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Members of last year's Pardeeville High School football team, cheer team and Spanish club gather on the football field prior to the 2024 Pinkout football game. This year's pinkout game, which is a fundraiser in the fight against breast cancer, will take place on Friday, Oct. 10 during the varsity game against Markesan.

Come support Pardeeville's Pink Out game on Oct. 10

Pardeeville High School's Spanish Club, along with the football and cheerleading programs, is proud to host the 3rd Annual Pink Out on Friday, Oct. 10, during the varsity football game at home against Markesan. The event is held in partnership with Prairie Ridge

Healthcare in Columbus, with all proceeds benefiting the hospital's breast health education and wig program.

Last year's Pink Out was one for the record books, as Pardeeville raised \$5,557—edging out Marshall by just \$4 to bring in the most money of any

area school participating in Prairie Ridge Healthcare's Pink Out events. Thanks to that effort, Pardeeville will host the grand prize raffle drawing at the high school this fall.

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Construction begins

New greenhouse being built at Pardeeville High School

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Wagoner, Anderson recognized with Pardeeville's yearly staff awards

The Pardeeville Area School District kicked off the new school year by recognizing two outstanding staff members during the district's first day of in-service on Monday, Aug. 25.

Pardeeville Middle School Principal Amber Denure presented the staff awards, which highlight excellence, dedication, and service to students and the school community from the 2024-2025 school year.

This year's Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Greg Wagoner, a middle school English teacher whose passion and commitment to his students has made a lasting impact both inside and outside the classroom.

The Support Person of the Year Award was presented to Heidi Anderson, high school and athletic administrative assistant, who is recognized for her hard work, organization, and steady support of students, staff, and families.

The district congratulates both award winners and thanks them for their contributions to making Pardeeville schools a welcoming and supportive place for all.



Pardeeville Middle School English teacher Greg Wagoner was named the PASD Teacher of the Year for the 2024-2025 school year, while high school and athletic administrative assistant Heidi Anderson was named the District's Support Person of the Year.

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 links below for the District's most requested information. **Still need assistance? Contact us at (608) 429-2153.**

District calendar: www.pasdwi.org/district/DistrictCalendar.cfm

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

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Lunch and breakfast menus: www.pasdwi.org/district/lunchmenu.cfm#d133844

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New look in high school gym

The new scoreboards — including one with a stat panel to track stats during volleyball and basketball games — were installed on Friday, Sept. 19. Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, our old scoreboards will also find a new home in the elementary school gym as a big upgrade there.

Board of Education selects Knitt as Interim District Administrator

The Pardeeville Area School District Board of Education has hired Gus Knitt as the interim district administrator for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Knitt is a familiar face in Pardeeville, having served as the district administrator from 2008 to 2021. With 46 years of experience in education, Knitt has held various roles, including district administrator for the School District of Marion from 2001 to 2008.

The board selected Knitt from a pool of applicants while it begins the search for a permanent district



Knitt

administrator, with the goal of hiring somebody by July 2026. He steps in to replace Ben Heninger.

“I am looking forward to coming back to the Pardeeville Area School District and being the bridge between the previous District Administrator and the new District Administrator who will come in 2026,” Knitt said.

PINK OUT

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This year’s fundraising lineup includes:

Pink-Out Raffle Tickets: One for \$5 or five for \$20. Tickets are available now from Spanish Club Advisor Sra. Brees, Spanish Club students, or at the game. The top prize is \$1,000.

50-50 Raffle: Held during the

game.

Basket Raffles: Dozens of themed baskets to win! Community members interested in donating a basket can contact Sra. Brees at breeki@pasdwi.org.

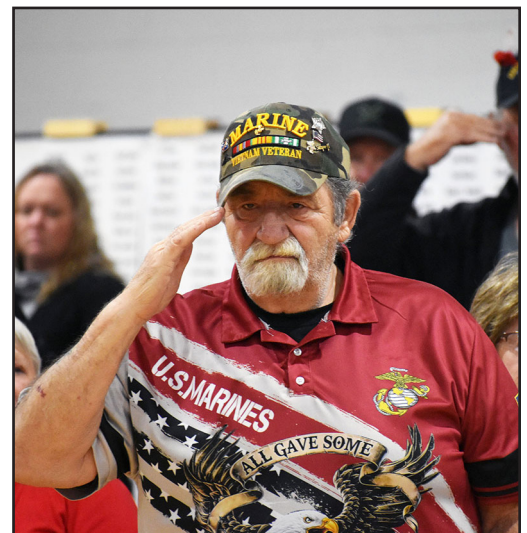
Fans are encouraged to wear pink and pack the stands to cheer on the Bulldogs while supporting a cause that touches so many families. Let’s make this year’s Pink Out even bigger and better, and see if we can top last year’s record total.

Programs scheduled to honor local veterans

Pardeeville Middle School and Pardeeville High School will once again be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 11, starting at 10:15 a.m. in the Pardeeville High School gymnasium. All veterans and their guests are welcome to attend as special guests of the Pardeeville Area School District. Following the ceremony there will be a sit-down Veterans Day dinner for the veterans in the atrium. Veterans and their guests are welcome to enjoy this meal as a token of gratitude for their service. If veterans and their guests plan on attending the dinner, they are asked to please RSVP to Heidi Anderson at 608-429-2153 ext. 211 by Oct. 31.

Veterans invited to breakfast program on Nov. 21

The Pardeeville Elementary School Veterans Day Breakfast will take place on Friday, Nov. 21 in the elementary school gymnasium. Breakfast will be served to veterans and their families during this ceremony. Check-in for this event is at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9 a.m. Veterans can RSVP by Nov. 14 for this program by contacting Amber Hoffman at 429-2151 X110 or by emailing her at hofam@pasdwi.org with the veteran’s name and the number of people attending.



The Pardeeville Area School District will be holding two events to honor veterans in November. The Veterans Day program at Pardeeville High School will take place on Nov. 11. The Veterans Day Breakfast at Pardeeville Elementary School will be held on Nov. 21.



MESSAGE FROM INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GUS KNITT

It's an exciting time to be back helping Pardeeville Schools

When I wrote my final article in the June, 2021 Pardeeville Area School District Newsletter, I thought that was my final correspondence with you. But, as you can see, I am back. The Board of Education hired me as the Interim District Administrator. I will serve in this role until the Board of Education hires a new Superintendent, who will begin in 2026.

The Board of Education, at its Sept. 15 board meeting, hired the Wisconsin Association of School Boards to conduct the search for a new superintendent. The Board will be meeting with the consultant from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards in October to establish a calendar for the hiring process, which will include a

posting date for the job, an application deadline, and interview schedule.

I will be in the School District on a part-time basis. During my time in Pardeeville, I will be working on preparation for the referendum, that is planned for November, 2026, and help the Board of Education prepare for the new superintendent search, along with the normal daily activities of a superintendent.

It is exciting to be back in the Pardeeville Area School District. While some things have changed since I was here the last time, what hasn't changed are the outstanding students, a great staff, a Board of Education that wants quality education for all students, and a welcoming community.

Pardeeville Area School District welcomes new staff members

The Pardeeville Area School District is excited to welcome several new staff members and student interns who joined us over the summer and at the start of the 2024–25 school year. Each of these individuals brings unique skills, experiences, and enthusiasm to our schools, and we are thrilled to have them as part of the Bulldog family.

At the high school, Bryon Halverson has joined the team as a special education teacher, and Camden Stampfl is serving as the new middle school and high school physical education teacher.

In the elementary school, Amanda Saucedo is teaching 4th grade. Supporting classrooms and students are new paraprofessionals Tony Bundy, Ashley Ledlow, and Erica Scholl.

Our custodial staff has also grown with the additions of Tori Schiess and Andy Peterson, both of whom help keep our facilities safe and welcoming.

