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## Pardeeville gives alum Mark Bortz fitting tribute

Super Bowl champ,  
'79 grad has his jersey retired  
during pregame ceremony

On Friday, Aug. 23, the Pardeeville Area School District honored one of its most distinguished alumni, Mark Bortz, by retiring his No. 75 jersey. Bortz, a 1979 graduate of Pardeeville High School, went on to play football at the University of Iowa before an illustrious career in the NFL with the Chicago Bears, including a victory in Super Bowl XX.

Though Bortz was unable to attend the ceremony in person, his family proudly represented him during the event, held prior to the start of Pardeeville's season-opening football game against Necedah. Many community members, including some sporting their vintage Mark Bortz jerseys, filled the stands to witness the honor.

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Lester Bortz, the brother of Mark Bortz, speaks after receiving a No. 75 Pardeeville football jersey during Mark's jersey retirement ceremony at Pardeeville High School on Friday, Aug. 23.

### Join us for Veterans Day

Area veterans are  
invited to attend  
ceremonies in November

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### 'Homecoming Hoedown' a fun week for students

Students show off their school spirit  
with a variety of activities during  
the week-long event

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Members of the Bortz family gather for a group photo during Mark's jersey retirement ceremony at Pardeeville High School on Friday, Aug. 23.



Mark Bortz's No. 75 is shown on the football field's pressbox during Mark's jersey retirement ceremony on Aug. 23.

## BORTZ

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The ceremony featured speeches from Pardeeville Area School District Superintendent Ben Heninger and Board of Education Director Paul Hees, who reflected on Bortz's contributions to the community and his legacy both on and off the field.

A large No. 75 with Bortz's name was unveiled on the side of the press box, symbolizing his lasting presence at the school. Inside Pardeeville High School, a framed jersey will now hang, forever memorializing Bortz's achievements and reminding future generations of the pride he brought to the district.

The event marked a significant moment for the school and community, paying tribute to one of Pardeeville's finest athletes and celebrating his exceptional journey from small-town Wisconsin to the heights of NFL glory.

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

## HELP US BY BEING WELL INFORMED

### Mission Statement

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



# Looking for laughter can help drive passion in education

"I learned that when I made people laugh, they liked me. This is a lesson I'll never forget."

*-Art Buchwald - Burgess, D. (2012).  
Teach like a pirate.*

**D**uring the formative years of my career as a professional educator, there was a certain element of joy and wonder over the incapable fact that I was making a decent living helping kids learn to love music. Despite the long days, numerous weekends on the road for show choir competitions, gallons of sweat poured out onto the marching band field, and almost complete absence of free time available for the maintenance of my own musical skills, I truly loved being a band teacher. It was the time spent making music with students that was the most memorable.

Looking back on those first few years, I can honestly say that the best days (and there were too many to count) were those that were filled with laughter. After all, the students and I were having fun making music together. There was a shared sense of pride, passion, and belonging through which strong emotional connections were built, and many of those have withstood the grueling test of time.

For example, I still stay in touch with the high school trombone player who playfully kicked a pothole filled with snow melt at me while street marching on an anomalously warm day in March. Of course, I quickly returned fire. There may or may not have been some collateral damage inflicted upon several other innocent members of the band, too. The finer details have become a bit hazy in retrospect; however, when we finally returned to school (visibly soaked), the entire group was laughing so hard that the principal joked about whether or not we stopped at the local tavern while out on our route through the village.

Despite the unintended shenanigans of that day, the band and I became much more united through this experience and



**Pardeeville District Administrator Ben Heninger, a former band instructor, plays in the Pardeeville Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 13.**

demonstrated a strong showing in the spring community parades as a result. Lesson learned: Human beings can genuinely enjoy their time together while discovering a mutual love of learning. Isn't that what education is supposed to be about?

Fast forward to today, my life (and career) has undergone a complete metamorphosis. Instead of being responsible for an instrumental music program and its nearly 100 students, I find myself juggling the demands of managing an entire school district that encompasses nearly 900 students, one-hundred staff members, and an annual budget that exceeds \$15 million. If this all sounds way too serious to elicit any laughter or fun, you would be correct, at least on some days.

