School.

## Class of 2025 celebrated for its accomplishments

### Graduates take next step in life's journey

**Y**ears of hard work culminated in a moment of pride and accomplishment for the Pardeeville High School Class of 2025, as 72 graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas during a ceremony held in the high school gymnasium on Saturday, May 24.

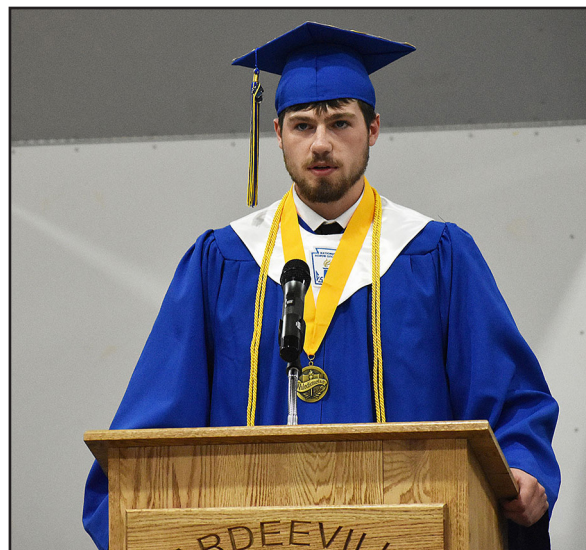
Family members, friends and school staff gathered to honor the achievements of this class. Over their years in the Pardeeville Area School District, the Class of 2025 left its mark in academics, athletics, leadership and service.

Just in the past year, senior

Chloe Kessenich captured her fourth consecutive conference championships in both the shot put and discus, and earned a state title in the shot put. Fellow classmate William Becker became a four-time state qualifier in both cross country and wrestling. Meanwhile, Elizabeth Staupe earned a spot at the FBLA National Leadership Conference for the third year in a row, and seniors Macy Cross and Celia Kopfhamer represented the school at the state level in FFA.

In the arts, senior leaders

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Class of 2025 valedictorian Elijah Achterberg speaks at Pardeeville's graduation ceremony on May 24.

# SUMMER HOURS

## Summer hours set for Pardeeville Schools

The Pardeeville Area School District has announced its summer office hours for all school buildings and the district office. Beginning Monday, June 9, Pardeeville Elementary School, Pardeeville Middle School, Pardeeville High School and the District Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Offices will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer. Regular hours will resume at the start of the 2025-26 school year. Families with questions or district business are encouraged to plan visits during the posted hours.

## Pardeeville Schools transitioning to Infinite Campus for 2025–2026 school year

The Pardeeville Area School District is excited to announce a major upgrade in how families stay connected to their students' education. Beginning with the 2025–2026 school year, the district will transition to Infinite Campus as its new student information system, replacing PowerSchool.

Infinite Campus is a modern platform designed to enhance communication, streamline school operations and provide families with real-time access to important student data. Whether using a computer or the Campus Parent mobile app, parents and guardians will have easy access to a wide range of features, including:

- Grades and report cards
- Class schedules and attendance
- Assignments and to-do lists
- Assessment scores and graduation progress
- Academic planning tools
- Food service balances and menus

- Transportation information
- School calendars and district notices

Over the coming weeks, families will receive detailed instructions on how to set up their Campus Parent Portal and begin using the system. The district is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and will provide step-by-step guidance along the way.

Registration and pictures for all students in 4K through 12th grade, for the 2025-26 school year, will take place on Thursday, Aug. 7 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. All 4K-12th grade students will have school photos taken during registration on Aug. 7. Pictures will be done by Galley Studios.

Stay tuned for updates as we move closer to the Aug. 7 registration day on how to get your students signed up on Infinite Campus.

## 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.

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## We are hiring!

The Pardeeville Area School District has some great opportunities for you or others to join the Bulldog team and help support all of our children in the Pardeeville area. For information and how to apply, go to <https://www.pasdwi.org/district/EmploymentOpportunities.cfm>

## Quick links:

Are you looking for something specific? Take a look at the below links for the District's most requested information. **Still need assistance? Contact us at (608) 429-2153.**

**District calendar:** [www.pasdwi.org/district/DistrictCalendar.cfm](http://www.pasdwi.org/district/DistrictCalendar.cfm)

**Activities calendar:** <https://www.trailwaysconference.org/public/genie/177/school/9/>

**Live streaming:** [fan.hudl.com/usa/wi/pardeeville/organization/12986/pardeeville-high-school](http://fan.hudl.com/usa/wi/pardeeville/organization/12986/pardeeville-high-school)

**Lunch and breakfast menus:** [www.pasdwi.org/district/lunchmenu.cfm#d133844](http://www.pasdwi.org/district/lunchmenu.cfm#d133844)

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# GRADUATION

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helped guide Pardeeville's Visual Arts team to the state competition last winter. Three members of the class also qualified to compete at the Educators Rising National Conference this summer. The Class of 2025 also played a key role in the success of the winter sports season, with the boys basketball, girls basketball and wrestling teams all claiming conference championships under senior leadership.

Pardeeville High School Principal David Bell shares a unique bond with this class. He began working with them as their middle school principal before transitioning with them to high school as the principal in the fall of 2021.

"From the moment you walked into the Balliet and Middle School building as wide-eyed 5th graders, you've been challenging expectations. Not just expectations that others have set for you, but the ones we all set for ourselves as educators," Bell said. "You've pushed us to become better teachers, and better listeners and better leaders, and in doing so, you've become better students, better friends, and now, better citizens of the world you're about to step into."

Senior salutatorian Kayla Buzzell reflected on the power of perseverance and self-belief, sharing how she challenged herself academically and qualified for state in powerlifting during her first year in the sport.

"If there is anything I've learned through my high school career, it's that you should never let others set standards for you," Buzzell said. "There is no limit to what you can accomplish, and when somebody doubts or underestimates, you set the drive to prove them wrong."

Pardeeville Area School District Superintendent Ben Heninger praised the class for its desire to serve others.

"Even though it has been less than a year since becoming your superintendent, I am absolutely amazed by this community's dedi-

cation to ensuring that all children have a chance to grow and thrive among some of the finest educators," Heninger said. "Clearly, their influence has inspired your passion for continuing education, because it is my understanding that many of you are pursuing careers as teachers, healthcare professionals and tradespeople as a result."

Valedictorian Elijah Achterberg closed the ceremony with a message of resilience and determination, encouraging classmates to stay focused on what they can control.

"At the end of day, you cannot worry about the things that are out of your control," Achterberg said. "All of us are taking the next step in our lives, whether it be working, college or simply just trying to figure out what we want to do. As you carry on in your personal journey, I encourage all of you to not let the hardships of life dictate what you do, or who you become. No matter your circumstances, or what is happening in the world around you, always give your best and the rest will fall into place."

Bell said when he started here in Pardeeville, he was warned about the large class that would be the Class of 2025, but it has been a group that isn't just large in numbers, but also large in what it has accomplished.

"I've had the privilege of watching you grow, not just academically, but personally over the past eight years. I've seen your passions ignite, and your potentials unfold. During your middle school years, it could be seen that this group would shine bright, whether it was athletically or academically, musically or artistically, you have achieved great feats to be proud of for years to come. ... Thank you for letting me grow with you, laugh with you and learn from you. You are the class that proved that every warning was not a warning at all, but a promise of greatness."



Pardeeville senior salutatorian Kayla Buzzell reflected on the power of perseverance and self-belief during her speech.



Senior band members, from left; Emma Gentz, Hailey Vasquez, Chloe Kessenich and Alex Gabsch play during the graduation ceremony.



Pardeeville senior Erika Wickus was one of the seniors to sing solos during the choir's performance at the Class of 2025 graduation ceremony.



## MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT BENJAMIN HENINGER

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### Remain committed to kindness and learning this summer

As we enter the first few days and weeks of the summer season, which promise to be chock full of family, friends, food and fun, I look back on my first full school year as your superintendent of schools with gratitude and appreciation for everyone who helped me to continually discover why we are #PardeevilleProud!

It takes the efforts of EVERYONE (not just the teachers, support staff, administration and school board) in our community to make our school district a great place for children to grow and thrive. To that end, the development of our collective character and a positive team spirit is what puts truly great schools 'over the top.' In other words, learning is cool, and kindness counts!

At the risk of dating myself, I can recall with great fondness, the joy that was associated with the Pizza Hut summer reading challenge. The promise of a piping hot personal pan-style pepperoni pizza (alliteration unintended) was enough to get me through at least a few hundred pages of literary adventures that unlocked an imagination yearning to venture beyond a world that was only in front of me. And all of this happiness and wonder came during a time that predated the advent of any cellular communication devices. The moral of the story: Don't stop learning, and never quit reading!

In our current society, it is an all-too-common occurrence to witness people with their heads buried in their smartphones, even as they are walking down the street (or in the hallways at school). It is truly astounding to me that even with unlimited technology in the palm of our hands, happiness seems elusive and anxiety remains a constant concern, especially for our

middle and high school students. As many of the world's leading neuroscientists can attest to, unchecked social media use and the many dangers associated with vaping are certainly not the answers to the question of how can our youngest generations of human beings better cope with the harsh reality that oftentimes confronts them.

Despite my own reclusive tendencies, I have made it a goal in life to treat every interaction with those around me as if it were the last time we'll ever be together. Tomorrow is never a certainty, and I have discovered that my own peace of mind is rooted in finding a way to maintain a positive demeanor with all people, even when dealing with tense or stressful situations.

So...as we all search for the right way to enjoy summer, please remember that our ability to engage with those around us in a positive and uplifting way can put our own lives on a path towards greater fulfillment. I challenge everyone in our learning community to put away our smartphones as much as possible and pick up a book (or have an actual conversation with another human being). And the best part of this strategy for achieving greater happiness in life: It doesn't cost a thing!

Yours in Education,

Benjamin Heninger  
District Administrator

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### Help us show just how far Bulldog pride travels this summer

The Pardeeville Area School District is once again inviting families to take part in its popular summer social media campaign, #PardeevilleProud Around the World.

Throughout the summer of 2025, families in the district are encouraged to share snapshots of their summer adventures — whether they're traveling across the globe or enjoying time close to home. These photos will be featured on the Pardeeville Area School Dis-

trict Facebook Page as a way to celebrate the fun, creativity and community spirit of Bulldog families.

To be included, send one to three photos of something fun you've done this summer — anything from beach days to backyard barbecues. Whether you're taking in the sights on vacation or relaxing during a staycation, we want to see what summer looks like for you!

Photos should be emailed to Travis

Houslet, the district's Communications Specialist, at [houslet@pasdwi.org](mailto:houslet@pasdwi.org). And don't forget: bonus points will be awarded for any family members sporting Pardeeville gear in the pictures!

Help us show just how far our Bulldog pride can travel. Let's make this a summer to remember — and one to share with the whole community!

What great places will you be #PardeevilleProud this summer?