The district is also fortunate to host several student teachers and interns this year. Ian Moehr and Cody Huggins are serving as guidance counseling interns, while Sarah Walther is working as a physical education student teacher. Madalyn Tierney has joined the elementary school as a student teacher.

We are grateful to have these dedicated educators and staff members join our team. Please join us in giving them a warm Bulldog welcome!



Pardeeville High School teacher Meagan Vujnovich shows her Forestry students how to identify one of the many trees growing outside the high school.

Forestry students get lesson on tree identification

Pardeeville High School Agri-Science Teacher Meagan Vujnovich believes that some of the best lessons happen outside the classroom—and her Forestry students got to experience that firsthand on a recent sunny morning.

Vujnovich took her class outdoors to explore the trees growing right on the high school campus. Equipped with a dichotomous key, students worked in pairs and small groups to carefully observe leaves, bark, and branching patterns. Using these clues, they practiced the process of tree identification and discovered the variety of species rooted just steps away from their classroom.

Hands-on activities like this not only strengthen students' understanding of forestry concepts, but also keep them active and engaged. Vujnovich says she looks for opportunities to take advantage of nice weather to get her students moving, adding that these real-world experiences make learning more meaningful—and a lot more fun.



MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAVID BELL

Why we are asking students to put phones away at school

Research shows restricting access to cell phones helps students focus

In recent years, teachers across the U.S. have shared a common concern: students seem less able to stay focused than in the past. A 2024 survey found that more than half of K-8 teachers reported their students' ability to read for long stretches of time has "decreased a lot" since 2019, with nearly another third saying it has "decreased a little" (Willingham). Schools suspect that distractions from digital technology – including cellphones – play a role.

Research supports the idea that digital devices are more than just occasional distractions – they may be changing how young people approach attention itself. Daniel Willingham's review in *Education Next* observes a modest but consistent correlation: students who use digital devices more intensively tend to show weaker attention regulation (Willingham). Over time, frequent shifts between apps or social media feeds may train the brain to expect constant stimulation, making it harder to stay on task when working is more demanding or less

immediately gratifying. This dynamic can make routine academic tasks feel boring or slow by comparison (Willingham).

For these reasons, restricting cellphone access during the school day helps us create an environment where students can build their capacity for sustained attention. When phones are unavailable – especially during full periods of class – students are less able to compare the immediate allure of digital content with their current schoolwork. Over time, this helps reset expectations about what kinds of activities are engaging, and improves readiness for deeper learning (Willingham).

Over the coming months, in this district newsletter, we will share more information exploring related topics such as: how to build attention skills, strategies to reduce distractions, and what research says about screen time in and outside of school. We hope these pieces help families, students, and staff understand the importance of putting away the technology during the school day.

Source: Daniel T. Willingham, "Pay Attention, Kid! Has the Use of Digital Technology Impaired Students' Ability to Focus?" *Education Next*, Sept. 16, 2024.

Pardeeville High School welcomes in Class of 2029

Members of Pardeeville High School's Class of 2029 officially began their high school journey during Freshman Orientation Day on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

The day kicked off in the Lenz Auditorium, where students were welcomed by Principal David Bell. They also watched a video introducing them to staff members and enjoyed a lighthearted skit covering classroom expectations at the high school.

From there, freshmen split into smaller groups to receive and log into their Chromebooks. The groups rotated through a series of stations that highlighted different aspects of high school life, providing students with a chance to get comfortable with their new environment.

To help them learn their way around the building, students took part in a scavenger hunt that led them to classrooms and key areas of the school. After breaking for lunch, the Class of 2029 ran through a mock schedule of their classes, giving them a feel for what a typical day will look like.



Members of Pardeeville's freshmen class pose for a photo during Freshman Orientation Day on Sept. 2.

The day wrapped up with an energetic team-building session led by Brian Kenney of Team Extreme, helping students strengthen connections with their classmates as they embark on their high school careers together.

Music students already gearing up for fall concert season

The Pardeeville Area School District Music Department has a busy and exciting fall season ahead, filled with performances and opportunities for the community to enjoy.

Middle and High School Fall concert set for Oct. 27

The annual Middle School and High School Fall Concert will be held on Monday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium. The evening will feature performances from the Beginning Choir, Middle School Choir, and High School Choir, as well as selections from the middle school bands, including the 5th and 6th graders. This concert is free to attend, and no reservations are required—just come, find a seat, and enjoy an evening of student music.

Trailways South Honors Choir Concert is Nov. 17

Pardeeville will serve as host for this year's Trailways South Honors Choir Concert, taking place on Monday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium. The concert will showcase top high school choir students from schools throughout the Trailways South Conference, including select singers from Pardeeville.

To earn a spot, students submit a written questionnaire and complete a singing audition. Those selected will prepare music ahead of time and then spend the day rehearsing with the ensemble under the direction of guest conductor Anthony Cao from Madison West High School. Cao, who received high praise last year, returns again by



The Trailways South Honors Choir consists of the top choir students in the area, including many from Pardeeville High School. This year's Trailways South Honors Choir Concert will take place on Monday, Nov. 17 in the Lenz Auditorium, starting at 6 p.m. This concert is free to the public.

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Students selling Bucky Books and Berres Brothers Coffee

Pardeeville High School music students are currently selling Bucky Books as their annual fundraiser. Proceeds will help offset the costs of upcoming trips and music program needs.

Each book is priced at \$35 and can be purchased from high school music students, at the high school or middle school offices, or by contacting Choir Director Mrs. Taya Larson at larsta@pasdwi.org. Bucky Books will also be available at the Fall Concert on Oct. 27 and can be purchased through mid-November.

This year, the Pardeeville Music Department is doing its yearly coffee sale early. The middle school and high school students will be selling Berres Brothers Coffee the first couple of weeks in October, just in time to get you in the fall spirit. To order coffee, see any band or choir student in grades 7-12 for more information. All profits will go directly to the student to use for music purchases and/or future trips with the music department.

The Music Department invites the community to attend these concerts and support student musicians through the Bucky Book fundraiser. Together, let's celebrate the hard work, talent, and dedication of Pardeeville's young performers.

Stock up at-home library with Elementary Literati Fall Book Fair

Get ready, readers! The Pardeeville Elementary School Literati Fall Book Fair is coming to the library Oct. 20–24. Students will have the chance to browse and shop during the school day, while families and community members are invited to stop by during special after-school and evening hours.