Although we are particularly blessed with an incredibly supportive community here in Pardeeville, I have personally borne witness to a profession in which there were once 200 (or more) applicants for an open position. Over time, and especially since WI Act 10, this has given way to an environment where critical positions sometimes go unfilled, primarily due to an ongoing shortage of licensed, qualified, and experienced applicants. Make no mistake, whether or

not this current climate was deliberately manufactured by those who make financial and policy decisions at the state and federal level, it is now the harsh reality that we must grapple with collectively until meaningful investments are once again made regarding public education. Bottom line: There is simply not enough money and resources to meet the current needs of our students.

But please take to heart that there is ALWAYS some really good news in a world that tends to gravitate towards the negative side of reality, especially when we lose sight of what is really important (or become obsessed with issues that are beyond our control). Even though my lifelong passion for supporting every student's right to a high quality public education has not diminished one iota since those early days as a music educator, the realization and appreciation that none of this happens by accident has never not been lost on me since becoming a district administrator. An 'attitude of gratitude' and unwavering commitment to discovering reasons to laugh with school staff, students, and community members continues to drive my own passion and purpose as a professional educator.

As we embark on another year of adventures in learning, I give thanks and kudos to the wonderful staff right here in Pardeeville who make all the difference over whether or not our kids are excited about coming to school. We must continue to nurture a love of learning in ALL students while cherishing abundant opportunities to share laughter and joy with everyone in our school. After all, ISN'T LEARNING SUPPOSED TO BE FUN?!?

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Heninger".

**Benjamin Heninger  
District Administrator**

## Lavallee, Thran recognized with yearly staff awards

During the first day of in-service in late August, the Pardeeville Area School District recognized two outstanding staff members with the 2023-24 Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year awards.

District Administrator Ben Heninger presented the Teacher of the Year Award to Tara Lavallee, an elementary school math teacher known for her dedication and passion for student success. Custodian Rose Thran was honored with the Support Person of the Year Award, celebrated for her hard work and commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for staff and students.

Both recipients were met with applause and gratitude from their colleagues, marking a proud start to the new school year.



Pardeeville District Administrator Ben Heninger recognizes Pardeeville Area School District Teacher of the Year Tara Lavallee (top photo) and Support Person of the Year Rose Thran (above) during the first day of in-service in the district.



Pardeeville area veterans are invited to attend the Pardeeville Middle School and High School Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, Nov. 11.

## Veterans invited to programs

Pardeeville Middle School and Pardeeville High School will once again be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, 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 the high school office at 608-429-2153 ext. 211 by Oct. 27.

### Pardeeville Elementary School Veterans Program will be on Nov. 22

The Pardeeville Elementary School Veterans Day Breakfast will take place on Friday, Nov. 22 in the Elementary School gymnasium. Check-in for this event is at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9 a.m.

Veterans can RSVP for this program by contacting Ms. Lavallee at 608-429-2151 ext. 165 or by emailing her at [lavata@pasdwi.org](mailto:lavata@pasdwi.org) with the veteran's name and the number of people attending. Breakfast will be served to veterans and their families during this ceremony.

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## Conferences will be Oct. 15 and 24

The Pardeeville Area School District will hold its Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, and Thursday, Oct. 24. 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 grades 5-6, will need to schedule appointments in advance to meet with teachers. Information about how to reserve a time will be sent home with students as the conference dates approach.



## Volleyball, football both holding Pink-Out events in October

Pardeeville High School is stepping up this fall with two Pink-Out events aimed at raising awareness and funds in the fight against breast cancer. The school invites the community to participate by attending the events, wearing pink, and supporting the cause.

The first Pink-Out will take place during the home volleyball match against Fall River on Tuesday, Oct. 8. The Bulldogs' gym will be filled with pink as fans gather to cheer on the volleyball team and show their solidarity for those affected by breast cancer.