# Pardeeville honors retirees at end-of-year celebration

The Pardeeville Area School District proudly honored five dedicated staff members during its annual Retirement Recognition and Celebration, held on Friday, June 6, in the Lenz Auditorium. The event marked a moment of gratitude and celebration as the district bid farewell to several long-time employees who have made lasting contributions to the school community.

This year's retirees include:

- Penny Whyte, elementary 5K teacher
- Donna Sherrick, elementary educational aide
- Barb Allen, elementary health aide
- Rose Thran, custodian
- Kim Sommers, district financial manager

District Administrator Ben Heninger and Board of Education member Autumn Pease were on hand to honor the retirees and thank them for their years of dedicated service.

Each retiree was introduced by a current staff member who had worked closely with them. Although Penny Whyte and Donna Sherrick were unable to attend the celebration in person, elementary principal Andy Kohn gave heartfelt remarks on their behalf, recognizing the impact both have had on generations of Pardeeville students.

Custodian Rose Thran was introduced by agri-science teacher Amanda Seichter and district administrative assistant Jen Mecum, who spoke to her kindness, reliability and the positive spirit she brought to her work.

District financial manager Kim Sommers was introduced by high school social studies teacher Chris Lindert and former middle school counselor Mike Haynes. Together, they highlighted Kim's steadfast leadership, attention to detail and unwavering commitment to the success of the district behind the scenes.

Elementary teachers Rachel Kaufman and Angie Noyons gave a spirited tribute to Barb Allen, even dressing as referees to honor Barb's many years of service at the elementary school, but also as a longtime volleyball official in the district.

Congratulations to all of this year's retirees! The Pardeeville Area School District thanks you for your years of service and the lasting difference you've made in the lives of students, staff and the entire community.



**ABOVE:** Rose Thran receives a plaque from Superintendent Ben Heninger and board member Autumn Pease.



**LEFT:** Barb Allen talks about her time working in Pardeeville.



**BELOW:** Kim Sommers receives a plaque from Ben Heninger.



Pardeeville's alumni cheerleaders perform during last year's Alumni Cheer Night.

## Bring your Bulldog spirit to Alumni Cheer Night

The Pardeeville Cheer Team is once again inviting former cheerleaders to return to the sidelines for its annual Alumni Cheer Night. This reunion will take place during the first home football game of the season on Friday, Aug. 22.

All alumni interested in participating should plan to arrive between 5 and 5:15 p.m. on game day and meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. Current team members will lead a refresher session on cheers, chants, and the school

song so everyone is ready to perform during the pre-game festivities and first half. Don't worry—these will be classic PHS cheers that no Bulldog cheerleader could ever forget!

To register, please email Coach Saucedo ([saucam@pasdwi.org](mailto:saucam@pasdwi.org)) or Coach Waldinger ([waldma@pasdwi.org](mailto:waldma@pasdwi.org)). Be sure to include your graduation year, maiden name, and current name.

Let's make this a fun and memorable cheer reunion—Go Bulldogs!



# Littlest Bulldogs receive diplomas at 4K Graduation

The future Pardeeville High School Class of 2038 took an exciting first step on their academic journey, as 41 students were recognized during the Pardeeville Elementary School 4K Graduation Ceremony.

Held on Tuesday, June 3 in the Lenz Auditorium, the event celebrated the accomplishments of the 4K Class of 2025 and marked their readiness to begin kindergarten this fall. Each student received a diploma in front of proud families, teachers and friends.

In addition to receiving diplomas, the students shared their talents on stage, performing "One Small Voice," "Graduation Dynamite," and "This Little Light of Mine." The songs highlighted the confidence, energy and spirit these young learners have developed during their time in 4K.

The ceremony was a joyful and meaningful milestone for students and families alike. Congratulations to all of our 4K graduates—we look forward to seeing all the amazing things you will do as you continue your Bulldog journey.



Pardeeville Elementary School 4K students sing "This Little Light of Mine" during the 4K graduation ceremony held in the Lenz Auditorium on June 3.



Pardeeville Middle School Choir member Ronin Holly was one of the 8th graders to sing a solo during the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony held on June 4.

## Eighth graders promoted

Pardeeville Middle School held its 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on Wednesday, June 4 in the Lenz Auditorium, marking an important milestone for the Class of 2025 as they prepare to enter high school this fall.

The ceremony included a number of highlights, beginning with speeches from class representatives Kylie Buzzell and Kayleigh Kath. The 8th grade staff also presented awards to students in recognition of their hard work and accomplishments throughout the school year.

A musical performance by the Pardeeville Middle School Choir added a special touch to the event. The group performed "A Million Dreams," featuring solos by several of the 8th grade choir members.

The celebration concluded with students receiving their promotion certificates, signifying their official transition to Pardeeville High School. Congratulations to all of the 8th grade students and best of luck as you begin the next chapter of your educational journey.

## Facility Planning Update

The Pardeeville Board of Education, Administration, and facility planning partners GROTH Design Group and Findorff continue to focus on our facility needs. Discussions and next steps are a standing agenda item on upcoming Board meetings, and additional community and staff engagement opportunities will pick up again in the fall. Stay tuned for more information and communications!



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# Students, staff make Community Day of Service another success

## Event helps give back to Pardeeville community

On Friday, May 16, students and staff across the Pardeeville Area School District stepped out of the classroom and into the community to take part in the district's second annual Community Day of Service. From elementary students crafting thank-you cards to high schoolers lending a hand at local organizations, the day was filled with hard work, learning and an outpouring of gratitude.

At the high school, students and staff fanned out across the area to complete a wide range of community-service projects. Some helped with environmental efforts, such as highway cleanup, gardening at Chandler Park and the Pardeeville Senior Center, and clearing brush at the MacKenzie Center in Poynette. Others supported local nonprofits by cleaning at the Columbia County Humane Society and Latoya's Cat Rescue, assisting at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Portage and sorting donations at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

Additional teams pitched in at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage, picking up trash and filling sandbags, while another group worked with Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Portage to build beds for children in need. Two groups spent meaningful time with seniors, cleaning up outdoor areas and visiting with residents at the Columbia County Health Care Center in Wyocena and the At Home Again Assisted Living and Memory Care in Rio.

On campus, students gave back in creative ways. Volunteers painted a vibrant new mural in the high school art room and freshened up the women's locker room with a new coat of paint. Another group took on a construction project, building wooden squirrel boxes for Wisconsin WildCare.

Middle school students joined the effort by spending their afternoon cleaning up around the school grounds, taking pride in beautifying the spaces they use every day. Meanwhile, at the elementary school, students made thank-you cards for local businesses and learned from community members who visited to share the different ways they serve Pardeeville.

The day showcased the power of service and the strong ties between the school district and the broader community. Once again, the Community Day of Service proved to be a meaningful way for Pardeeville students and staff to give back to the community that gives them so much in return.



**ABOVE:** High School students Preston Jenkins and Kaleb Hains do highway cleanup along Highway 44.



**LEFT:** Evan Miller and Acacia Netzel help build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Portage.



**BELOW:** Joe Dosemagen and Cole Engelhart build squirrel boxes for Wisconsin WildCare.





Pardeeville Middle School 5th grade students who graduated from the D.A.R.E. program on May 29 pose for a group photo.

## Pardeeville celebrates as 5th graders graduate D.A.R.E. program

Pardeeville Middle School held a special D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony to honor 48 fifth-grade students who successfully completed the program. The return of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to Pardeeville marked a milestone for the school district, as it had been a decade since the program was last offered.

The revival of D.A.R.E. in Pardeeville was made possible by Sergeant Wesley Austin-Nash of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, who not only spearheaded the program's return but also served as its weekly instructor. His commitment to teaching students about the importance of making safe and responsible choices played a key role in the program's success.

Columbia County Sheriff Roger Brandner served as the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony. Sheriff Brandner spoke to students and families about the significance of making good decisions—not just when it comes to peer pressure and substance abuse, but in all aspects of life.

As part of their participation in the program, each student was required to write an essay reflecting on what they learned. During the ceremony, five students—Jalynn Nesbit, Arabelle Gitzlaff, Lawson Walsh, Bristol Fischer, and Julia Coimbra Ciobanu—were selected to read their essays aloud.

The D.A.R.E. program was supported by several members of the school staff, including Middle School Principal Amber Denure, School Counselor Courtney Sturtevant, and fifth grade teachers Cynthia Hinz and Judy Roth. Their collaboration helped ensure that students were well-supported throughout the program.

The Pardeeville Area School District also extends its gratitude to the Pardeeville Piggly Wiggly, Kwik Trip and the Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau for their generous donations to the program.



ABOVE: Sergeant Wesley Austin-Nash of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department speaks at the Pardeeville D.A.R.E. Graduation on Thursday, May 29.

BELOW: Columbia County Sheriff Roger Brandner was the guest speaker at the ceremony.







## Students earn 4th grade completion certificates

Members of the 4th grade class at Pardeeville Elementary School pose for a photo after receiving their certificate of completion at the 4th grade awards ceremony held on Thursday, June 5. Awards were handed out to Art Club members, Music Club members, Black Belt Outstanding Recorder Performances, Physical Fitness Award winners, Math 24 members, Spelling Bee participants and Student Council members. Congratulations to all of our 4th graders and good luck next year at Pardeeville Middle School.

## Pardeeville musicians finish year on high note

The sounds of a successful school year rang out all May long as the Pardeeville Area School District's Music Department showcased the talents of every grade level in a trio of spirited spring concerts.

On Friday, May 2, the Lenz Auditorium buzzed with excitement for the Pardeeville Elementary School Spring Concert and Art Show. Under the direction of Elementary Music Teacher Ms. Kadie Kraabel, kindergarten through fourth-grade students sang, clapped and even danced their way through a lively program. Third- and fourth-graders added extra flair by accompanying themselves on recorders and Orff instruments, while families browsed hallway galleries brimming with student artwork.

The Pardeeville Middle School Spring Awards Concert put a creative spin on its performances with a "Man vs. Machine" theme. Band and choir numbers highlighted the power of both human emotion and mechanical rhythm, all led by Band Director Mr. Zach Jacobson and Choir Director Mrs. Taya Larson. The evening also shined a spotlight on outstanding young musicians, including Ellie Soppe (5th Grade Band Rookie of the Year), Howie Anton (6th Grade Band MVP), Lilly Renner (Middle School Band MVP), Arabelle Gitzlaff (Choir Rookie of the Year), Bristol Jahn (6th Grade Most Valuable Singer) and Alyvia Bell (Middle School Choir Member of the Year).

The season reached its crescendo with the High School Spring Awards Concert, titled "Elements of Motown." Student musicians delivered soulful takes on Motown hits. The



Pardeeville Middle School student Bristol Jahn received the 6th grade Most Valuable Singer Award from Pardeeville Choir Director, Mrs. Taya Larson at the Awards Concert on May 19.

program also honored three seniors whose leadership and dedication set the bar high: Elizabeth Staupe received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, Emma Gentz earned the John Philip Sousa Award and Kiera Westbury was honored with the National Choral Award.