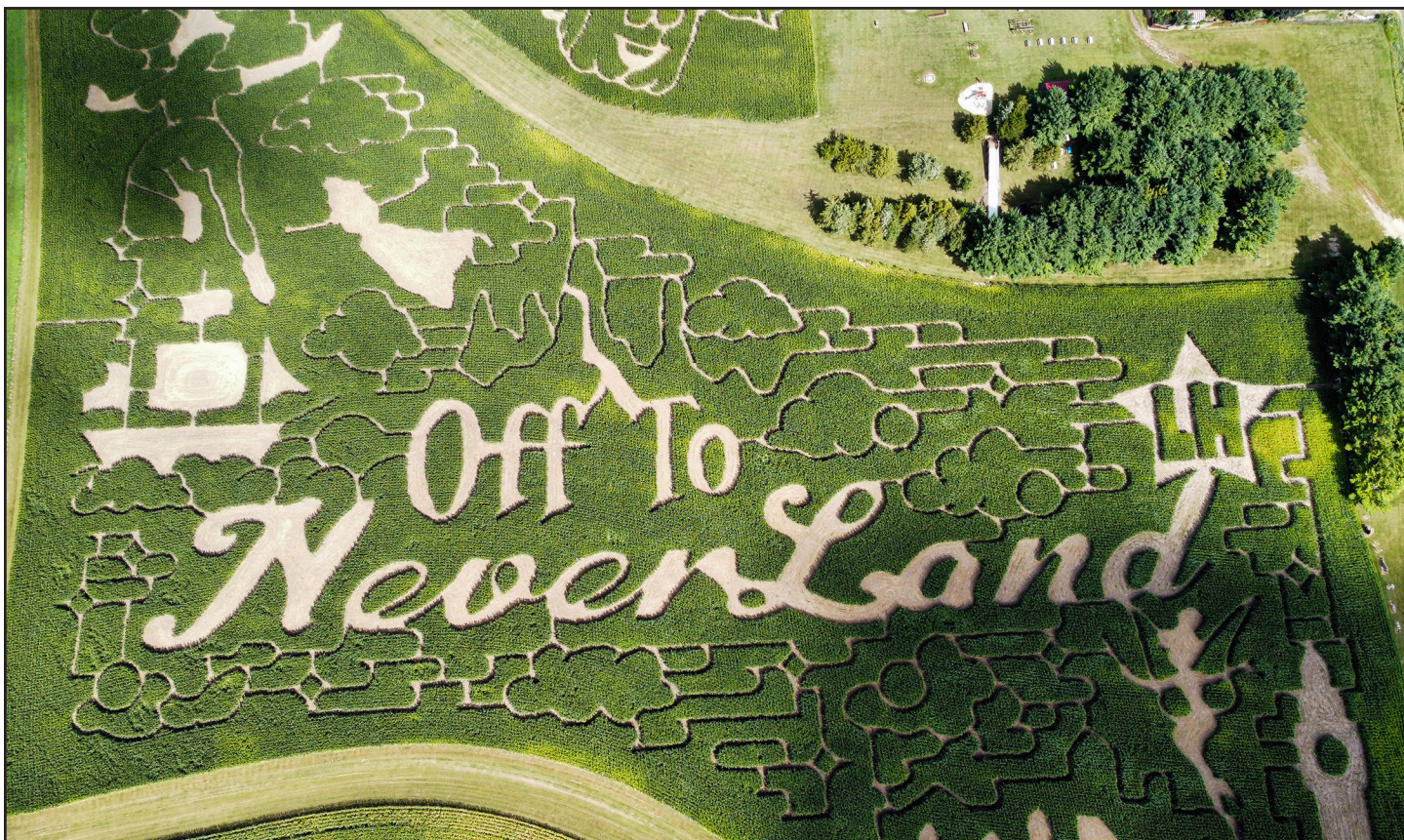
The book fair will be open to the public from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday,

Oct. 20, Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Wednesday, Oct. 22. In addition, the fair will be open during parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 8 p.m. Please note: the fair will not be open after school on Friday, Oct. 24.

The fair accepts cash, credit and debit cards, checks made payable to the Pardeeville Area School District, and book fair gift cards.

For those who want to start shopping early—or can't make it in person—the online book fair is already open. You can explore a wide variety of titles and support the school by shopping at fairs.literati.com.

The book fair is a great way to build home libraries, encourage a love of reading, and support Pardeeville Elementary School.



This year's corn maze at Creek Bed Farmacy in Poynette is a tribute to Lorelei Hepler, a Pardeeville High School student who was tragically killed in a car accident last January. Lorelei worked at Creek Bed Farmacy and loved the theatre. She played the role of Mrs. Darling in the Pardeeville High School Drama Club's production of *Peter/Wendy* last fall.

Local corn maze honors memory of Pardeeville student

This fall, Creek Bed Farmacy in Poynette is paying tribute to the memory of Pardeeville High School student Lorelei Hepler with a special corn maze design called "Off to Neverland."

Lorelei, who passed away in a car accident last January, was not only a beloved student and active member of the Pardeeville Drama Club, but also an employee at Creek Bed Farmacy. Last fall, she shared her vision for the farm's 2025 corn maze, suggesting a Peter Pan theme. Following her passing, the Creek Bed Farmacy team chose to honor her wishes and bring her idea to life.

The maze features iconic Peter Pan elements, including Tinker Bell, the Pirate Ship, and Peter Pan and Wendy, along with a deeply personal touch: the 10-foot-tall letters "LH." According to a post on the farm's Facebook page, these letters serve as "a quiet tribute to someone very special – our own 'amazing girl' that we had the honor and privilege of getting to know."

Lorelei's love for theater made the Peter Pan theme especially meaningful. Last fall, she played the role of Mrs. Darling in Pardeeville High School Drama Club's production of *Peter/Wendy*. Outside of school, she often attended plays and musicals, further showing her passion for the stage.

By following Lorelei's vision for the corn maze, Creek Bed Farmacy has created a living tribute—one that cele-



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brates her creativity, her love of theater, and the impact she made on everyone who knew her.

Creek Bed Farmacy's corn maze, pumpkin patch, and play area are open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from Sept. 20 to Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The farm is located about 10 miles south of Pardeeville at N2767 Mountford Rd., Poynette.



ABOVE: Wisconsin State FFA Officers, including Pardeeville's Brook Luedtke (center) perform a skit during the Leadership Workshop held in Pardeeville on Sept. 24.



LEFT: Pardeeville FFA Chapter President Ava Wagner address the crowd at the workshop.

Pardeeville hosts Section 6 Fall Leadership Workshop

Over 350 people attend event

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Pardeeville High School was buzzing with energy as it hosted the Wisconsin FFA Section 6 Fall Leadership Workshop. More than 350 FFA members and advisors from area schools came together under this year's theme, "Better Together."

The evening featured workshops on leadership and chapter management skills tailored for different officer roles, giving students practical tools to bring back to their own chapters. As part of the program, Wisconsin State FFA Officers—including 2023 PHS graduate Brook Luedtke—introduced themselves and performed a skit that highlighted the importance of teamwork and collaboration.

The Section 6 Workshop is part of the Wisconsin FFA's Fall Leadership Workshops, a statewide series of regional events designed to strengthen leadership development and chapter engagement. Other workshops this fall were held at Cochrane-Fountain City, Bloomer, Stanley-Boyd, Loyal, Prairie du Chien, DeForest, Beaver Dam, New Holstein, and New London.

The Pardeeville FFA extends a big thank you to all the donors who provided an amazing meal, the volunteers who helped the event run smoothly, and the PHS staff for graciously allowing the use of classrooms during the workshop.

Work on new greenhouse project begins at high school

Exciting progress is happening on the south side of the Pardeeville High School campus as construction has begun on a brand-new greenhouse. Work officially kicked off in late August when ground was broken for the 24-by-40-foot facility, located near the high school parking lot and maintenance shed.

The project is the result of an incredible community effort. In just 11 months, the Pardeeville Agriculture and Food Science Department raised all \$108,000 needed to make the greenhouse a reality, thanks to generous donations from local businesses and supporters.

The greenhouse is expected to be operational by January 1, providing students with a hands-on learning space during the winter months. Additional projects, including a surrounding fence and raised garden beds for a school garden, are planned for completion in the spring.

A grand opening celebration is set to take place on Friday, May 9, during the annual Spring Plant Sale. Community members will be invited to tour the new greenhouse, honor the donors who made it possible, and purchase plants grown by students.



Construction has begun on a new greenhouse at Pardeeville High School. All \$108,000 for the project was raised donations from local businesses.



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2025-2026 PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov. 25	Waterloo, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 2	Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Dec. 15	Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 22	Horicon, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 29	Marshall Classic, TBD
Dec. 30	Marshall Classic, TBD
Jan. 5	at Wisconsin Dells, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6	Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Princeton/G.L. (at Green Lake), 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 23	Trailways Crossover at Oakfield, TBD
Jan. 26	Madison Abundant Life, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Poynette, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 29	Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 17	Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 20	Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Belleville, 7:15 p.m.