The second Pink-Out event is the Tackle-for-a-Cure event set for Friday, Oct. 18, during the varsity football game against Deerfield. In addition to rooting for the Bulldogs under the Friday night lights, attendees will have the opportunity to contribute to breast cancer awareness efforts.

Both events will feature basket raffles and a bake sale with proceeds going toward the Breast Health and Wig Programs at Prairie Ridge Health. There will also be raffle tickets sold at both events with some great prizes, including a grand prize of \$1,000 cash. That raffle will draw a winner on Oct. 29.

Fans of all ages are encouraged to participate in the raffles and contribute to the fundraising efforts. Organizers are hopeful that the events will not only raise funds but also bring attention to the ongoing fight against breast cancer.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 8 and Oct. 18, and be part of the effort to make a difference this fall.



This large new trophy case was recently unveiled at Pardeeville High School. The case was made possible by a very kind donation from Barry and Margo Pufahl.

## New trophy cases find home inside Pardeeville High School

Pardeeville High School recently unveiled beautiful new trophy cases near the school's atrium, proudly displaying the accomplishments of its students. The cases were made possible by a generous donation from Barry and Margo Pufahl, whose kindness has provided the school with an elegant way to showcase its achievements.

The trophy cases add a striking new feature to the school's entrance, and the Pardeeville Area School District encourages community members to visit and admire the impressive collection of awards. Stop by and take a look at the new display, and join in celebrating the school's rich history and student success.



# Watch Your Mailbox

for a district-wide survey on facility needs

**Coming this October!**





# Yeewhaw! Students saddle up for a wild 'Homecoming Hoedown'

Pardeeville High School wrapped up an unforgettable Homecoming Week from Sept. 8-14, packed with exciting activities, school spirit, and community participation. This year's "Homecoming Hoedown" theme brought energy and fun to every event, kicking off with the popular Bulldog Games, powderpuff football, and tug-of-war tournaments on Sunday night, setting the tone for a lively week.

Throughout the week, students participated in daily dress-up themes, with one of the standout days being "Rhyme Without Reason," where friends dressed as creative, rhyming pairs—think "bee and tree" or "cat and hat"—even though the outfits had no logical connection.

Competitions were fierce all week, with seniors dominating both the boys

volleyball tournament and the banner painting contest, allowing them to win the Spirit Award at the end of the week.

On Friday afternoon, the high school was abuzz with excitement during the pep rally and the Homecoming Parade, where students, staff, and the community came together to show their Bulldog pride. That night, the varsity football team took on the Fall River/Rio Rebels, and a packed stadium of fans cheered as the Bulldogs cruised to a decisive victory, making the game a highlight of the week.

Homecoming Week concluded on Saturday night with the much-anticipated Homecoming Dance.

From the spirited competitions to the energetic crowd at the game, Pardeeville High School's Homecoming 2024 will be one to remember.



Barney the Bulldog greets students while walking in the Pardeeville Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 13.



ABOVE: Pardeeville freshman Kenna Jenkins runs with the ball during the annual Powderpuff Football games on Sunday, Sept. 8.

TOP LEFT: Homecoming king and queen Jamison Wickersham and Natalie Peissig ride in the Homecoming Parade.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sophomores Mariah Bruflat, Elle Hardwick and Kaylin Delgado compete in the tug-of-war.





Members of the 2024 Pardeeville High School Homecoming Court are, from left; Logan Young, Bree Motsenbocker, Eli Achterberg, Kayla Buzzell, Jamison Wickersham, Natalie Peissig, Mason Kubik, Alex Gabsch, Joe Dosemagen, Ava Wagner, Adalyn Schultz and Trenton Hendrickson.



ABOVE: A Pardeeville Elementary student shows his school pride while waiting for the Homecoming parade to start.

TOP LEFT: Members of the freshmen class compete in the bed races during the pep rally on Friday, Sept. 13.



BOTTOM LEFT: Seniors, from left; Chloe Kessenich, Anna Trahms and Kayla Buzzell dress up during the Rhyme Without Reason day, where students teamed with their friends to dress as things that rhymed, but had nothing else in common. Here they are dressed up as; in the Army, a Barbie, and a Starbie.