From first recorder squeaks to polished Motown classics, this year's concerts proved that PASD's music scene is thriving. Mr. Jacobson and Mrs. Larson—together with Ms. Kraabel—crafted engaging themes, nurtured young performers, and orchestrated shows that left audiences cheering for more. As the final notes fade and summer begins, the district celebrates not just three great concerts, but a full year of creativity, collaboration, and Bulldog pride in every beat.





Pardeeville High School Art Club members show off their art work as part of The Memory Project. They are, sitting, from left; Lydia Kleist, Bree Motsenbocker, Audra Stark and Jaelyn Grissom. Standing, from left; Emma Gentz, Brennen Carlson, Jazzmyn Ferguson, Makayla Smith, Corrah Storts and PHS art teacher, Mr. Chris Lynch. Absent from the photo is Sydney Sween.

## Pardeeville artists again team up with The Memory Project

Pardeeville High School's Art Club and National Art Honor Society have once again combined creativity and compassion by teaming up with The Memory Project to brighten the lives of orphaned children in Malawi.

In this inspiring effort led by The Memory Project, a Madison-based non-profit, Pardeeville students engaged in a artistic mission: to create personalized artwork for children who have endured significant hardships. This marks the fourth straight year that the Pardeeville

Art Club and NAHS have taken part in the project.

Students expressed both their artistic skill and empathy by designing portraits and "identity" artwork tailored to individual children. Some artists focused on detailed portraits, while others crafted pieces that reflected the children's personalities using descriptive words and phrases the children shared about themselves.

Once completed, the artwork was delivered directly to the children by

volunteers from The Memory Project, ensuring each child received their personalized gift.

The Memory Project invites student artists and teachers to create portraits for youth around the world who have experienced serious adversity, including poverty, violence, natural disasters, and the loss of parents. The goal is to offer these children a meaningful keepsake that reminds them of their value, resilience, and the kindness of others.

## Stark, Gentz earn honors at Trailways Conference Art Show

Pardeeville High School seniors Audra Stark and Emma Gentz earned top honors at the 2025 Trailways All-Conference Art Show, held May 7 at Williams Bay High School.

Stark received a first place conference medal for her detailed and symbolic drawing titled "Rebirth," while Gentz was awarded a third place medal for her expressive painting "Self Image." Their work was selected from among submissions representing schools across the Trailways Conference.

In addition to Stark and Gentz, eight other Pardeeville student-artists had pieces chosen to be part of the prestigious juried show: Jazzmyn Ferguson, Makayla Smith, Lauren Schaller, London Peetz, Corrah Storts, Jaelyn Grissom, and Brook Schomburg.



Pardeeville senior Audra Stark received a first place medal for her drawing title "Rebrith," at the Trailways Conference Art Show in Williams Bay.



# Pardeeville FFA celebrates accomplishments, honors members

The Pardeeville FFA hosted its 2025 chapter banquet on May 4, celebrating a successful year filled with growth, leadership and achievement. The evening brought together students, families, and staff members to recognize the many accomplishments of the FFA chapter over the past year and to honor those who have made a lasting impact.

One of the highlights of the evening was the farewell given to eight graduating seniors: Kiera Westbury, Celia Kopfhamer, Sophia Jerome, Lauren Schaller, Macy Cross, Hunter Manthey, Oliver Griepentrog and Elizabeth Staupé. Each senior was recognized for their contributions to the chapter and their commitment to the values of FFA.

Two of those seniors, Macy Cross and Celia Kopfhamer, were recognized for earning their State FFA Degrees, which they will officially receive this summer at the Wisconsin State FFA Convention. Cross was also honored as a state finalist for her Swine Production Proficiency Application.

Several chapter teams and individuals were recognized for outstanding performances in FFA competitions:

- The Marketing Plan Team of Celia Kopfhamer, Ava Wagner and Catie Kopfhamer were state champions.
- The Parliamentary Procedure Team of Ava Wagner, Celia Kopfhamer, Taylor Luedtke, Madi Holland, Kiera Westbury and Joe Dosemagen earned recognition as district champions.

Celia Kopfhamer, Macy Cross and Kiera Westbury each received Outstanding Leader Awards for their dedication and leadership throughout the year.

FFA members were also recognized for their success in fundraising efforts. Easton Fischer, Ella Griepentrog and Taylor Luedtke were honored as the chapter's top fruit sellers.

The banquet welcomed a special guest speaker, Wisconsin State FFA Officer Abel Kooima, who delivered a message on the importance of service and leadership. His words reinforced the core mission of FFA: living to serve.

During the event, Pardeeville Area School District staff member Janette Sheeks was awarded an Honorary FFA Degree in recognition of her outstanding support of the chapter.



The Pardeeville FFA said farewell to eight seniors at its chapter banquet on May 4. Those seniors are, pictured from left; Kiera Westbury, Celia Kopfhamer, Sophia Jerome, Lauren Schaller and Macy Cross. Not pictured are; Hunter Manthey, Oliver Griepentrog and Elizabeth Staupé.

Additionally, ag education student teachers Ms. Luedtke, Ms. Bender, Ms. Gavinski and Mr. Landsverk were honored for their service to students during the school year.

The chapter also awarded Greenhand Degrees to Joe Dosemagen, Addison Block, Brooklyn Auchtung and Ella Griepentrog, and Chapter Degrees to Easton Fischer, Braden Breneman, Catie Kopfhamer, Hayden Moulis and Kaliegh Klein.

The evening concluded with the installation of the 2025–26 Pardeeville FFA officer team:

- President: Ava Wagner
- Vice Presidents: Taylor Luedtke and Madi Holland
- Secretary: Catie Kopfhamer
- Reporter: Hayden Moulis
- Sentinel: Joe Dosemagen
- Student Advisor: Jaycey Thorton

Congratulations to all members for a remarkable year, and best wishes to the new officer team as they lead the chapter into another year of learning, service, and success.



The baby goats was one of the highlights of the Ag Day Event.

## Elementary Ag Day helps students learn more about agriculture

Pardeeville High School and Middle School FFA members brought agriculture to life for elementary students during a special Ag Day event on April 21.

Throughout the day, elementary students rotated through a variety of interactive stations that showcased different aspects of agriculture, from livestock and aquaculture to farm equipment and crop production. Students had the opportunity to get up close with chickens, pigs, cattle and goats—and even climb inside the cab of a tractor.

A clear highlight of the day was meeting and holding baby goats that were just a few days old, bringing smiles and excitement to students and staff alike.





Pictured at a celebration held for those who drive bus for Smith Bus Service and the Pardeeville Area School District are, in front, from left; Barb Allen, Jenny Alfaro, Debbie Kuhl, Judy Jerome and Nicky Oetzman. In back; Ben Heninger, Tom Anderson, Tim Smith, Jessie Falk, Cindy Crary, Gail Henslin, and Rick Henslin.

## Pardeeville celebrates its bus drivers

The Pardeeville Area School District recently took time to recognize the dedicated school bus drivers from Smith Bus Service, who safely transport hundreds of students to and from school each day.

As a small token of appreciation, the district invited the drivers to the Pardeeville High School Library Media Center for a morning treat of coffee, orange juice, bananas and donuts. The event was a way to say thank you to these essential members of our school community, who ensure students start their day with a safe and reliable ride.

The list of Smith Bus Service drivers who drive bus for Pardeeville

Schools includes; Barb Allen, Jenny Alfaro, Debbie Kuhl, Judy Jerome, Nicky Oetzman, Ben Heninger, Tom Anderson, Tim Smith, Jessie Falk, Cindy Crary, Gail Henslin, Rick Henslin, Kim Russell, Tonya Bock, Craig Crary, Bill Woolever, Darrel Kuhl, Michael Schultz, Randy Oetzman, Sean Emberson, Diane Meincke, Ginger Nelson, Linda Manteufel, Justin Kopfhamer and Wendy Kearns.

The Pardeeville Area School District extends its heartfelt thanks to Smith Bus Service and all of its drivers for their ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being.

## DeSanto speaks with Pardeeville 4th graders

Pardeeville Elementary School's 4th grade students got an exciting and interactive lesson in state government on May 23 during a visit from Wisconsin State Representative Karen DeSanto.

Rep. DeSanto led students in a lively round of Wisconsin Civics Trivia before guiding the class through the process of how a bill becomes a law. Using a mock bill that proposed extending recess to all day long — a proposal that received unanimous support from the 4th grade "legislators" — students explored the steps and challenges involved in turning an idea into legislation.

Her visit made civics both educational and fun, leaving students with a better understanding of how their government works and the power of active participation.



Wisconsin State Representative Karen DeSanto visited Pardeeville 4th grade students on Friday, May 23.



Pardeeville 3rd grade teacher Christine Neeb got to participate in an Educator Flight experience at Volk Field.

## Neeb takes part in educator flight program

During the month of April, Christine Neeb, a third grade teacher at Pardeeville Elementary School, participated in an Educator Flight experience with the Air National Guard at Volk Field.

The day began with a welcome breakfast and informational briefing, where Neeb and fellow educators learned about the many career and service opportunities offered through the National Guard. The group then boarded a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft for a unique mission:

observing the midair refueling of F-35 fighter jets based out of Madison.

While flying over Oshkosh, the educators watched the refueling process from a special viewing area next to the boom operator, offering a front-row seat to a rarely seen military operation.

The Educator Flight program is designed to honor Wisconsin's educators while also recognizing the service and sacrifice of the men and women in the National Guard.





Members of the Pardeeville High School Spanish Club pose with the 320 pounds of recyclable plastic it collected and handed over to the Pardeeville Lions Club on April 25.

## Spanish Club teams with Lions Club on successful plastic drive

The Pardeeville High School Spanish Club completed its annual plastic drive on Friday, April 25, collecting an impressive 320 pounds of recyclable plastic. While the team fell just short of its 400-pound goal, Spanish Teacher Ms. Kimberly Brees praised the club and the community for their dedication.

“While we did not make our goal of 400 pounds, we are extremely proud of our community for helping to keep this plastic out of the landfills,” Brees said.

During the month of April, Spanish Club members worked hard to collect and sort the plastic, carefully removing mailing labels and ensuring each item was clean, dry, and recyclable. On April 25th, students presented the sorted plastic to the Pardeeville Lions Club, who are partnering with the

club to send the material to Trex, a company that recycles plastic into benches, decking and other outdoor furniture.

Spanish Club is incredibly grateful for its ongoing partnership with the Pardeeville Lions Club, who help facilitate this meaningful project each year. As a special thank you for the students’ efforts, the Lions Club surprised the club with a cake to celebrate their success.

Including this year’s drive, the Pardeeville Spanish Club and the community have collected a total of 1,336 pounds of plastic over the past five years. That’s 1,336 pounds of plastic diverted from landfills and given a second life — a testament to what can be achieved through teamwork, education, and community support.



Spanish Club member Taylor Luedtke helps load up some of the plastic that was collected.

## Columbia County seeking foster parents and respite care providers

The Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services is currently seeking individuals and families to open their hearts and homes to children in need. The county is looking for foster parents to provide safe, stable, and loving environments for children involved in the child welfare system.