-JV games start at 5:45 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov. 18	at Waterloo, 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Princeton/G.L. (at Green Lake), 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 1	Horicon, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 4	Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Berlin, 7 p.m.
Dec. 16	Wisconsin Heights, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Adams-Friendship Tournament, TBD
Dec. 30	at Adams-Friendship Tournament, TBD
Jan. 5	Poynette, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 8	Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 15	Oshkosh Lourdes, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	Lodi, 7:15 p.m.
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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Dec. 6	at Black River Falls Invite, 10 a.m.
Dec. 9	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Waunakee Invite, 9 a.m.
Dec. 19	at Deerfield Invite, 5 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Horicon Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Sauk Prairie Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 15	at Markesan Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 17	at DeForest Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 23	Pardeeville Quad, 4 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Johnson Creek Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Wisconsin Dells Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 7	Pardeeville hosts Conference Tournament, 8 a.m.
Feb. 21	at Waterloo Sectional
Feb. 26-28	Individual State Tournament at Madison

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CURLING

Dec. 2	Poynette, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 4	at Waukesha West, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 9	Lodi, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 6	Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Lodi, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 16-17	Tietge Bonspiel at Wausau, TBD
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Feb. 10	at Dodgeand, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Horicon, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Princeton/GL, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Randolph/C-F (at Cambria), 4:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Nov. 3	at Waunakee Triangular, 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 13	Pardeeville Triangular, 4 p.m.
Nov. 20	Pardeeville Triangular, 4 p.m.
Nov. 24	Portage Triangular, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Waunakee Triangular, 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 4	at Reedsburg, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Pardeeville Triangular, 4 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Lodi Triangular, 4:30 p.m.

*-Dates and times subject to change
Check online athletic calendar for up-to-date info.*

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Performing Arts Series offers up variety of shows for everyone

Dual County Community Band Holiday Concert, Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos return

The 2025–2026 Performing Arts Series is off to a fantastic start at the Lenz Auditorium, and there's still plenty more to enjoy. From music and comedy to magic and community celebrations, this year's lineup has something special for everyone. Take a look at the exciting shows still to come:

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.



Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets will be at the Lenz Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 1.

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!



Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos! last played at the Lenz Auditorium in November of 2023. This show returns by popular demand on Friday, Feb. 6.

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
- 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.).



**MESSAGE FROM
PASD SCHOOL NURSE
JANETTE SHEEKS**

Staying healthy, staying in school key to classroom success

Now that a month of school has already passed, in the nursing office, we are already seeing students with coughs, sore throats, and stomach issues. Always the best way to protect ourselves against germs is good hand washing, especially before we eat. Eating a well-balanced diet, three meals a day with snacks, getting plenty of exercise, and a routine bedtime with 8-10 hours of sleep, will also be helpful in our fight against germs and viruses. Healthy kids learn more because they are in school.

The school policy is, if your student is ill, they should stay home. There are many viruses out there. For instance; pertussis, influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), covid, strep throat, and so many more. It is important to remember, if you take your child to the doctor or if your child is absent three days or more, that you get a medical note for attendance purposes.

There are changes regarding immunizations going on at the federal level. However, our compliance requirements have not changed. Students still need to have their immunizations. Kindergarteners on up have various requirements. Last year it became required that the 7th graders need a Tdap & Meningitis ACWY and 12th graders need a Meningitis ACWY. So, if your child has received a vaccination since the last time you have given us their immunization record, please let us know. The Wisconsin Immunization Registry is also checked on a regular basis.

We know historically, disease wiped out families and communities, but due to vaccination, we have prevented such tragedy. Also, know that if your child is not properly vaccinated, they can be excluded from school, if for example, we get cases of measles at school. Consult with your medical provider, to get the best protection for your student and those around them.

May we all have a fun, safe, and healthy year!

Mrs. Sheeks RN
sheeja@pasdwi.org,
608-429-2153 Ext. 258



Parents, athletes asked to attend winter and spring sports meeting

The Pardeeville Area School District will hold its Winter and Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium.

This year marks a change from the past, as both the winter and spring sports meetings will take place on the same evening. All athletes participating in a winter or spring sport at Pardeeville Middle School or High School—along with their parents—are asked to attend.

The evening will begin with a general meeting led by building principals. Following that, parents and athletes will break out into sport-specific sessions with their respective coaches.

If you are unable to attend, please connect with your coach to review the information shared and to pick up any necessary paperwork. Copies of physical and alternate forms will be available at the meeting. Please note that a current physical or alternate form must be on file in the athletic office before practices begin in order for athletes to be eligible to participate.

Winter Sports

High School: Boys & Girls Curling, Ice Fishing, Wrestling, Boys & Girls Basketball, Powerlifting

Middle School: Boys & Girls Curling, Wrestling, Boys & Girls Basketball

Spring Sports

High School: Baseball, Softball, Golf, Trap-Shooting, Track & Field

Middle School: Baseball, Softball, Trap-Shooting, Track & Field

The district looks forward to another successful year of Bulldog athletics and appreciates the continued support of student-athletes and their families.

District accepting snow plowing bids

The Pardeeville Area School District is now accepting bids for snow plowing services for the 2025-26 school year. Interested contractors can access the bid packet online at pasdwi.org/district/requests-for-bids-and-proposals.cfm. Bids must be received by Pardeeville Area School District Buildings and Grounds Director Jim Housner (housji@pasdwi.org) by Friday, Oct. 17. Bids will be reviewed during the school board meeting on Monday, Oct. 20.

Volleyball team picking up victories in first season under new head coach

The Pardeeville High School varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start under first-year head coach Cherie Hughes. Through the third week of September, the Bulldogs held an 8–7 overall record and were 2–1 in Trailways West Conference play.

One victory came in dramatic fashion on Tuesday, Sept. 16, when the Bulldogs rallied for a five-set win over Cambria-Friesland. After dropping the first two sets, Pardeeville stormed back to win the final three, sealing the match on a night when the team also celebrated its five seniors. Senior Ava Wagner fueled the comeback with a team-high 19 kills, while fellow senior Bronte Hulberg added key plays at the net. Together, Wagner and Hulberg lead the Bulldogs in kills and blocks this season.

Coach Hughes also praised the leadership of senior libero Chayse Pulvermacher, who continues to anchor the back court, and senior setter and court captain Lexi Hughes, who has been instrumental in running the offense.

Another confidence-building moment came earlier in the month when the Bulldogs pulled out a five-set victory at Lomira on Sept. 8.



PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER

Members of Pardeeville's varsity volleyball team are, in front, from left; Arianna Wendlandt, Chayse Pulvermacher and Lexi Hughes. Middle row; coach Kailie Kaiser, Bailey Grissom, Kiana Cook, Nadia Ballweg, head coach Cherie Hughes and coach Amber Hoffman. Back row; Briar Otswana, Bronte Hulberg, Ava Wagner, Haley Gard and Brook Schomburg.

Bulldogs facing plenty of challenges on football field this season

The Pardeeville varsity football team has faced its share of challenges during the first half of the 2025 season. With the loss of several talented seniors from last year's play-off-qualifying squad, and injuries sidelining key players, the Bulldogs sit at 1-4 overall and 0-3 in Eastern Suburban Conference play through their first five games.

The season kicked off with a hard-fought matchup against Waupun, a much larger school. Pardeeville showed grit early, trailing by just two points at halftime (22-20) before ultimately falling 50-26.

The Bulldogs bounced back in a big way in Week 2, rolling past New Lisbon with a 63-6 victory. Senior Karrsen Bussan powered the offense with four rushing touchdowns. Teammates Kingston Galetka, Julian Wells, and Noah Black each added rushing scores, while the defense also joined the fun—Anthony Stolin and Black both returned turnovers for touchdowns.

While the next three weeks brought tough conference losses, the Bulldogs continue to work hard and gain valuable experience. With several games still ahead, Pardeeville looks to build momentum and finish the season strong.



Pardeeville running back Karrsen Bussan scores one of his four rushing touchdowns in his team's 63-6 victory over New Lisbon on Friday, Aug. 29.