## Purchase 'Bucky Book' to get deals, help our music students

One great way to support our high school music students is by purchasing a Bucky Book. These books are loaded with coupons to many Madison-area businesses and are valid through 2025, so there is plenty of time to use the coupons that interest you. There is an extra sheet of coupons to be used at Hy-Vee. The books have hundreds of 50 percent off coupons you can use right now at golf courses, grocery stores, pizza and fast food restaurants and many more places you visit every day.

Bucky Books are available for \$35 and profits go directly to each band student's account. You can purchase Bucky Books from Pardeeville High School music students, at the high school and middle school offices, or by contacting Pardeeville Choral Director Taya Larson at [larsta@pasdwi.org](mailto:larsta@pasdwi.org).

### Fall concert will be Oct. 21

The Pardeeville Middle School and High School Fall Concert will take place on Monday, Oct. 21 in the Lenz Auditorium, starting at 6:30 p.m. This concert will include the Beginning Choir, Middle School Choir and High School Choir. This will also feature some of the middle school bands, including 5th and 6th grades.

Please come show your support for these amazing students and see what new talents we have at Pardeeville Schools. You won't be disappointed.

### Trailways South Honor Choir in Pardeeville on Nov. 18

Once again, the HS Choir members will have the opportunity to participate in the Trailways South Honors Choir, which will be performing here in Pardeeville at the Lenz Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 18, starting at 6 p.m. This is a free concert and is open to the public. No tickets are needed, just show up and support some amazing high school singers.

The Trailways South Honors Choir is made up by the top choir students from schools in the Trailways South Conference. Students had to submit responses to a questionnaire and have a singing audition in order to be selected for this choir, as space is limited to only a few students per school.

The rehearsal and concert will be held here at Pardeeville High School. Students will prepare some pieces ahead of time and then rehearse all day with guest director, Anthony Cao, from Madison West High School. He has di-



Pardeeville High School band member Avery VonRuden plays the tuba during the band's halftime show at the homecoming game on Sept. 13.

rected honors choirs around the area, as well as the Madison Community Choir. Cao was the guest director a couple of years ago, and the students responded so well to him, the decision was made to have him back again.



The annual "Goodies for Grands" event held at Pardeeville Elementary School on Friday, Sept. 13 was once again a huge success, as many grandparents joined our students for breakfast in the gymnasium before the start of the school day.

## 'Goodies for Grands' event honors elementary grandparents

The annual Goodies for Grands event at Pardeeville Elementary School, once again was a grand time, as grandparents and their grandkids filled the gymnasium on the morning of Friday, Sept. 13. The event was in honor of National Grandparents Day, which this year took place on Sept. 8. The grandparents of our elementary school students were welcome to join their grandkids for breakfast in the gymnasium. The Pardeeville Area School District recognizes that grandparents play a crucial role in shaping our students' success. They provide a wealth of knowledge, life lessons and unconditional support that extends far beyond the classroom. We thank them for being there for our students.



## As Bus Safety Week nears, we remind community members to watch for students

This October, the Pardeeville Area School District is proud to join school districts across the nation in celebrating National School Bus Safety Week from Oct. 21-25. This annual event shines a spotlight on the critical role school bus safety plays in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school.

This year's theme, "Be Safe – Know the Danger Zone," emphasizes the importance of students being aware of their surroundings, especially around school buses. The "danger zone" refers to the 10-foot area around a bus where children are most at risk of not being seen by the driver.

Parents and caregivers can support this initiative by reviewing bus safety

rules with their children at home and ensuring that younger students are supervised at bus stops. Simple reminders, like arriving at the bus stop early and waiting for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching, go a long way in reinforcing safety practices.

At Pardeeville Area School District, the safety of our students is a top priority. As we observe National School Bus Safety Week, we encourage everyone in the community to stay vigilant, follow the rules of the road, and help ensure that every student arrives at school safely and ready to learn.

Let's work together to make this week a reminder of how we can all contribute to safer bus rides every day!