To become a foster parent, applicants must be at least 21 years old, pass background checks, complete a SAFE home study, and meet requirements outlined

in Wisconsin Administrative Code DCF 56. Initial training is provided at no cost, and there is no minimum income requirement. Compensation is based on the individual needs of each child.

For those who want to support children but cannot commit to full-time fostering, the county is also seeking respite care providers. These caregivers offer short-term care in their homes and receive a base rate of \$50 per night, which may vary depending on the child’s

needs.

Respite care providers must be at least 18, have experience or training in childcare, meet safety and health standards, and complete required online training. Flexibility and a willingness to work with children from diverse backgrounds are essential.

To learn more about either program, contact Foster Care Coordinator Ashley Pikalek at (608) 742-9283 or [ashley.pikalek@columbiacountywi.gov](mailto:ashley.pikalek@columbiacountywi.gov).





Members of the 2025 Bulldog Stomp Organizing Committee pose with a check for \$40,000 that was raised during the 17th annual event that was held on Saturday, May 3 at Pardeeville High School.

## Bulldog Stomp raises \$40,000 for UW-Carbhone Cancer Center

The 17th Annual Bulldog Stomp, held Saturday, May 3 at Pardeeville High School, was a resounding success, raising \$40,000 for the UW-Carbhone Cancer Center in Madison. From a competitive 5K run to a relaxed 2-mile walk, basket raffles, and a silent auction, the event brought the community together for a day of fitness, fun and fundraising.

Local favorites Ben's Pretzels and the Crooked Branch Coffeehouse were on hand to keep participants fueled and caffeinated as they supported a great cause.

The Bulldog Stomp Organizing Committee also took time during the event to recognize Mike Freye with its Individual Award. Freye became a member of the Bulldog Stomp team when both his children, Molly and Peter, were student members of the organizing team. During that time, Mike's only brother, Tom, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Tom passed away from cancer a few years ago, but we are thankful that Mike continues to provide his business and marketing expertise to our team in honor of his brother.

The Bulldog Stomp Committee also recognized Indian Trails Campground with its Business/Organization Award. Indian Trails Campground, owned by Matt and Tiffany Pargman, has been a



Runners prepare for the start of the 5K race at the 2025 Bulldog Stomp held on Saturday, May 3 at Pardeeville High School. The top over-all finisher was William Becker (men) and Kellyn Woodworth (women)

platinum and gold sponsor since 2013. Their son Jayce was a member of the Bulldog Stomp Organizing Committee during his time at Pardeeville High School.

The 5K race saw impressive performances across all divisions. William Becker was the top overall male finisher with a blazing time of 17 minutes, 59 seconds, while Kellyn Woodworth led the women with a time of 22:01. Division winners were:

### Female Division Winners:

- Age 1–9: Harper Oswald
- Age 10–19: Nadia Overland
- Age 20–29: Toni LaBreche
- Age 30–39: Alexandra Vertz
- Age 40–49: Beth Midthun

### Age 60–69: Sherri Anderson

### Male Division Winners:

- Age 1–9: Hank Haggerty
- Age 10–19: Madden Whitehorse
- Age 20–29: Randy Cuevos
- Age 30–39: Martin Spicer
- Age 40–49: Nels Midthun
- Age 50–59: Joseph Hoffman
- Age 60–69: John La Breche
- Age 70 and over: Joe Buchicchio

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers, prize and auction donors, raffle basket contributors, run/walk participants, and every single person who showed up to support this meaningful cause. Your generosity and spirit made this year's Bulldog Stomp one to remember.





Mike Freye receives a plaque from Bulldog Stomp Organizing Team members Olivia Bue and Kayla Buzzel. Freye was recognized for his support of the Bulldog Stomp.



Tiffany and Matt Pargman, owners of Indian Trails Campground in Pardeeville, receive a plaque from Bulldog Stomp Organizing Team members Olivia Bue and Kayla Buzzel. Indian Trails was recognized for their support of the Bulldog Stomp.



Chris DeLapp, dressed as Napoleon from the movie Napoleon Dynamite, runs in the Bulldog Stomp 5K.



## MESSAGE FROM PASD SCHOOL NURSE JANETTE SHEEKS

### Summer is time for get ready for new school year

Summer time is a time to relax. Some of us find it a little more chaotic. The routine of going to school every day is gone. However, maintaining a routine throughout summer is good, especially when it comes to our circadian rhythm. Getting up at approximately the same time, as well as going to bed about the same time, keeps us better regulated, if we can get the appropriate amount of sleep that we require.

Summer is a good time to get those annual check-ups or get things checked out that you have concerns about. There are diseases returning that we have not been concerned about for many years, like polio and measles. The way these are controlled is through vaccinations.

Kindergarteners are required to have a variety of vaccinations. All students going into 7th grade need their Tdap booster and Meningococcal ACWY to be in compliance. All students going into 12th grade need their second Meningococcal ACWY to be in compliance, and anyone behind would have to get updated to be in compliance. What this means is, if your child is not up to date on their immunizations, then they would be excluded from school for at least 21 days if a case of measles was found in school. Getting the appropriate vaccines not only helps keep your child from getting diseases, but helps those whose immune systems are weakened and cannot build the immunity that vaccine provides.

Please, make sure you pick up your child's medication from school before the end of June. Call your child's school office if you need to pick them up after school is out for the summer. Any medication left behind will be destroyed on July 1st.

May you have a safe and wonderful summer. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be back in August at registration and in September for the start of school.

Stay safe & stay healthy,

Janette Sheeks RN



## Pardeeville 8th graders enjoy annual trip to Washington D.C.

Pardeeville Middle School's 8th grade students stepped into history during their annual field trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The week-long adventure took place during the first week of May, offering a firsthand look at some of the nation's most iconic sites.

Students, staff, and chaperones departed Pardeeville early Saturday morning, May 3. Highlights began Sunday with visits to Valley Forge, the Liberty Bell and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

On Monday, the group toured Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Tuesday's full itinerary included the National Army Museum, National Museum of the Marine Corps, Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum, World War II Memorial and a Washington Nationals baseball game.

Wednesday featured the U.S. Capitol and National Mall, while Thursday took students to Pennsylvania for tours of Gettysburg and Hershey's Chocolate World. The final stop on Friday was the Flight 93 Memorial before returning home.

This unforgettable trip was made possible thanks to the support of Glen's Lawn Care, First Class Travel, General Engineering Company, The Badger Honor Flight, and Ahern Contracting, who all helped sponsor the trip by purchasing the t-shirts worn daily by students.

Thank you to the staff, parents and chaperones who helped create this meaningful learning experience.



Pardeeville Middle School 8th grade students pose for a group photo outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. during their field trip in early May.



Pardeeville High School Culinary Team members, from left; Macy Cross, Natalie Peissig and Kiera Westbury show off the Pardee Chicken Sandwich they prepared at the CESA 5 Hungry Games back on April 11.

## Pardeeville culinary team does well at CESA 5 Hungry Games

Pardeeville High School's Culinary Competition Team served up something special at the CESA 5 Culinary Competition: Hungry Games. Seniors Macy Cross, Natalie Peissig, and Kiera Westbury proudly represented the school in this high-pressure cooking showdown back on April 11, and their performance was nothing short of impressive.

The challenge? Each team had just 75 minutes to craft a gourmet chicken sandwich paired with a leafy green side salad. The Pardeeville trio rose to the occasion with their thoughtfully prepared creation: The Pardee Chicken Sandwich — a honey garlic BBQ grilled chicken masterpiece on a toasted croissant bun, topped with a BBQ/red cabbage slaw and pickles.

To accompany their sandwich, the team dished up a fresh hydroponic lettuce salad — grown right at Pardeeville High School by the Ag Department. The salad was elevated with strawberries, pecans, and a homemade lemon poppy seed vinaigrette, tying the meal together with a perfect balance of sweet, savory, and tangy.

The judges were impressed, and the Pardeeville team earned a 3rd place finish, missing 2nd place by a single point — a true testament to their skill and creativity in the kitchen.

After the competition, students had the opportunity to rotate through interactive culinary stations. They learned how to butcher a whole chicken, made homemade mayonnaise from scratch, explored career paths in food science, and discovered opportunities available through the CESA 5 Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Congratulations to Macy, Natalie, and Kiera on a fantastic showing and for bringing creativity, precision, and school pride to the competition.



# Lenz Auditorium announces Performing Arts Series Lineup

New season features variety of shows, including return of Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos!

The curtain is rising on a brand-new season of entertainment at the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School! The 2025–2026 Performing Arts Series promises a dynamic mix of music, comedy, magic and community celebration—with something for audiences of all ages to enjoy.

Here's a look at this season's exciting schedule:

## Rockland Road

**Friday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$30 | Students/Seniors (65+) \$25 | Children under 4 FREE (lap seat)

Kick off the season with a powerhouse of harmony! Rockland Road brings generations of musical talent together in one high-energy, vocal-driven band. From classic country roots to pop-rock flair, their electrifying live performance is one you won't want to miss. Rolling Stone hails them as "exuberant!"



Rockland Road will open the 2025–2026 Performing Arts Series on Friday, Aug. 15 at the Lenz Auditorium. The show will start at 6:30 p.m.

## Wome and Children First: A Comedy Play by Rex Havens

**Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$25 | Students/Seniors (65+) \$20 | Children under 4 FREE (lap seat)

Veteran comedian Rex Havens brings heart and humor to the stage in this family-friendly tribute to the strong women in our lives. Rex's clever insights and relatable stories have made him a favorite on HBO, Comedy Central, and beyond.

## Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets

**Saturday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$25 | Students/Seniors (65+) \$20 | Children under 4 FREE (lap seat)

Put on your best vintage attire and take a nostalgic journey through the golden age of doo-wop and crooner classics with the always entertaining Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets. It's a musical cocktail full of humor, harmonies, and timeless tunes.

## Dual County Community Band Holiday Concert

**Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.**

Free and open to the public

Celebrate the season with this free holiday concert featuring the talented musicians of the Dual County Community Band. Bring the whole family and enjoy a festive evening of holiday cheer—no tickets required!

## Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos!

**Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$25 | Students/Seniors (65+) \$20 | Children under 4 FREE (lap seat)

Back by popular demand, Fun Pianos! returns with their interactive dueling pianos show. You pick the songs, they play them—with comedy, crowd interaction, and non-stop energy. This one-of-a-kind performance is sure to sell out fast!

## Daryl Rogers Magic

**Friday, March 6, 2026 at 2 p.m.**

Adults \$15 | Students/Seniors (65+) \$10 | Children under 4 FREE (lap seat)

Enjoy an enchanting afternoon of wonder with Daryl Rogers, whose classic style and sleight-of-hand mastery will captivate audiences of all ages. This show is perfect for families and magic lovers alike.