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ABOVE: Members of the Pardeeville High School Cheer Team are, in front, from left; Raelyn Holtan, Isabel Bue, Josephine Bue, Merissa San Emeterio and Makensy Miller. Back row; Constance Fallon, Catherine Wendt, McKenzie Thiessen, Jade Koepp and Cleo Meier.



Pardeeville Alumni Cheer Night saw 11 former cheerleaders come back to cheer on the Bulldogs in their season-opening game vs. Waupun.

Cheer team keeping busy this season

The Pardeeville High School Cheer Team has kicked off the fall season with excitement and school spirit, energizing the crowd at every Bulldogs football game.

On Aug. 22, the team hosted its annual Alumni Cheer Night, welcoming back 11 former cheerleaders to the field. Alumni and current team members worked together to learn and perform routines, which they showcased during the first half of Pardeeville's game vs. Waupun.

A few weeks later, on Sept. 19, the Bulldogs welcomed a special guest—the UW–Stevens Point Cheerleading Team—during their home game against Poynette. The Pointers' co-ed squad spent time with the cheerleaders before the game, sharing tips on stunting and giving students the chance to try new roles. The college cheerleaders also stayed through the first half, thrilling fans with an impressive stunt performance of their own.

The Pardeeville Cheer Team extends a special thank-you to UW–Stevens Point coach Sue Poeschl and her squad for bringing their skills, energy, and encouragement to Pardeeville.

Hendrickson, Motsenbocker leading Bulldog runners

The Pardeeville High School cross country teams have enjoyed a successful first half of their 2025 season, with both the boys' and girls' squads putting together strong performances on the course.

For the boys, this fall has been about reloading after graduating a talented senior class from last year's team, which placed fourth at the Division 3 State Championships. Despite the roster turnover, the Bulldogs haven't missed a step. They opened the season with a team title at the Westfield Invite and have continued to impress, finishing second in Rio on Sept. 19 and sixth out of 22 teams at the highly competitive Sheboygan Lutheran Invite on Sept. 16.

Sophomore Trenton Hendrickson and senior Mason Muscanero have been leading the charge for Pardeeville. Hendrickson has been remarkably consistent, placing sixth or better in each of the team's first five races, highlighted by a runner-up finish at Westfield. Muscanero has also been a steady force, finishing in the top 10 in four of the first five races, including a fourth-place showing at the season opener.

On the girls' side, the Bulldogs kicked off the season in winning fashion with a team victory at Westfield. Junior Bree Motsenbocker, who represented Pardeeville at the state championships last fall, continues to lead the way. Motsenbocker's top individual performances so far include a pair of fourth-place finishes at both the Westfield and Rio Invites.



Pardeeville sophomore Trenton Hendrickson has placed sixth or better in each of Pardeeville's first five races this season.

School Bus Safety Week a reminder to watch for kids

During the week of Oct. 20-24, the Pardeeville Area School District will join schools across the country in recognizing National School Bus Safety Week. This annual observance serves as a reminder of the important role school bus safety plays in keeping students safe as they travel to and from school each day.

The theme of this year's National School Bus Safety Week is "Getting to School Safely: Every Student, Every Ride." It highlights the shared responsibility between bus drivers, students, and the community to ensure safe travel. Whether it's following rules on the bus, stopping when red lights are flashing, or practicing safe crossing procedures, small actions make a big difference in preventing accidents.

The district also takes this opportunity to give a special shoutout to Smith Bus Service, who provides safe and reliable transportation for our students here in Pardeeville. The dedication of the entire Smith Bus Service team ensures that hundreds of students arrive at school ready to learn each day. Their commitment to safety and care is something we value.

As we mark National School Bus Safety Week, we encourage families to review bus safety rules with their children and remind community members to be alert around school buses. Together, we can help make sure that every ride is a safe one.



Each year, drivers from Smith Bus Service work with our younger students to go over bus safety rules.



Trivia champions

When Pardeeville Area School District staff returned in late August to kick off a new school year, they reconnected after summer break with a fun game of trivia. Staff members teamed up to answer a variety of questions, and after some friendly competition, a winning team was crowned. Pictured from left are champions Jennifer Nadolski, Erica Sherrick, Melissa Rohwer, Taylor Jahnke, Kadie Jacobson, and Zach Jacobson.



Creating hallway art in 3rd grade

Hallways at Pardeeville Elementary are brighter this fall thanks to the creativity of our third-grade students. Art teacher Josh Hemmerich (right) had students explore concepts such as repetition, pattern, and symmetry to design colorful works of art. Their projects not only highlighted artistic skills but also added beauty and balance to the school environment.



ABOVE: The students in Mr. Craig's 8th grade math class participate in a human graphing activity during a nice day in September. BELOW: During a recent class, the students in Mr. Craig's math class did a "desk review," which allowed them to solve math problems by writing directly on their desk.

Students in Mr. Craig's classes have fun while learning math

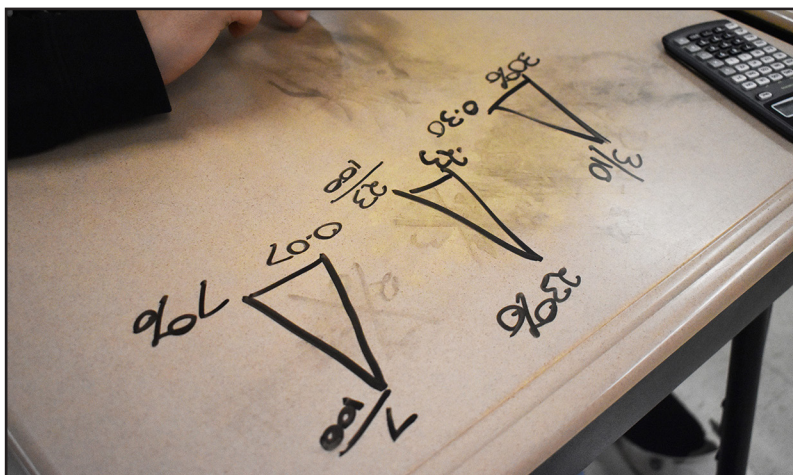
Math class looked a little different for Pardeeville Middle School students earlier this September. On a sunny afternoon, 8th grade math teacher Mike Craig moved his classroom outside for a hands-on lesson about graphing.

With ropes stretched across the ground to create an X and Y axis, students became part of a human graph. Each student had to solve equations, find their correct coordinate point, and take their place on the grid. Working together, they built coordinate planes, formed straight lines, and even created a parabola.

The interactive activity helped students visualize how equations look when plotted and gave them a memorable way to practice concepts like coordinate planes, proportional relationships, and data sets.

Another favorite activity in Mr. Craig's classroom is what he calls a "desk review." For this exercise, students are allowed to do something they normally never can—write directly on their desks. Using dry-erase markers, students solve problems written on the whiteboard by working them out on the tops of their desks. Not only does this make the review more fun, but it also gives Mr. Craig the ability to quickly see each student's thinking as he walks around the room. It's a win-win for both students and teacher.

Through creative, hands-on activities like these, Mr. Craig is showing his students that math can be both engaging and enjoyable — whether they're outside or inside at their desks.





Bulldog Games get Homecoming Week started

Pardeeville High School kicked off Homecoming Week on Sunday, Sept. 28, with its annual Bulldog Games — a tradition filled with school spirit, friendly competition, and plenty of laughter.

The evening began in the high school gymnasium, where students from each class went head-to-head in a variety of games, including hula-hoop pass, bean bag toss, and balloon pop. Energy filled the room as classmates cheered one another on.

From there, the action moved outdoors for the always-popular powderpuff football games. Girls from each grade level suited up to represent their classes, showing off both their competitive spirit and their sense of fun.