## Pardeeville School Board saddened by loss of Pufahl

The Pardeeville Area School District is deeply saddened by the passing of Margo Pufahl, Vice President of the Board of Education, on Sept. 1. A dedicated leader and advocate for education, Margo's passion for supporting students and the community left a lasting impact on all who knew her.



Pufahl

Margo will be greatly missed by her colleagues, students, and the wider Pardeeville community. Her commitment to the district and her kindness will be remembered for years to come.

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## Students find way to spread positivity during Homecoming Week

Pardeeville High School juniors Catie Kopfhamer and Madi Holland took a creative and uplifting approach to celebrating Homecoming Week this September. Instead of participating in the not-always-popular traditional toilet-papering activities, the pair decided to spread positivity by chalking fun and encouraging messages on the driveways of students and staff.

Holland said the idea for the driveway chalking came during a discussion in class.

"I was in Ms. Brees' classroom and we were talking about how she didn't want her house (toilet papered), but she would appreciate it if we did something nice," Holland said. "So we just did it to a lot of the teachers."

The duo's bright and colorful messages brought smiles to the community, showing that Homecoming spirit can be celebrated in a way that promotes kindness and joy. Their initiative served as a positive alternative, demonstrating school pride with a fun twist while leaving a lasting

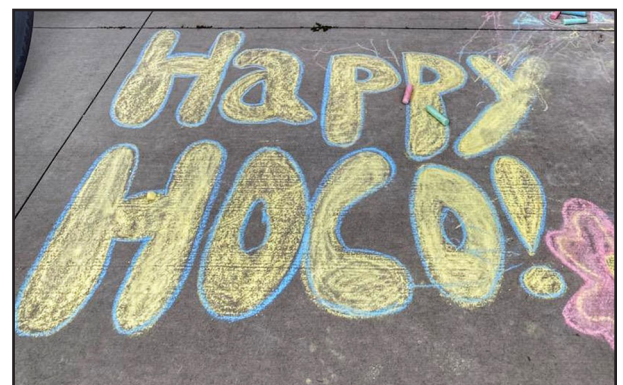
impression on those who found their driveways decorated with cheer.

"It's so much better than destroying property and you still get the thrill of going to somebody's house at night and doing something and they don't know that you're there," Kopfhamer said.

Holland said it was fun to see the positive feedback in days after they were out chalking driveways.

"A lot of staff posted photos on Facebook, so I feel like it made them happy that we were doing that," Holland said. "And they aren't going to be mad when they come outside and see that you did something pretty on their driveway."

The students plan on continuing the tradition next year during Homecoming week, and are hoping other students will join them, and that chalking driveways will continue well after they have moved on from Pardeeville High School.



Pardeeville High School juniors Catie Kopfhamer and Madi Holland decided to write fun and encouraging messages with chalk on the driveways of staff and students during Homecoming Week.



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*Thank You!*

## FOR SUPPORTING FFA

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# Pardeeville FFA Fruit, Vegetable, and Nut Sale

## 2024 Order Form ----- Expected Date of Delivery is December 10-12<sup>th</sup>

Buyer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please indicate the NUMBER of items that you would like to order, not just a check mark.

Mail order form to Pardeeville FFA 120 Oak Street Pardeeville, WI 53954 or call 608-429-2153 ext. 361 or email seicam@pasdwi.org or fill out a form on Facebook. All checks should be made payable to PASD FFA.