## Tickets & Season Passes

Tickets are available:

- Online at [pasdwi.org/community/events.cfm](https://pasdwi.org/community/events.cfm)
- By phone at (608) 285-2717.
- At the door, subject to availability

Season Passes are also now on sale! Get admission to all the shows in our 2025–2026 Performing Arts Series and save \$20 on your order. Available now through August 1 at <https://www.pasdwi.org/community/events.cfm>

## Ticket Sale Policy

Online ticket sales close 24 hours before each performance. If a show is sold out, a notice will be posted on the Lenz Auditorium website, Instagram and Facebook page.

All ticket sales are final. Refunds are only issued for canceled performances and may be provided as a gift certificate for future use or donated to our general operating fund.

Need help or have questions? Contact Adam at (608) 285-2717 (M–F, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.).



# Seniors awarded scholarships during annual Awards Night

## Over \$325,000 went to members of Pardeeville Class of 2025

The Lenz Auditorium was filled with pride and celebration on Wednesday, May 14, as Pardeeville High School hosted its annual Awards Night, honoring the outstanding achievements of students across all grade levels.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement that members of the Pardeeville High School Class of 2025 were awarded a remarkable \$325,650 in scholarships to continue their education beyond high school. The generous support from local organizations, businesses, and individuals made these opportunities possible and served as a testament to the community's belief in the potential of its students.

In addition to the scholarships, the event recognized the top 10 percent of students from each grade level for their academic excellence throughout the school year:

**Seniors:** Elijah Achterberg, Kayla Buzzell, Lauren Schaller, Elizabeth Staupe, Alexander Gabsch, Caleb Gard, and Hailey Vasquez.

**Juniors:** Bailey Grissom, Taylor Luedtke, Ava Wagner, Bronte Hulberg, Josephine Bue, Howard Boyle, and RaeLyn Holtan.

**Sophomores:** Nadia Ballweg, Caitlyn Bellis, Jade Koepp, Elle Hardwick, Kaliegh Klein, and Hayden Ballweg.

**Freshmen:** Avri Anderson, Noah Black, Karrsen Bussan, Alec Garcia, Alison Lemanszyk, Maverick Mueller, and Allison Wickus.

Beyond academic recognition and scholarships, numerous other awards were presented, celebrating student accomplishments in areas such as leadership, athletics, fine arts, service, and extracurricular involvement. The evening served as a powerful reminder of the diverse talents and dedication of Pardeeville students.

Congratulations to all scholarship and award recipients—your hard work, determination, and commitment to excellence have not gone unnoticed. The entire school community is proud of your achievements and excited for what your futures hold.



Kitzi Muniz presents the Christian Bernard Muniz Memorial Scholarship to Emma Gentz and Mallory Baures at the PHS Awards Night on May 14.



Steve Hauser of North American Mechanical Inc. presented the NAMI Supporting the Trades Scholarship to Tyler Becker.



From left; Rachelle and Scotty Smith, presented the Sara R. Smith Memorial Scholarship to Emma Gentz, Macy Cross and Natalie Peissig on May 15 at the Angie W. Cox Library.



Sherri Anderson with Fairway Mortgage presented the Fairway Mortgage Scholarship to Pardeeville seniors Alexis Bryan, Chloe Kessenich, Caleb Gard and Eli Achterberg.



# Pardeeville High School Awards Night Scholarship Winners

## **Eli Achterberg (\$13,150)**

Bulldog Academic Excellence Award - \$400  
Crawford Oil & Propane Valedictorian - \$1,000  
Pardeeville Boys Club Scholarship - \$750  
Prairie Ridge Health Healthcare Scholarship - \$500  
Wisconsin Academic Excellence - \$9,000  
Fairway Mortgage Scholarship - \$1,500

## **Mallory Baures (\$3,000)**

Prevent Suicide Columbia County Scholarship - \$1,000  
Christian Bernard Muniz Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000  
CAPP Future Titan Scholarship - UW Oshkosh - \$1,000

## **Tyler Becker (\$500)**

NAMI Supporting the Trades Scholarship - \$500

## **Alexis Bryan (\$3,250)**

Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500  
Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$250  
Fairway Mortgage Scholarship - \$1,500  
Aspirus Divine Savior Volunteers Scholarship - \$1,000

## **Olivia Bue (\$2,250)**

Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500  
Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative - \$1,000  
Chelsea Jordan Becker Memorial Scholarship - \$500  
Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$250

## **Kayla Buzzell (\$12,500+)**

Aspirus Divine Savior Medical Staff Scholarship - \$1,000  
Pardeeville Key Club Scholarship - \$1,000  
Señora Casey Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000  
Bulldog Stomp Scholarship - \$500  
USF Green & Gold Directors Award - \$9,000 (renewable up to 3 more years)

## **Macy Cross (\$13,250)**

Compeer Financial Scholarship - \$1,500  
FFA Alumni Scholarship - \$300  
Sale of Champions Scholarship - \$800  
Sara R. Smith Memorial Scholarship - \$500  
Wyocena Farmers Coop Scholarship - \$1,000  
Pardeeville Area Lions Club - 4 year - \$3,000  
Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative - \$1,000  
Noah Morris Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000  
Lodi Agricultural Fair Scholarship - \$300  
Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship - \$350  
Columbia County Pork Partners - \$500  
Falcons Scholars Endowed Scholarship - UW River Falls - \$1,000  
Falcons Flying Higher Scholarship - UW River Falls - \$1,000  
Falcons Soar Scholarship - UW River Falls - \$1,000

## **Alex Gabsch (\$500)**

Pardeeville Curling Club Scholarship - \$500

## **Caleb Gard (\$8,700)**

Pardeeville Boys Club Scholarship - \$750  
Pardeeville Area Business Association Scholarship - \$750  
Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation Scholarship - \$700  
Fairway Mortgage Scholarship - \$1,500  
Didion Foundation Scholarship - \$5,000

## **Emma Gentz (\$5,450)**

Margo & Barry Pufahl Scholarship - \$2,500  
Pardeeville Garden Club Scholarship - \$750  
Sara R. Smith Memorial Scholarship - \$500  
Christian Bernard Muniz Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation Scholarship - \$700

## **Abby Grant (\$1,000)**

National Exchange Bank Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000

## **Sophia Jerome (\$350)**

Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship - \$350

## **Chloe Kessenich (\$2,500)**

Portage Elks Lodge #675 Scholarship - \$1,000

Fairway Mortgage Scholarship - \$1,500

## **Celia Kopfhamer (\$2,500)**

Wyocena Farmers Coop Scholarship - \$1,000

Wisconsin Technical Excellence - \$6,750

Pardeeville Community Car & Truck Show Scholarship - \$1,000

Pardeeville Area Lions Club - 2 year - \$1,500

Pardeeville Girls Club Scholarship - \$500

Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship - \$350

## **James Morgan (\$500)**

Doug's Projects Scholarship - \$500

## **Natalie Peissig (\$1,250)**

Sara R. Smith Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Aaron W. Babcock Memorial Scholarship - \$250

Pardeeville Girls Club Scholarship - \$500

## **Lauren Schaller (\$86,100)**

Juanita Graff Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Pardeeville High School Student Council Scholarship - \$250

Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship - \$350

Presidential Scholarship - Wisconsin Lutheran College - \$80,000 (\$20,000/yr)

WELS Warrior Network Scholarship - WI Lutheran College - \$4,000 (\$1,000/yr)

Visit Scholarship - WI Lutheran College - \$500

## **Zoe Soleimani (\$3,750)**

Edward & June Lenz Scholarship - \$750

UFirst Credit Union Scholarship - \$3,000

## **Anna Trahms (\$2,000)**

Pardeeville Area Business Association Scholarship - \$750

Pointer Promise Scholarship - UW-Stevens Point - \$250

Invest In Your Promise Scholarship - UW-Stevens Point - \$1,000

## **Hailey Vasquez (\$1,250)**

Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial Scholarship - \$250

W.I.L.D Scholarship - \$1,000

## **Kiera Westbury (\$350)**

Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship - \$350

## **Jamison Wickersham (\$1,450)**

Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial Scholarship - \$250

Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation Scholarship - \$700

St Vincent de Paul Society Scholarship - \$500

## **Logan Young (\$124,500)**

WCCU Credit Union - \$500

Luther College Achievement Award - \$28,000 (\$112,000 over 4 years)

Luther College First Generation Award - \$2,000 (\$8,000 over 4 years)

Luther College College Visit Award - \$1,000 (\$4,000 over 4 years)



# Bulldogs claim 2nd straight conference baseball championship

For the second consecutive spring, Pardeeville High School varsity baseball ruled the Trailways West Conference, locking up a share of the crown with a 12-2 league record that matched Markesan for top honors.

The Bulldogs actually stumbled out of the gate, dropping two of their first four conference contests. But once the calendar flipped to mid-April, Head Coach Elliott Snow's squad found another gear—rattling off 10 straight conference wins. The surge included an 11-1 rout of Markesan on April 29 and a 11-9 win over the same Markesan team just two days later, putting Pardeeville back in the driver's seat in the race for the conference championship.

Pardeeville's bid for a deep playoff run ended in the WIAA Division 3 regional quarterfinals, a 4-2 setback to Living Word Lutheran. Still, the Bulldogs closed the year at 16-5 overall.

Trailways West coaches took notice—voting nine Pardeeville players onto the all-conference teams. Senior infielder Logan Young was named the Trailways West Conference Player of the Year after batting .471 with 12 doubles, five home runs, and 26 RBIs. He was joined on the first team by infielder



PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER

Members of the 2025 Pardeeville varsity baseball team are, sitting, from left; Walker Wheeler, Hayden Hauber and Gavin Hughes. Middle row; from left; head coach Elliott Snow, assistant coach Jeff Jenkins, Caleb Mackey, Cole Engelhart, Brady Dolgner, Caleb Gard, assistant coach Kerry Young and assistant coach Dustin Hoffmann. Back row; from left; Preston Jenkins, Nick Sween, Logan Young, Eli Achterberg and Austin Dechert.

Preston Jenkins (.453 AVG, 6 doubles, 20 RBIs), pitcher Caleb Mackey (.370 AVG, 5-0 record, 0.59 ERA, 41 strikeouts), and outfielder Eli Achterberg (.377 AVG, 21 RBIs).

Three Bulldogs earned second team honors: sophomore catcher Brady Dol-

gner (.524 AVG, 9 doubles, 14 RBIs), junior outfielder Joe Dosemagen (.458 AVG, 6 doubles, 20 RBIs), and senior outfielder Nick Sween (.333 AVG, 15 RBIs). Dosemagen was also named the Trailways West batting champion, hitting .523 in conference play.

## Fall sports parent and athlete meeting is July 22

The Pardeeville Area School District is holding its 2025 Fall Sports Parent and Athlete Meeting on Tuesday, 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 Heidi Anderson at [andehe@pasdwi.org](mailto:andehe@pasdwi.org).

## Krueger, Gard earn All-Star spots

Pardeeville High School seniors Brenden Krueger and Caleb Gard have been selected to play in the prestigious Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Senior All-Star Games this summer.

Brenden and Caleb will represent Pardeeville in the Division 4 Boys All-Star Game, which takes place on Thursday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. at JustAGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells. Congratulations, Brenden and Caleb, on this well-deserved honor—and good luck in the All-Star Game.