The night wrapped up with the much-anticipated tug-o-war competition, featuring both boys' and girls' teams. The contests quickly became muddy battles, as the losing side in each matchup was sent into the mud pit.

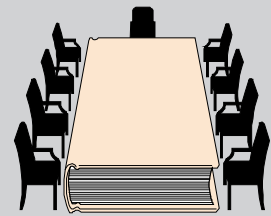
With the Bulldog Games setting the tone, students, staff, and families were looking forward to a spirited week of celebrations leading up to the Homecoming football game.

TOP LEFT: Members of the senior class celebrate their victory in powderpuff football. TOP RIGHT: Freshman Erich McManis competes in the scotter race at the Bulldog Games. BELOW: Juniors Carson Dolgner, Braden Breneman and Easton Fischer get wrapped in toilet paper.



LEFT: Juniors boys compete in tug-o-war. ABOVE: Sophomore Francesca Gaglio runs with the ball during a powderpuff game vs. the juniors.

Pardeeville Board of Education



MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING July 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 (via telephone to listen in), Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Brent Richter, Ms. Meagan Vujnovich, Mr. Ryan Seichter, Mr. Adam McKinney, Mr. Chris Lindert, Ms. Linda Lindert, Ms. Angie Noyons, Mr. Jace Seely, Ms. Crystal Vinz, Ms. Rachel Kaufman, Mr. Ross Kaufman, Mr. Jason Brewer and Mr. Jonathan Peetz.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum

No one signed up.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Dr. Heninger went over the report as Mr. Kohn was not in attendance. Middle School-Ms. Levzow stated that it was good to see a lot of things happening in the office. High School-Busy with hiring, and Ms. Levzow stated the 4th of July parade was good to see so many students participating. Building & Grounds- Mr. Housner and his crew have been busy. Ms. Levzow stated that the area by the middle school where the trees have been cleared, makes it look like a totally different area. The fence should go up within a week or so and be done before school starts. Tech Department-Ms. Levzow stated that the chromebooks were getting ready for the start of the school. Infinite Campus is going live for parents to register students. Mr. Bellis stated he likes the website redesign that is going on.

Committee Meeting Reports

Finance Report-Ms. Walker stated the Skyward presentation will be later, and if any other questions on the rest of the agenda items to please ask. No questions asked.

Discussion on Activities Director Plans

Ms. Denure began explaining possible different plans. Very few applications for the advisor position, and did two interviews. Ms. Denure and Mr. Bell did a comparison document of what they have looked into for alternative positions. They did get this information from other school districts. Mr. Bell and Ms. Denure will be filling in as activities director until a permanent position is filled. They will have staff sign up to be game managers with a stipend. Dr. Heninger stated they are waiting for more applications to come in and are

looking for other plans to fill the position.

Discussion on Skyward Financial Program

Dr. Heninger introduced Mr. Brent Richter from CESA5, and explained that our current program is inept for our needs, and wanting to move forward with Skyward which is a Wisconsin based program and understands the needs of the State. Ms. Levzow reiterated what was discussed in the finance committee meeting and brought up the need to update our programming. Ms. Walker stated that it makes sense to update the program. Mr. Richter introduced himself and went over the points on why we need this program update. Alio doesn't have very many schools left in Wisconsin. This is a good move for Pardeeville, with Mr. Richter and Ms. Baillies are already well versed in the program. Staff will be having video training to help them get acclimated.

Discussion on New Greenhouse Project

Ms. Levzow stated that the FFA alumni started a process to start getting donations towards a new greenhouse. The need is there as the current one is small, and starting to fall apart. They have \$108,000 in donations. Ms. Vujnovich did talk about the small greenhouse not having enough space to take a whole class in there to teach and have them work on projects. Ms. Vujnovich talked about 3 bids they have received for the new greenhouse project. Wisconsin Greenhouse Company is their top choice out of the bids they received. The current one is 15x30, the new one is 24x40. Mr. Seichter talked about the utilities needed. This greenhouse will be more efficient and will hold heat better, and will have concrete flooring and walls. Currently we do not have a fertilizer injector, but with the new building we will have one. Permits are being worked on by Mr. Housner. The new greenhouse will be placed next to the parking lot by the maintenance shed and go towards the practice football field. Mr. Kinworthy asked some questions about the bids, to which Mr. Seichter answered. Mr. Housner also answered some of the questions Mr. Kinworthy had. Ms. Levzow stated that there are some groups that are willing to continue with donations to help with other items needed. Ms. Levzow asked some more questions which Mr. Seichter answered. Mr. Seichter also stated that this greenhouse will be fully automated.

First September Board Meeting Date

Reminded the board that the first Monday in September is Labor Day and that in years past we moved that first board meeting to that Tuesday, so it was proposed that the meeting be on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Referendum Update

Dr. Heninger stated that the core meeting met on July 16th, and went over items they

discussed.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Bellis stated that Infinite Campus was easy to register his student on his cell phone. Mr. Walker stated that some families were still having issues. Ms. Levzow stated that she went to an Ag conference where both ag teachers won awards, where Ms. Vujnovich was awarded her 5-year award and Ms. Seichter won a State award and will go on to nationals. Ms. Levzow stated that she did enjoy the students in the 4th of July parade and stated that the public notices that and appreciates it.

Approval of Minutes Dated 6/16/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve minutes dated 6/16/25. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the receipts and expenditures. Dr. Heninger went over the report. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of 2026 Referendum Timeline

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the referendum timeline to be voting for a November 2026 referendum. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Elementary School Staff Handbook for 2025-2026

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Kinworthy to approve the Elementary School staff handbook for 2025-2026. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Middle School Staff Handbook for 2025-2026

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Middle School staff handbook for 2025-2026. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of High School Staff Handbook for 2025-2026

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the High School staff handbook for 2025-2026. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Activities Director Plan

Dr. Heninger asked for this to be tabled due to staff leaving and needing to re-evaluate staffing concerns.

Approval of Skyward Financial Program

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the Skyward Financial Program. A roll call was taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Abstained, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of New Greenhouse Project

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the bid from Wisconsin Greenhouse Company for the greenhouse project. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Support Staff Resignations
Nobody at this time.

Approval of Hiring Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the hiring of Tony Bundy, Ashley Ledlow and Erica Scholl as special education paraprofessionals. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the hiring of Andrew Peterson as a custodian. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the resignation of Tara Lavallee. Ms. Levzow did ask Dr. Heninger if the breach of contract penalty was discussed with the employee, and he stated that it will be conveyed to her. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the hiring of Camden Stampfl as the MS/HS physical education and health teacher. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Hiring/Resignations of Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the hiring of the coaches as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval to Update Banking Signature

Changes at Bank First and National Exchange Bank for the Business Manager Brent Richter and the Business Services Assistant Michele Baillies Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the updating of signatures at Bank First and National Exchange Bank to include Business Manager Brent Richter and Business Services Assistant Michele Baillies. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Parent Transportation Contracts for 2025-2026

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the parent transportation contracts for 2025-2026. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval by the Board of the Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of the District's Student Academic Standards That will be in Effect for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the academic standards annual declaration and notice for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donations of a flag and pole from the Levzow Dairy Farm as well as an anonymous donation of stat panel for the HS gym scoreboard. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Ag Department doing an 2024-2025 recap, certified and support staff handbook approvals, Findorff and Groth will be doing a building tour of the MS/HS building.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0-1. The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING July 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. 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, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Adam McKinney, Mr. Brent Richter, Ms. Meagan Vujnovich, Mr. Ryan Seichter, Mr. Jonathan Peetz, Ms. Angie Noyons, Mr. Jason Brewer, Ms. Rachel Kaufman, Mr. Ross Kaufman and Ms. Crystal Vinz. Mr. Justin Nickel was absent.