**The DEADLINE for ordering is November 15!**

**Produce Vendor: Alsum Farms & Produce in Friesland, WI**

Item	Price	Quantity	Total	Item	Price	Quantity	Total
CA Naval Oranges - 88 ct	\$49			Braeburn Apples-100 ct	\$45		
CA Naval Oranges - 44 ct	\$27			Braeburn Apples-25 ct	\$17		
CA Naval Oranges – 28 ct	\$20			Red Delicious Apples-100 ct	\$45		
TX Grapefruit - 48 ct	\$46			Red Delicious Apples-25 ct	\$17		
TX Grapefruit - 24 ct	\$27			Golden Delicious-100 ct	\$48		
Clementines - 5 lbs	\$12			Golden Delicious -25 ct	\$19		
Anjou Pears – 50 ct	\$33			Granny Smith Apples-100 ct	\$45		
Anjou Pears – 25 ct	\$20			Granny Smith Apples- 25 ct	\$17		
				<b>Jumbo</b> Honey Crisp - 9-12 ct	\$24		
Mix Box: 6 grapefruit, 10 oranges, 8 apples	\$21			Gala Apples-100 ct	\$45		
Split Box- 12 apples, 12 oranges	\$18			Gala Apples- 25 ct	\$17		
Christmas Special- 20 oranges, 10 grapefruit, 20 apples, 10 pears, 1 pineapple	\$48			Apple Gift Box- 20 apples Reds, Golds, Grannys, Galas	\$18		
Fruit Gift Box- 12 oranges, 6 grapefruit, 10 apples, 6 pears	\$31			Meat Gift Box #1: 1.25 lb. summer sausage + 1 lb. Mild Cheddar Cheese	\$34		
Holiday Sampler- 5 oranges, 3 grapefruit, 2 red apples, 2 Granny apples, 3 pears	\$16			Meat Gift Box #2: 1.25 lb Summer Sausage + 10 oz. Mild Beef Sticks + 1 lb Ched. Cheese	\$46		
34 oz Cashew Halves	\$18			Garlic Herb Cheese Spread	\$6		
34 oz Mixed Nuts w/ peanuts	\$18			Sharp Ched Cheese Spread	\$6		
12 oz Cashew Halves	\$7			Port Wine Cheese Spread	\$6		
11 oz Chocolate Cashews	\$7			20 lb. Russet Potatoes	\$12		
11 oz Chocolate Almonds	\$7			50 lb. Russet Potatoes	\$20		
10 oz Honey Roasted Peanuts	\$6			10 lb. Red Potatoes	\$8		
10 oz Butter Toffee Peanuts	\$6			20 lb. Red Potatoes	\$13		
12 oz Beef Sticks- Mild (8)	\$14			50 lb. Red Potatoes	\$22		
12 oz Beef Sticks- Garlic (8)	\$14			10 lb. Sweet Potatoes	\$13		
TOTALS				10 lb. Yellow Onions	\$10		
				25 lb. Yellow Onions	\$15		
				TOTALS			

**Thank you for supporting the Pardeeville FFA and its members.**



## Washing hands, getting sleep keys to having healthy school year

**W**ow, where did summer go? It is very exciting to see and hear students and staff enthusiastically engaging in the various buildings.

In the nursing office, we are already seeing students with various symptoms. 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 very helpful in our fight against germs and viruses.

The school policy is if your student is ill, they should stay home. There are many viruses out there, like Pertussis, influenza (flu), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Covid, Strep Throat, and so many more. It is important to



**JANETTE SHEEKS**  
School Nurse

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.

The nursing office is diligently

working on getting students in compliance in regards to their immunizations. There are new requirements this year: 7th graders need a Tdap & Meningitis ACWY and 12th graders need a Meningitis ACWY. Several students

have had them already but now it is a state requirement for the schools. 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. 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  
email: sheeja@pasdwi.org  
phone: 608-429-2153 Ext. 258

## Drama Club presenting 'Peter/Wendy'

The Pardeeville High School Drama Club is excited to present its annual Fall Play, bringing Jeremy Bloom's "Peter/Wendy" to the stage. This inventive retelling of the classic Peter Pan story blends high-flying adventure with touching moments of reflection, offering a fresh take on the timeless characters of J.M. Barrie's fantasy world.

In this adaptation, Peter Pan draws Wendy Darling away from her ordinary nursery into the magical realm of Neverland. Together with Tinker Bell, Tiger Lily, and the Lost Boys, they face the menacing Captain Hook in an epic journey full of wonder, danger, and emotional depth. Bloom's interpretation adds a layer of humanity to the fantastical elements, reflecting on themes of childhood, memory, and the desire to hold onto youth.