## WBCA honors Coach Lindert

Pardeeville High School varsity boys basketball coach Chris Lindert has been recognized with the Division 4 Boys Coaching Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

The WBCA presents just 10 of these awards each year—one in each of the five divisions for both boys and girls basketball across the state. The award honors coaches who have made significant contributions to their programs and the sport of basketball in Wisconsin.



## Softball squad finishes 2nd in Trailways West

The Pardeeville High School varsity softball team wrapped up its 2025 season with a 9-10 overall record and a second-place finish in the Trailways West Conference, going 8-4 in league play. Under the leadership of head coach Ron Jacobson, the Bulldogs showed grit, growth and teamwork throughout the spring.

Pardeeville's competitive season was highlighted by six players earning all-conference recognition for their contributions on the field.

Junior Taylor Luedtke and senior Sophia Jerome were both named First Team All-Conference. Luedtke led the Bulldogs in the pitching circle, finishing the season with a 9-4 record and recording 53 strikeouts in 83 innings pitched. She also contributed at the plate with a solid .324 batting average. Jerome anchored the lineup with a .389 batting average, five doubles, one home run, and



**PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER**

Members of the 2025 Pardeeville varsity softball team are, kneeling, from left; Mal-lory Baures, Erika Wickus, Sophia Jerome, Chloe Lukowski and Lexi Bryan. Back row; from left; Macey Young, Addyson Neary, Gracie Postler, Briar Otowska, Taylor Luedtke, Ava Wagner, Grace Baures, Abby Jacobson, Arianna Wendlandt, Tamber Corning and Leyton Haseleu.

18 RBI, making her one of the team's top offensive threats.

Second Team honors went to junior Abby Jacobson, sophomore Tamber Corning and senior Lexi Bryan. Jacobson posted a .291 average and drove in nine runs, while Corning matched that consistency with a .283 average, four

doubles, and 18 RBI. Bryan also hit .283 and tallied seven RBI during the season.

Senior Chloe Lukowski earned Honorable Mention recognition. A steady contributor all season, Lukowski batted .294 and notched five doubles.

## Bulldog golfers finish 3rd in conference, 3 advance to sectionals

The Pardeeville High School golf team put together a solid campaign this spring, finishing third out of six teams in the Trailways South Conference.

Junior Jarrett Killoran led the Bulldogs throughout the season with a nine-hole scoring average of 48.9. Also contributing to Pardeeville's varsity success were Noah Manthe (51.1 average), Anthony Stolas (52.0) and Isaac Buchholz (52.0).

At the Trailways Conference Meet, Pardeeville placed third as a team with a score of 418. Killoran led the Bulldogs with an 18-hole round of 98. While no Bulldog made the all-conference team, Owen Sadlon was honored as a selection to the Trailways South All-Sportsmanship Team.

Pardeeville hosted a WIAA Division 3 Regional and finished fifth overall. Three Bulldogs—Killoran, Buchholz, and Stolas—qualified as individuals for the sectional round. Killoran secured his sectional spot by carding a 91, placing fifth overall. Buchholz shot a 101



**PHOTO BY GALLEY STUDIOS**

Members of the 2025 Pardeeville golf team are, in front, from left; coach Jesse Huset, Harrison Breneman, Nadia Ballweg, Jade Koepp, Caitlyn Bellis, Lucas Olson and coach Mitch Beckett. Back row; Jackson Weisensel, Alex Gabsch, Owen Sadlon, Isaac Buchholz, Jarrett Killoran and Anthony Stolas.

and Stolas followed with a 105.

The trio competed at the Division 3 Williams Bay Sectional on June 3. While none of the Bulldogs advanced

to the state meet, their sectional qualification marked a highlight of a season defined by improvement and determination.





**PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER**

Members of the 2025 Pardeeville Boys and Girls Track and Field Team pose for their team photo. It was a successful season for the Bulldogs, as the girls finished first in the Trailways West Conference, while the Pardeeville boys finished second.

## Kessenich's title repeat highlight of great track and field season

The Pardeeville High School boys and girls track and field teams closed out a remarkable 2025 season with strong performances at the WIAA Division 3 State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse and multiple conference titles throughout the spring.

The highlight of the season came in La Crosse, where senior Chloe Kessenich successfully defended her Division 3 state title in the shot put. Kessenich capped off her high school throwing career with a winning throw of 43 feet, 3.75 inches, becoming a two-time state champion in the event.

Pardeeville nearly brought home a second gold medal at the state meet, as the boys 4x800-meter relay team of Nicholai Undraitis, Karrsen Bussan, Brody Motsenbocker and Will Becker raced to a runner-up finish with an outstanding time of 8:00.66.

Other Bulldogs competing at state included:

- Elle Hardwick – 15th place in the 100 meters and 12th in the 200 meters
- 4x100 Relay (Anderson, Sween, Gaglio, Hardwick) – 12th place
- 4x400 Relay (Bussan, Undraitis, Becker, Motsenbocker) – 7th place
- Cody Gentz – 16th place in discus

The Pardeeville girls' team shined throughout the season, going undefeated (5-0) in Trailways West Conference



Pardeeville senior Chloe Kessenich poses for a photo after winning her second Division 3 state shot put championship in La Crosse on Saturday, June 7.

duals and claiming the Trailways West Division Meet title. The boys finished second overall, posting a 4-1 dual meet record and placing second at the divisional meet.

At the Trailways Conference Meet in Deerfield on May 18, both the girls and boys squads placed third out of 19 teams—another strong showing in a highly competitive field. Leading the way were several individual and relay champions:

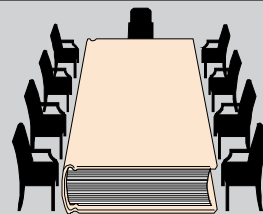
- Chloe Kessenich – 1st place in Shot Put (41' 4.25") and Discus (131' 6"), marking her fourth consecutive year sweeping the throwing events

- 4x100 Relay (Anderson, Gaglio, Sween, Hardwick) – 1st place in 53.07 seconds
- Brody Motsenbocker – 1st in the 400 meters (52.46)
- Cody Gentz – 1st in Discus (153' 8")
- 4x800 Relay (Becker, Bussan, Undraitis, Motsenbocker) – 1st in 8:15.66

With multiple state qualifiers, a conference championship on the girls' side, and continued growth and success on the boys' side, the 2025 Pardeeville track and field season will be remembered as one of excellence, grit and Bulldog pride.



# Pardeeville Board of Education



## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 17, 2025

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. Autumn Pease attended virtually, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Levzow, and Student Representative Bronte Hulberg and Ava Wagner. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Jesse Huset, Mr. Judd Becker, Mr. Caleb Mackey, Mr. Karrsen Bussan, Mr. Zach Jacobson, Ms. Mirabella Belton, Mr. Chris Lynch, Ms. Emma Gentz, Ms. Morgan Blader, Ms. Kaye Dosemagen, Ms. Chloe Kessenich, Kayla Buzzell, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Ashley Dodge, Mr. Paul Crary, Mr. Jonathan Peetz, Mr. Craig Crary, Ms. Stacy Blader, Mr. Dustin Bussan, Ms. Ashley Wernet, Mr. Riley Gruenwald and Ms. Elizabeth Staupe. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:02 pm.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the agenda. Ms. Levzow did ask to adjust the agenda to have Mr. Kinworthy's board interview to be moved as first on the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

### Interview of Board Member Candidate Dennis Kinworthy

The board interviewed Dennis Kinworthy for the open board member spot in April 2025.

### Open Forum

No one signed up.

### Student Spotlight-High School Winter Sports/Activities State Participants

Wrestling State contestants Mr. Karrsen Bussan and Mr. Caleb Mackey, were introduced by their coach Jesse Huset. Coach Huset talked about the all four wrestlers who made it to State, talking about their success and their hard work that happens all year long. Powerlifting state contestants Ms. Kayla Buzzell and Ms. Chloe Kessenich were introduced by coach Kaye Dosemagen. Coach Dosemagen also commended all three state participants on being great mentors. Ms. Kessenich was a 3-time state qualifier and Ms. Buzzell was very impressive and dedicated to the sport. Visual Arts state qualified students Ms. Emma Gentz and Ms. Morgan Blader talked about their experience in how they were able to make it to State. Mr. Lynch advised that this competition was the first time that they have done it and the art students stepped up to the challenge and succeeded. Ms. Gentz did a long-term painting project that took 2 months to complete that took 1st place to earn her state eligibility.

Ms. Blader did a sculpture. They are excited to go to State. Solo Ensemble students were presented by Mr. Jacobson, that included Ms. Emma Gentz, Ms. Elizabeth Staupe and Ms. Mirabella Belton. Mr. Jacobson talked about what each of the members performed and what they accomplished for scores. He was very impressed by the students for their hard work and what they have accomplished so far and look forward to seeing them perform at State. Mr. Jacobson also talked about the musical performance that was happening on Tuesday, 3/18/25. Ms. Staupe also talked about herself going to State for FBLA and is looking forward to hopefully going to nationals again as a three peat.

### Interviewing of Board Member Candidates

Interviews were conducted with Ashley Dodge, Paul Crary and Jonathan Peetz for the open board member position that will be available starting April 2025 for one year. Deliberation will be conducted during the closed session.

### District Technology- Infinite Campus Cost Update

Mr. Walker talked about the Infinite Campus costs for 24-25 and 25-26 school years. Mr. Hees talked about the financial breakdown and thanked him for making it easy to understand.

### Administrative Team Reports

Dr. Heninger gave an overview of the reports. Mr. Hees liked Mr. Kohn's bowling information in his report. Mr. Hees also liked the drive your tractor to school. Ms. Levzow complimented the STEAM night at the Elementary School as well as what their math team has accomplished. There was a shout out given to Ms. Bronte Hulberg for being named conference player of the year. Ms. Hulberg thanked her teammates and her coaches.

### Student Representative Report

Ms. Wagner and Ms. Hulberg went over their report.

### Committee Reports

No comments on the committee reports.

### Proclamation of School Music/Arts Month

Dr. Heninger went over the proclamation for music, art, dance, theatre in school's month in the month of March.

### Discuss Any Updates on the Referendum for April 2025

Ms. Levzow gave updates of Dr. Heninger completing the roadshow with different meetings. She stated the community meeting in the Township of Marcellon had about 30 people attend, the Village of Wyocena had about 5 people attend and the Saturday meeting at the Lenz auditorium did not have anyone attend. Ms. Levzow commended Mr. Houslet and Ms. Houslet for their efforts of keeping the website and our social media

pages up to date with information. Banners have been placed around the school district to get the word out of the referendums on the Spring election. The Columbia County Shopper had a great full-page ad for the referendum information. The Piggly Wiggly also has been having the community meetings listed on their electronic sign. Ms. Levzow stated that she has been getting compliments on Dr. Heninger's presentations. The board is also appreciative of Ms. Carol Wirth's knowledge and assistance in this process.