Election of Chairperson

Dr. Heninger opened it up to any nominations to be made in regards to nominating a chairperson for this meeting. Ms. Walker nominated Ms. Levzow to be chairperson. There were no other nominations and Ms. Levzow became the chairperson to run the rest of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Heninger talked about the treasurer's report that was presented in the packet. He did introduce Mr. Richter to finish talking about the preliminary budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

District Update

Dr. Heninger read a report that highlighted state test scores and student successes, along with talking about the volunteering opportunities our students have done.

Agenda Item E: School Board Salaries

I, Mr. Peetz, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education salaries: Will be: President \$1,700.00; Clerk \$1,700.00; Treasurer \$1,700.00; Others \$1,700.00. Motion seconded by: Mr. Seichter. Motion passed.

Agenda Item F: School Board Reimbursement

I, Ms. Denure, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education members be authorized to receive a \$75.00 per diem allowance as well as payment for all expenses including mileage reimbursement according to current Wisconsin DOA allowable rate per mile (presently \$.70 per mile) while representing the school district at the state convention. Motion seconded by: Mr. Housner. Motion passed.

Agenda Item G: Sale of Surplus Property

I, Mr. Seichter, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pardeeville School District be authorized to sell any equipment, materials and/or land belonging to, and no longer needed by the District for school purposes, and that the conduct of such sale of property be determined by said Board of Education. Motion seconded by: Mr. Peetz. Motion passed

Agenda Item H: Tax Levy

I, Mr. Peetz, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education levy a school tax levy of

Six Million, Three Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 50 cents (\$6,356,767.50) for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion seconded by: Mr. Bell. Motion passed.

Agenda Item I: Time and Place for 2026 Annual Meeting

I, Ms. Denure, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hold the 2026 Annual Meeting on August 17, 2026 in the High School Lenz Auditorium. Motion seconded by: Mr. Housner. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bell / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Becky Levzow, Board President

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Justin Nickel, Board Vice President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Justin Nickel and Ms. Karla Walker. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Ms. Meagan Vujnovich, Ms. Angie Noyons, Mr. Travis Houslet, Mr. Nathan Schieve, Ms. Jennifer Saloun, Ms. Janette Sheeks, Ms. Betsy Bergman, Ms. Rachel Kaufman, Ms. Crystal Vinz and Mr. Aaron Zutz was on virtually.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

Ag Department Recap of 24-25 School Year

Ms. Seichter and Ms. Vujnovich recapped the 24-25 school year. They were fortunate to have 4 interns throughout the school year which helped them with their middle school curriculum. Ms. Seichter stated that they have raised \$108,000 for the new greenhouse project and are hoping to excavate this next week, with the greenhouse to be up in December. They spoke of former student and FFA member Brooke Luedtke becoming a state officer, which means that the Pardeeville Area School District will have a few more duties this next year during state events. Ms. Walker stated that she was amazed at what the FFA group has been able to accomplish. Mr. Nickel stated that he appreciated the report.

Discussion on Activities Director Plan

This item was tabled for a later time.

WASDA Summer Legal Conference Recap

Dr. Heninger was not in attendance to present his recap. It was tabled.

Referendum Update

Mr. Nathan Schieve and Mr. Aaron Zutz (virtually) went over a presentation to recap what has happened for the past couple of years with plans and options with a pending referendum. They stated next to come is the survey out to parents and staff as well as workshops and listening sessions. There is a

need to explain long range planning versus immediate needs. Mr. Achterberg asked when the surveys would be going out and Mr. Schieve stated that they were hoping for the end of August or early September. Mr. Nickel stated that he is looking to see the feedback from the surveys. A tour was done of the middle and high school buildings before the meeting was adjourned.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Bellis did ask a question to the principals in regards to a personnel committee meeting question regarding Skyward and the payroll system, to which the principals stated that it has worked itself out.

Approval of Minutes Dated 7/21/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 7/21/25. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Approval of Annual & Budget Meeting Minutes Dated 7/21/2025

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the annual and budget meeting minutes dated 7/21/25. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Approval of State FFA Leadership Conference Held at PASD on Wednesday, 9/4/25

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the State FFA Leadership Conference held on Wednesday, 9/4/25. Ms. Seichter talked about the reasoning of hosting this event and the scheduling of it. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Activities Director Plan

This item was tabled.

Approval of Dean of Students and Activities Director Job Description

This item was tabled.

Approval of Certified Staff Handbook for 2025-2026

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the certified staff handbook for 2025-2026. Ms. Mecum did go over briefly the minor changes occurring. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Support Staff Handbook for 2025-2026

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the support staff handbook for 2025-2026. Ms. Mecum did go over briefly the minor changes that were occurring. Mr. Bellis did ask a question about the inclement weather change, to which Ms. Mecum was able to answer. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff

None at this time.

Approval of Support Staff Resignation

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring of Support Staff

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring/Resignations of Coaches/Volunteers: (as needed)

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the list of coaches and volunteers as presented. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Approval of Donations

None at this time.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Nothing else to note at this time besides the normal end of the month meeting agenda items.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES CLOSED SESSION August 7, 2025

Closed Session

A closed session was held pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the board will adjourn to closed session to consider resignation of the superintendent and to approve closed session minutes dated July 8, 2025 and July 21, 2025. The meeting began at 7:05. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel and Ms. Karla Walker. Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to go into a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes and Mr. Achterberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussions

Discussions had regarding the resignation of the superintendent.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to go back into open session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes and Mr. Bellis- Yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board returned to open session at 7:37 pm.

Approval of Resignation of Superintendent

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the resignation of Dr. Benjamin Heninger. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes and Mr. Kinworthy- Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 7/8/2025

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the closed session minutes dated 7/8/25. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes and Mr. Kinworthy- Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 7/21/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis /seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the closed session minutes dated 7/21/25. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes and Mr. Kinworthy- Yes and Mr. Nickel- Abstained. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes and Mr. Kinworthy- Yes and Mr. Nickel- Yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Vice President

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Justin Nickel, Board Vice 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 and Ms. Karla Walker. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Mr. Jesse Huset, Mr. Matt Wade, Ms. Angie Noyons, Ms. Mya Noyons, Ms. Michelle Ernst, Mr. Chris Ernst, Mr. Ethan Nolden and Ms. Kendra Corning. Ms. Becky Levzow was absent.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum

Ms. Michelle Ernst was asking for transparency in the superintendent leaving and is wanting to know if the school district owes him money or if he owes the school district. She is asking for more information to be relayed to not only staff, but the community. She was thanked for coming to speak to the board. Mr. Matt Wade wanted to discuss community center hours and asked for the hours to be extended to the community. He was thanked for coming to speak to the board.

Cyber Incident Update

This was tabled until 9/2/25.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Mr. Nickel stated that the school is on their way to start a new school year. Ms. Walker was impressed with the 17 new students. Middle School-Mr. Nickel remarked that football was already working for a couple of weeks. Mr. Bellis asked when the back-to-school night was and Ms. Denure stated it was 8/27/25. High School-Mr. Nickel stated that Infinite Campus looked to be moving along, and Mr. Bell stated that Ms. Anderson has been working hard to get it all put together. Students will be getting their usernames at the beginning of school, and staff are getting their log-ins shortly. Mr. Achterberg asked why we would be turning down enrollments, to which the principals answered. Building and Grounds-Mr. Nickel stated that the buildings were looking good to go for the start of the year. Mr. Kinworthy asked Mr. Housner about their safety training and what it all entailed. Technology-Mr. Nickel asked about Ooma Airdial, and Mr. Walker stated that it was working out great. Mr. Nickel also asked about the food service point of sale process, and Mr. Walker answered.

Committee Reports

No questions on the personnel committee minutes.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Nickel did address the room regarding the need for transparency in what is going on with the resignation of the superintendent and believes in sharing as much as possible, but at this point we are limited on what we

can share. He stated at this point, all the information that we have shared is what is available.