The cast for "Peter/Wendy" includes:

**Peter:** Elizabeth Staupé

**Wendy:** Acacia Netzel

**Hook/Mr. Darling:** Oswald Sanchez

**Mrs. Darling:** Lorelei Hepler

**Mermaids:** Erika Wickus, Brooklyn Auchtung and Chloe Littles

**Tiger Lily:** Leeza Keeling

**Lost Boys:** Kadi McKittrick, Jocelyn Sherman, Makayla Smith, and Lydia Kleist

**Tinker Bell (Tink):** Ella Rohrbeck

**Smee:** Jason Kopfhamer

The production will be led by Pardeeville Drama Club Director Ms. Katlyn Dugenske. She and the cast will be joined by crew and backstage members; Hayden Moulis, Nadya Schellpfeffer, Lilyanna Camren, Robin Sadlon, Alannah Nicol, Allie Gawel, Samantha Weyer, Morgan Blader and Kinley Levin.

The production will take place in the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School with three performances: Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., and a matinee on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Don't miss this chance to witness the magic of Peter/Wendy as performed by our talented students.



### SHOW TIMES

- Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m.

- Shows are at the Lenz Auditorium

## Steve Leslie coming to Pardeeville to sing James Taylor hits

The Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School officially opened its 2024-2025 season on Friday, Sept. 20 when the Kingsmen Quartet made the trek from North Carolina and dazzled the crowd with their Christian music. If you weren't able to see the Kingsmen Quartet last month, don't worry, there are still plenty of shows on the schedule for this season.

### HOW SWEET IT IS!

#### STEVE LESLIE SINGS JAMES TAYLOR

On Saturday, Nov. 2, Grammy Award-winning songwriter and recording artist Steve Leslie will be in town to perform the music of James Taylor in "How Sweet it Is!," an authentic and spellbinding concert event.

Steve's warm baritone and exceptional guitar technique (not to mention his uncanny resemblance) will have you singing along to such classics as "Carolina In My Mind," "Shower the People," "You've Got a Friend," "Fire and Rain," "Up on the Roof," and many more.

This show begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors (age 65 and up).



How Sweet It Is! Steve Leslie Sings James Taylor will visit the Lenz Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 2.

### COMEDYSPORTZ

ComedySportz is an awesomely exciting comedy show played as a sports match. This unique show is coming to the Lenz Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 1.

If you come to see ComedySportz, you will see one referee and two teams of players, one red and one blue, competing against each other in improv games based on the suggestions of the fans watching the match. There are seven to 10 games per match, with the occasional willing volunteer joining us up on the field to help the hilarity ensue.

This show begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors (age 65 and up).



ABOVE: ComedySportz brings its exciting comedy show to Pardeeville on Feb. 1.

### RING OF KERRY

On Saturday, March 8, Ring of Kerry will be visiting Pardeeville. Ring of Kerry is a bursting-with-energy Irish music group that captures the hearts of listeners. The group takes its name from a beautiful craggy drive in southwestern County Kerry, Ireland. Its Celtic music, however, is played with a heart much closer to its American home.

This show begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors (age 65 and up).

BELOW: Ring of Kerry will play at the Lenz Auditorium on March 8.

### PURCHASES TICKETS ONLINE

Tickets for individual shows can be purchased online, or via phone at 608-285-2717 (Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or at the door, subject to availability.

Online ticket sales end 24 hours prior to the performance. If the show is sold out, it will be posted on the Lenz Auditorium's website, Instagram and Facebook page. Ticket sales are non-refundable, except in the case of a canceled performance. Refunds can take the form of a gift certificate, which can go towards a future ticket purchase, or a donation to the Lenz Auditorium's general operating fund.

If you have any questions or are having troubles ordering, contact Adam at 608-285-2717.





## Cross recognized with 'Player with Heart' Award

Pardeeville High School senior Macy Cross was recently named a Wisconsin "Beck's Player with Heart" award winner for the month of September and is now eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship from Beck's, a retail seed company here in the Midwest.