### Recognition of Paul Hees

Ms. Levzow presented Mr. Hees with an award, picture and cake. She thanked him for his service and time on the board the last two years where he was able to accomplish a lot, including assisting with the retirement of the jersey policy and implementing the process, along with his assistance in assisting with the weight room equipment purchase. Mr. Hees has been instrumental with the finance and policy committees. Mr. Hees stated that Pardeeville has the greatest kids on the planet and he has enjoyed his time on the board.

### Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was noted.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 3/3/2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 3/3/2025. Motion passed 5-0. (Mr. Achterberg was not in the room at the time)

### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the receipts and expenditures. Ms. Walker did ask a couple of questions which were answered. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Start College Now Applications

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the start college now applications for fall 2025. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Educators Rising to Nationals

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip for Educators Rising to Nationals. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Art Students for State Competition

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the overnight field trip for art students for State competition. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Boys Basketball Banquet on Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve boys' basketball banquet on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Spring Sports Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr.



Bellis to approve the spring sports volunteers are presented. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Resignation of Fall Coach

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the resignation of Heidi Anderson as JV2 volleyball coach. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the \$100 donation to the softball team towards Lorelei Memorial from Chief Judge Julie Genovese and David Harth. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-17

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies 1-17 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Mike Haynes will be coming to talk about the Lenz Auditorium, another round of policies to approve, swearing in a new board member and referendum after election discussions.

#### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to consider personal histories of candidates for school board, which may have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person if discussed in public.

#### Return to Open Session

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 7, 2025**

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. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Michael Haynes, Ms. Amanda Seichter and Mr. Chris Lindert. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:04 pm.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Official Oath of School Board Member Dennis Kinworthy

Mr. Dennis Kinworthy read and signed the official oath which was then notarized.

#### Discussion with Mike Haynes on the Lenz Auditorium

Mr. Haynes talked about the struggles of scheduling of auditorium events. There was a scheduling conflict that came up in March regarding a basketball regional game and an event that he had already been scheduled. Mr. Haynes was able to reschedule his

event, but in the future, he would like a better process in place as the events that he does get scheduled, are scheduled for a year out and affect ticket holders and the performers. Also he discussed another scheduling conflict where the music department would not release a Saturday performance date to him due to the stage being set up for their event during practice times. Mr. Haynes is asking for assistance in making sure the auditorium schedule can be considered of importance for the community. Ms. Levzow thanked Mr. Haynes for all he does. The performances that he has been able to schedule have been great and have a good following. Mr. Haynes did ask that in the future if the WIAA playoff games can be on the calendar so when he is out looking for available dates they are showing up on the calendar. He is also asking that the schools work on their schedules to get them in place early enough as well. It was discussed that the school district has three different calendars, and asked if there was a way to combine the calendars for ease of use for all in the school district. Ms. Mecum was tasked with looking into that option.

#### Discussion of Referendum Election Results and Next Steps

Ms. Levzow did thank the community for passing the operational referendum. The capital referendum was a big ask, but the community spoke and the board needs to decide next steps. Ms. Levzow asked the board members and administration what they have been hearing from the community on why it has not passed. Most board members stated that it had to do with the financial tax impact. It was also brought up that right now was not the best time with the inflation, economy worries as well as what was going on in the Village of Pardeeville regarding the EMS services debt. It was stated that people still were not clear on what was being done to the buildings, and considered it still just a band-aid. It was stated that there was a lack of trust due to not having a lot of information on the project. Discussion was had to see if maybe to change the capital referendum to recurring approximately \$4 million every ten years or so to help offset some of the costs. It was asked if the board wanted to do another referendum in 2026 with a possible election date of November 2026. No clear answer was given on the next steps. Another core meeting is scheduled with Findorff and Groth, and will decide to continue or to pause the capital referendum attempt.

#### Board Comments & Questions

No comments or questions.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 3/17/2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 3/17/25. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Attending Trailways Academic Banquet on Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the attending of the Trailways Academic Banquet on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Motion passed 6-0-1.

#### Approval of Facility Fees Starting 25-26 School Year

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by no

one to approve the facility fees starting the 25-26 school year. Motion failed. Discussion was had in regards to who is going to pay the fees and who is not, as well as why the fees should be paid by the youth groups. A new motion was made by Mr. Achterberg for youth programs to only pay for the lining of the softball and baseball fields and no other fees as well as the activities director is to review expectations with each group by having a form in writing. Mr. Bellis seconded this motion. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the donation of \$200 from the PTO towards the 2nd grade field trip to Wisconsin Dells. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-6

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the first reading of NEOLA policies 1-6 as presented. Mr. Nickel did discuss policy 6235 in suggesting one of 2 options available. Clarification of that policy option was given. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Swearing in of elected board members, Elementary School will have a student spotlight, second reading of NEOLA policies to approve, possible closed session of 25-26 renewal/nonrenewal of teachers.

#### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss a co-curricular code violation appeal of a student and to consider the qualifications of applicants for the fiscal services administrator position.

#### Return to Open Session

#### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 21, 2025**

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. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Andrew Saloun, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Ms. Angie Noyons, Ms. Morgan Shields, Mr. Brandon Miller, Mr. Liam Miller, Mr. Maysen Miller, Ms. Amy Nolden, Mr. Ethan Nolden, Ms. Hazel Nolden and Mr. Hawk Nolden. Mr. Bell arrived at 7:38 pm.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Official Oath of School Board Members

Mr. Chad Bellis and Ms. Autumn Pease recited and signed their oath of office docu-



ment to continue being a board member.

#### Open Forum

No one signed up.

#### Student Spotlight-Elementary School PTO Art & Science Fair Grand Prize Winners

Mr. Liam Miller presented his PTO science project pertaining to water filtration. He did a demonstration and the board was impressed and can't wait to see what other projects he comes up with. Ms. Hazel Miller presented her PTO art winning project which consisted of a rabbit drawing made out of flowers, along with vases that had flowers pressed onto them. The board commented how beautiful they were and that she had done a great job, also looking forward to her next creative project.

#### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Levzow stated that the masked reading day sounded interesting, and Mr. Kohn explained it a bit more. She also stated that Ag day was successful and that it was great to see that summer school registration was going out and a great opportunity for the students. It was also mentioned that spring concerts were coming up. Ms. Walker stated that the 4th grade art projects displayed at the public library are wonderful to see. Middle School-Ms. Levzow stated that the school is busy right now with testing. Ms. Levzow stated that the mentoring of staff is appreciated. She also asked about the 8th grade mural at the memory care section of the nursing home, and Ms. Denure explained that a little more. High School-Ms. Levzow talked about the testing that had been done. Ms. Levzow stated that she was able to assist in the senior exit interviews, and the seniors did a great job and she was thoroughly impressed with their after high school plans. Dr. Heninger also stated he assisted in the senior interviews and that it is a capstone to the end of their senior year. He stated that it was a meaningful opportunity. Mr. Kinworthy asked how many students currently have work experience, and it was answered. Athletics-Discussion was had of athletic budget cuts for the 25-26 school year mentioned in his report. Dr. Heninger will talk further with Mr. Hammerschmidt. Technology-Ms. Levzow asked about the Mitel bankruptcy and how it affects us. Mr. Walker stated that it shouldn't affect us, and that we have a third-party vendor that helps with any issues currently. He is monitoring the situation. Ms. Levzow also asked how Infinite Campus training was going and Mr. Walker and the administration team answered that. Building and Grounds-Ms. Levzow stated that they continued to stay busy and had a lot of work tickets.

#### Committee Reports

Ms. Pease summarized the curriculum meeting and Ms. Levzow went over the building and grounds meeting.

#### Student Representative Report

Ms. Levzow went over the student report highlights.

#### Referendum Discussion

Dr. Heninger talked about the core meeting that happened this morning and were given timelines for possible referendums in April and November of 2026. The core team

is meeting again on Tuesday, 4/22/25. Ms. Levzow asked the board members, administration team as well as some attendees what their thoughts were on how to proceed. Mr. Kinworthy stated that we should push it out to November 2026 to do more planning and hopefully by then the economic climate right now will not be an issue. Mr. Bellis stated that April 2026 doesn't seem that far away and would like to hold off a little more. He also stated that maybe other discussions need to be had and other ways of communicating need to be figured out. Mr. Nickel stated that visual renderings are not able to be done at the early process of a referendum as it is quite expensive and we don't want to be locked into something that may need to be changed later on and the constituents would not be pleased. Ms. Levzow stated that she is getting feedback from people asking why we just don't buy a new stove, and it looks like the whole point of the kitchen issue was not conveyed properly. More communication and different communication is needed. Maybe we need to talk about current costs of maintaining the spaces versus the new spaces and costs related to efficiency and upkeep. Ms. Levzow stated that also maybe we need to have two different facility referendum questions. One for the maintenance repairs and the other for the additions. Mr. Nickel stated that the more time the better so we can get a better handle on it. He also likes the two-question option. Ms. Walker stated that we need more time and the two-question option is an interesting idea. Ms. Pease stated that she is interested in discussing the two-question option. She also wants to know why the survey results are so far off, and she wants to see what went wrong. Ms. Pease stated that we need to think outside of the box, get more students, families and staff involved. Mr. Nickel stated that it would be smart to engage parents as they are the ones that spend the most time in the buildings. Mr. Bell stated that he was leaning towards a November referendum and to have more time to get information out. Ms. Denure likes the idea of involving students and parents. Mr. Kohn stated that he would prefer the November referendum and 2-part question. Mr. Housner and Mr. Walker also preferred the November referendum and 2-part questions. Dr. Heninger likes to see the unity in the process. He has been on board with the process since day 1 and looks forward to the continued process. Ms. Noyons stated that she didn't think that some things could wait and would prefer an earlier referendum date. She also stated that the falsehoods in the community need to be dealt with, and not sure how to fix that. Ms. Seichter stated that she understands the need to prepare, but if we wait till after the April 2026 elections and possibly get new board members that are not fans of the project and want to change it, will that hurt a November 2026 election. Mr. Kinworthy stated that he could make himself an expert on the referendum and go to games or events and talk to people in attendance to see if they had any questions.

#### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Nickel stated that he participated in FFA officer interviews and stated that it was a rewarding experience to interview the 7 candidates. Ms. Levzow asked Mr. Bell about the graduation and cords to ensure that last year's incident doesn't happen this year. Mr. Bell stated that he has talked to his leadership team and has a plan in place.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 4/7/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 4/7/25. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

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

#### Approval of MyView Curriculum 6 Year Contract

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the MyView Curriculum 6-Year Contract. Dr. Heninger talked briefly on the 6 year contract. Ms. Levzow and Ms. Pease also talked about what had been presented at the curriculum meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for FBLA to Nationals

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip for FBLA to Nationals. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Art Club

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the overnight field trip for Art Club to Chicago. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Spring Sports Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the two spring sport volunteers as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Donations

No donations to be approved at this time.

#### Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-6

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies 1-6 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Election of School Board officers, delegate a board member for the CESA 5 Annual convention, determine board members to hand out diplomas, and approve the CESA9 eRate Shared services contract, CESA5 Shared services contract and approval of letters of intent to staff.

#### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Discuss 2025-2026 Staffing, Fiscal Services Administrator Position and Consideration of Employment (Renewal/Non-Renewal) of Teachers.

#### Return to Open Session

#### Approval of Fiscal Services Administrator

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve Andrew Saloun as the Fiscal Services Administrator. Motion was tabled for further review of job description by the personnel committee.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the adjournment. Mo-



tion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

## **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 5, 2025**

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. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Levzow, and Student Representative Bronte Hulberg. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Amanda Seichter and Ms. Angie Noyons.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

### Election of School Board Officers

Dr. Heninger opened the floor to take nominations for board President. Nominated was Ms. Becky Levzow by Ms. Walker. Motion for approval was Mr. Nickel and seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion passed 7-0. The floor was then open for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Nickel was nominated by Ms. Levzow and seconded by Ms. Pease. Motion passed 7-0. The floor was then opened up for nominations for board Treasurer. Ms. Walker was nominated by Mr. Nickel and seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion passed 7-0. The floor was then opened up for nominations for board Clerk. Ms. Walker nominated Mr. Bellis. Motioned by Mr. Nickel and seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion passed 7-0.

### Delegate for CESA5 Annual Convention on 5/15/25

Ms. Levzow asked who would be able to go to the annual convention at CESA 5. Mr. Kinworthy stated that he would check his schedule. Ms. Pease stated that she could be a backup if Mr. Kinworthy could not go. Mr. Nickel also stated that he could go if no one else can.

### Superintendent's Report on WASDA Annual Educational Conference

Dr. Heninger talked about the different sessions that he attended during the conference.

### School Board Members to Hand Out Diplomas at Graduation

Board members handing out diplomas will be Mr. Achterberg and Ms. Pease.

### Referendum Update

Dr. Heninger stated that there was no new information since the last core meeting. Mr. Housner talked to Tremco about repair options with the roof including a possible leak protection barrier. Mr. Achterberg asked if leaks still in any of the gyms, and Mr. Housner stated no. Mr. Kinworthy asked about clarifying the leak protection. Mr. Housner did respond. Ms. Levzow stated that the next core meeting is next Tuesday, and they will talk more about the timeline. Ms. Levzow asked

if anyone wanted to change the timeline from moving forward on the November 2026 election, and Ms. Walker stated that she would like to see the election in April 2026. Other board members were still fine with the November 2026 election.

### Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow attended the FFA banquet and stated that there was lots to be proud of out of that group. Ms. Levzow also stated that more donations have been coming in for the agriculture department greenhouse, and they have just about made their goal of \$100,000 in a short period of time. Ms. Levzow stated that Ms. Wagner is the new FFA president for next year. Ms. Walker stated that she went to the elementary school concert on Friday, and stated it was wonderful.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 4/21/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve minutes dated 4/21/25. Motion passed 6-0-1.

### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for FFA Retreat

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip for FFA retreat. Ms. Seichter did talk about the FFA field trip. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of 8th Grade Dance on Wednesday, 6/4/25 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the 8th grade dance on Wednesday 6/4/25. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Tree Removal Bid

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the bid from Just a Memory Tree Service for tree removal. Mr. Housner and Ms. Levzow did go over the information that was provided to the board. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of POTs Replacement

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the POTs replacement plan. Mr. Walker talked about the need and the cost savings to the district. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of SIS Tech Coach Advisors & Additional Advisor for 24-25 School Year

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the SIS tech coach advisors for the 24-25 school year as presented. Dr. Heninger and Mr. Walker talked about the need for extra staff to assist in the training of Infinite Campus. Mr. Nickel asked if these costs were part of the initial Infinite Campus fees or additional. Mr. Walker stated these are additional fees. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the resignation of Lindsay Ganz. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Certified Staff Hire for 2025-2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the certified staff hire for 2025-2026 school year of Amanda Saucedo. Mr. Kohn gave the board information on the proposed candidate. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of 2025 Summer School Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the 2025 summer school staff as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of 2025 Fall High School Head Coaches

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the 2025 fall high school head coaches as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Additional Spring Sports Volunteer

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the additional spring sports volunteer as presented. Mr. Nickel did ask how long the season had to go and Ms. Denure answered. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of CESA5 Shared Services Contract for 25-26 School Year

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the CESA 5 Shared Services Contract for 25-26 school year. Dr. Heninger gave information from last year to compare to this year's contract. COMAN and Richardson School were explained to the newer board members. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of 2025-2026 CESA9 E-Rate Shared Service Contract

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the 2025-2026 CESA 9 eRate Shared Service Contract. Mr. Walker did a brief overview of eRate services. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the donations of \$2,500 from Glen and Melissa Fisher towards the agriculture department greenhouse, Box top donations came in for the Elementary School for \$21.10 and the Middle School for \$9.00. Motion passed 7-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Counselors will be giving their annual update, approving of health and dental insurance plans, along with the Smith Bus transportation contract, approving the 25-26 Open Enrollment Applications and reviewing the 2024 audit.

### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss letters of intent for 2025-2026 support staff and certified staff along with increasing the administrative assistant wages.

### Return to Open Session

Approval of Letters of Intent for 2025-2026 Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the letters of intent for 2025-2026 support staff. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Letters of Intent for the 2025-2026 Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the letters of intent for 2025-2026 certified staff. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Wage Increases for Administrative Assistants

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to table the wage increases for administrative assistants. This was tabled. No approval.

### Approval of Fiscal Services Coordinator

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve Andy Saloun as the new Fiscal Services Coordinator. Motion passed 7-0.



Adjournment  
Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

## **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Levzow and Student Representative Bronte Hulberg. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Megan Dietzenbach, Ms. Crystal Huset, Ms. Courtney Sturtevant, Mr. Chris Lindert, Ms. Angie Noyons, Ms. Amy Bellis, Mr. Alek Bellis, Ms. Kinleyh Anderson, Ms. Tania Anderson, Mr. Braylon Wendlandt, Mr. Ryan Wendlandt and Ms. Madelynn Soppe. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 8:17 pm and Ms. Amber Denure arrived at 8:24pm.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

### Open Forum

No one signed up.

### Student Spotlight: 8th Grade DC Trip Recap and Report

Mr. Lindert had the students introduce themselves, and the students then talked about their daily experiences during the Washington D.C. trip. The board did ask questions of the students. Mr. Lindert gave his report on how many students went on the trip, cost of the trip and the fundraising they did to offset the costs. Ms. Levzow asked Mr. Lindert about opportunities for students who can't afford to go can go, and Mr. Lindert stated that there are different opportunities to help those students.

### MS Student Council Presenting Birdhouses

Ms. Sturtevant and Ms. Anderson and Ms. Soppe presented birdhouses from the middle school student council to Mr. Kinworthy and Dr. Heninger.

### Annual School Counselor Update

Ms. Dietzenbach, Ms. Sturtevant and Ms. Huset gave their annual end of the school year report to the board. The board did not have any questions.

### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Levzow stated that there continue to be great opportunities for the students. Ms. Walker stated that the Goodies for Grownup events were great. Ms. Walker also stated that she enjoyed the 2nd grade field trip. Ms. Levzow stated it was wonderful to see the elementary students participating in the community service day projects. Middle School-Student showcase was happening tonight along with their end of the year concerts. Dr. Heninger stated that he

admired the artwork in the gym. Ms. Levzow stated that it was nice to see both events in one evening. High School-Dr. Heninger went over the report highlights, also mentioning that graduation is on Saturday. Ms. Walker and Ms. Levzow both stated that they attended the high school concert and it was wonderful. Ms. Levzow stated that she attended the high school awards night and it was great to see over \$280,000 in scholarships given out to students. Athletics-Mr. Hammerschmidt stated they were wrapping up the spring seasons, with people continually setting records. The softball team got a 6th seed for playoffs with a first-round bye. WIAA made changes, including adopting the NIL. Mr. Hammerschmidt stated that information will be going out to families and students soon. WIAA is still finalizing that information to go out to families. Building and Grounds-Ms. Levzow stated that they are always busy. The job posting was inquired about. They will be starting their summer cleaning process soon. Technology-Ms. Levzow stated that the department is busy, and will continue to be busy until the end of the year.

### Student Representative Report

Ms. Hulberg went over her report. Mr. Kinworthy inquired about the FFA plant sale.

### Committee Reports

There were no questions on the committee reports.

### School Board Committee Assignments

Ms. Levzow went over the minor changes of the committee assignments. The board members were given copies.

### July Board Meeting Date

It was asked of the board that we only do one board meeting in July, being on July 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm with the annual meeting and budget meeting to follow. As in years past in July there has only been one board meeting.

### Referendum Update

Dr. Heninger gave an update from the core meeting. They will be doing bi-weekly meetings from here on out. Dr. Heninger stated that he will be the liaison to the board. It was a strong recommendation from the core meeting group that we continue on the November 2026 referendum. They will be coming to the June 16th meeting to present.

### Board Comments & Questions

No comments or questions.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 5/5/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 5/5/25. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures. Dr. Heninger gave a brief rundown of the report. Ms. Walker asked questions. Mr. Bellis asked for a working PDF file vs a scanned file. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip in 2026

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip on April 25, 2026 - May 1, 2026. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval to Move Annual Meeting to July 21, 2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the moving of the annual meeting to July 21, 2025. Dr. Heninger had gone over the reason why the need to change the annual and budget meeting to July vs. August. Mr. Nickel asked if he could attend virtually. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of 24-25 Student Calendar Change

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the change of the 24-25 student calendar of no students on 6/6/24. Mr. Nickel asked if this had been done before, and it was thought no. Ms. Levzow wanted assurance that families would have ample notice of the calendar change. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the resignations of Bryce Mattson, Donna Sherrick and Julie Breneman. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Hiring of Support Staff

Nothing to approve at this time.

### Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff

Nothing to approve at this time.

### Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Nothing to approve at this time.

### Approval of 2025-2026 Open Enrollment Applications

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment applications. The board asked questions of clarity on the list, to which Ms. Mecum answered. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of 2025-2026 Transportation Contract with Smith Bus Services

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2025-2026 transportation contract with Smith Bus Services. Ms. Levzow stated this was discussed at the finance committee meeting and was agreed upon. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the donation of \$500 from Pardeeville One Stop to the Elementary School. Motion passed 7-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Presentation of 2024 Audit, Student/Family handbook approvals along with 1:1 student chromebook handbook approval, food service lunch increases. Also a possible closed session.

### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk



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### **Upcoming Events**

- June 16.....Board of Education Meeting, Elementary School LMC, 7 p.m.
- July 21.....Board of Education Meeting, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- July 21.....Board of Education Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting, Lenz Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 4 .....Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 7 .....Pardeeville School Registration & Photos, HS atrium, 7-10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.
- Aug. 15.....Rockland Road concert at Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18.....Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 27.....District Wide Open House, 4-6 p.m.
- Sept. 1.....No School, Labor Day
- Sept. 2.....1st day of school for 4K, new elementary, 5th and 9th grade students
- Sept. 3.....1st day of school with all students present