Approval of Minutes Dated 8/4/2025

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve minutes dated 8/4/25. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

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

Approval of Youth Wrestling Tournament on Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the youth wrestling tournament on Sunday, February 8th, 2026. Mr. Huset did talk about the need of having the tournament on that Sunday and asked permission from the board to hold it. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2 Overnight Field Trips for Curling During Their 2026 Season

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the 2 overnight field trips for curling during their 2026 season. Ms. Seichter did go over the two overnight field trips for the curling team. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 5 Overnight Field Trips for FFA During their 2025-2026 School Year

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve 5 overnight field trips for FFA during their 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Seichter did go over the overnight field trips for the board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Hiring of Support Staff

Nothing at this time.

Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the resignation of Timothy Hagy. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Resignation off Certified Staff

Nothing at this time.

Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the hiring of Alana Krolow to be a 4th grade elementary school teacher. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Hiring/Resignation of Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the high school football volunteers of Dustin Bussan, Jason Ballweg and Brent Harry. Mr. Bell did speak to the board about the volunteers. Mr. Achterberg did ask why they were brought to the board so late as the season had already started, and Mr. Bell stated that Coach Harry had only gotten him the names as of today. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donation of \$350 to the music department from the 4th of July Committee. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Special Closed Session on Monday, 8/25/25 at 7pm in the District Office conference room, also talking about upcoming WASB meetings and Carol Wirth will be here to present the temporary borrowing rates.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by

Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

**MINUTES
CLOSED SESSION
August 25, 2025**

Closed Session

A closed session was held under 19.85(1)(c)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve the closed session minutes dated 8/7/25, to get an update on the cyber incident and to consider an interim superintendent process and possible candidates. The meeting began at 7:00 pm. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease and Ms. Karla Walker. Also present was Mr. Philip Walker. Motion by Mr. Kinworthy /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to go into a closed session. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussions

The cyber incident was reviewed and an update on the superintendent position was discussed.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to go back into open session. Motion passed 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 9:26 pm.

Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 8/7/2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the closed session minutes dated 8/7/25. Motion passed 5-0-2.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Becky Levzow, Board President

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 2, 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. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Brent Richter, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Carol Wirth and Mr. Nathan Burke. Mr. David Bell arrived at 7:11 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Board Member Attendance for WASB Fall regional Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Board members indicated if they could attend the fall regional meeting.

Board Member Attendance for WASB State Convention on January 21-23, 2026

The dates were given to board members to look at their calendars and will be asked in October for confirmation before registration opens up.

Presentation of Temporary Borrowing

Rates and Budget Information for 2025-2026

Ms. Carol Wirth was here to present the bidding packet for the temporary borrowing of \$2,200,000. Ms. Wirth stated that we had a total of 7 bids and that BOK Financial Securities Inc. came in with the lowest interest rate of 3.29% to be paid back on 8/28/26. The board was impressed with the number of bids, as we typically only receive 3-4.

Referendum Update

Ms. Denure gave an update from the last core meeting status call to the board. There will be another survey going out to staff and the community and looking to get the information for the referendum out to the community in different ways. Ms. Levzow stated that they are looking to have another community meeting night to ask what they are wanting to see done to the schools for the next referendum. The surveys won't go out until an interim superintendent is in place and has been in the district for a few weeks to get familiar with the referendum work already underway.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow reminded the board about the closed session on 9/10/25 at 6:30 pm for the board members. Mr. Nickel and Ms. Levzow are working on putting together some questions for the interviewees. A letter is going out to the candidates with the interview information. Ms. Levzow stated that school started and the board is excited for another new school year. Ms. Levzow thanked Ms. Denure for stepping in to assist with some of the superintendent duties. Mr. Bellis asked for more assistance in getting the football field cleaned up after games on Friday nights as Saturday events are finding the area trashed. It was explained that custodial crew are now back on their evening hours so shouldn't be an issue. It was also mentioned for announcements near the end of the game to be made for everyone to clean up around their areas. Mr. Bell explained that they can attempt to do the announcements, but their speaker system out on the field doesn't go very far and it is hard to hear on the visitor side or other areas away from the home stands.

Approval of Minutes Dated 8/18/2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 8/18/25. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Educator's Rising Students November 12-13, 2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip for the Educator's Rising students on November 12-13, 2025. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,200,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, Wis. Stats.

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 pursuant to section 67.12(8)(a)1, Wis. Stats. With BOK Financial Securities, Inc. A roll call was taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Paternity Leave for 25-26

School Year

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the paternity leave for a teacher for the 25-26 school year. Mr. Nickel confirmed with Ms. Denure that there was not going to be a staffing issue. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Hiring of Support Staff

No one at this time.

Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the resignation of Alana Krolow along with the \$3,000 liquidated damages. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Hiring/Resignation of Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the additional volunteers for fall sports of Matthew Trahms and James Geurts. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the donation of 4 tubs of ice cream from Carol's Cones to the Middle School for the open house on 8/27/25. Motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Reminder of 9/10/25 closed session meeting, finance committee meeting on 9/8/25 is postponed, WASB will be here to talk about a possible superintendent search with their services, approval of co-curricular advisors and annual report on seclusion and restraint will be presented.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES CLOSED SESSION September 10, 2025

Closed Session

A Closed Session will occur pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes; the board will adjourn to closed session to interview and consider interim superintendent candidates and to approve closed session minutes dated August 25, 2025. The meeting began at 6:30 pm. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease and Ms. Karla Walker. Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Walker to go into a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion

Interviewing interim superintendent candidates.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Achterberg /seconded by Mr. Nickel to go back into open session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes. Motion passed 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 9:43 pm.

Approval of Hiring of Interim Superintendent

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the hiring of Mr. Earl "Gus" Knitt as interim superintendent pending the approval of a contract and the passing of a background check. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- No, Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes. Motion passed 6-1.

Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 8/25/2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the closed session minutes dated 8/25/25. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy-Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Pease-Yes, Ms. Walker-Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Becky Levzow, Board President

Parents invited to attend conferences on Oct. 23 and 28

The Pardeeville Area School District will hold its Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23 and Tuesday, Oct. 28. Parents of high school students, and middle school students in grades 7-8, are invited to drop in during these hours to meet with their child's teachers and discuss academic progress.

Parents of Pardeeville Elementary School students, and middle school students in 5th and 6th grade, will need to schedule a conference in advance with your child's homeroom teacher. Information about how to reserve a time will be sent home with students as the conference dates approach.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Pardeeville Area School District

April 7, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the School District of Pardeeville on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to fill the following school board positions. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Current board members who are up for election include:

Dennis Kinworthy

Becky Levzow

Karla Walker

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Financial Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy form must be filed no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the District Office of the Pardeeville School District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Declaration of Candidacy forms and Campaign Financial Registration Statements can be obtained from the Pardeeville School District Office located at 120 Oak Street, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, or located on the school district website: www.pasdwi.org/elections

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Chad Bellis

School District Clerk

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 3..... Homecoming Parade, 2:40 p.m.; homecoming football game vs. Cambridge, 7 p.m.
Oct. 6..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
Oct. 9..... Pardeeville National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Lenz Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Oct. 10..... No School
Oct. 10..... Pardeeville Tackle-For-A-Cure Game, Bob Bostad Field, 7 p.m.
Oct. 14..... Winter and Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting, Lenz Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Oct. 20..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23..... Districtwide Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
Oct. 27..... Middle School and High School Fall Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28..... Districtwide Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
Oct. 31..... No School
Nov. 1..... Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 3..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
Nov. 11..... Middle School and High School Veterans Day Program, HS Gym, 10:15 a.m.
Nov. 17..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
Nov. 17..... Trailways South Honors Choir Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Nov. 21..... Elementary School Veterans Day Breakfast, PES Gym, 9 a.m.
Nov. 24-28 No School (Thanksgiving Break)