Cross

Macy competes in volleyball, track and field and powerlifting at Pardeeville High School. She is also involved in the FFA as the Co-President, National Honor Society as the Treasurer, student council, Key Club, Educators Rising, choir, peer tutoring. She is also a member of the Wisconsin Show Pig Association and Arlington Prairie 4-H Club, participates in the 4-H State Livestock Quiz Bowl, Skill-A-Thon, and is involved in meats and livestock judging.

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## District taking bids for winter snow plowing

The Pardeeville Area School District is now accepting bids for snow plowing services for the 2024-25 school year. Interested contractors can access the bid packet online at [pasdwi.org/district/requests-for-bids-and-proposals.cfm](https://pasdwi.org/district/requests-for-bids-and-proposals.cfm). Bids must be received in the Pardeeville Area School District Office no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. Bids will be reviewed during the school board meeting on Monday, Oct. 21.



Members of the Taher team that work in the Pardeeville Schools are, from left; Lisa Bardon, Olivia Van Genderen, Heidi Welsh, Tabby Paul, Leanna Brock, Windy Watson, Sam Hosig and Tammie Slade. Absent from the photo is Sally Olson.

## We honor our food service team during National School Lunch Week

The Pardeeville Area School District is excited to celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 14-18, a time dedicated to recognizing the importance of nutritious meals in helping students succeed in the classroom. Each day, our students enjoy well-balanced and delicious meals that fuel their learning, thanks to our dedicated food service partner, Taher, Inc.

Taher plays a crucial role in ensuring that our students receive healthy, fresh, and appealing meals. The district would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Taher for their hard work and commitment to supporting the well-being of our students.

Taher's team here at the Pardeeville

Area School District includes Food Service Director Windy Watson along with Leanna Brock, Tabby Paul, Sam Hosig, Olivia Van Genderen, Lisa Bardon, Tammie Slade, Heidi Welsh and Sally Olson.

To help gear up for National School Lunch Week, on Wednesday, Oct. 9, Taher is bringing in a special guest chef to prepare lunch for the students in the high school. Visiting that day will be Chef Camilo, who will be presenting a unique Brazilian culinary experience as he will be making a Cerrado-style chicken with rice and beans and kale Farofa.

***Don't forget to check out the Pardeeville Area School District on social media!***



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# 2024-2025 Pardeeville High School and Middle School Winter Sports Schedules



## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov. 23	Madison Abundant Life, 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 26	Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 13	Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Poynette, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Hustisford, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Horicon, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 7	Waterloo, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Prin/GL, at Princeton, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	Westfield, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 17 or 18	Trailways Crossover at CWC
Jan. 21	at Wisconsin Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Lodi, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 3	Berlin, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 6	Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 14	Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 20	Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.

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

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 2	at Waterloo, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	at Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 6	Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 10	Wisconsin Dells, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 20	Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 9	at St. Ambrose Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 14	Belleville, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 16	Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 21	Westfield, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 23	Poynette, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 24 or 25	Trailways Crossover at Horicon
Jan. 27	at Madison Abundant Life
Jan. 30	Markesan, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 7	Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Horicon, 7:15 p.m.

Feb. 13	at Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 18	Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 24	Watertown Luther Prep, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Prin/GL, at Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.

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

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Dec. 7	at Black River Falls Invite, 10 a.m.
Dec. 12	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Waunakee Invite, 9:15 a.m.
Dec. 19	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Waterloo Tournament, 3 p.m.
Dec. 27 & 28	at UW-Whitewater Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 30	at Ripon Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 9	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Sauk Prairie Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 16	at Horicon Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 18	at DeForest Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 23	at Rio Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Watertown Luther Prep, 7 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Princeton Quad, 5 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Wisconsin Dells Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 8	Trailways Meet at DodgeLand, 8 a.m.
Feb. 15	at Cedar Grove-Belgium Regional
Feb. 22	at DodgeLand Sectional
Feb. 27-Mar 1	Individual State at Madison

## BOYS CURLING

Nov. 21	Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 3	Lodi, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 10	Poynette, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 7	Poynette, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 9	Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 14	Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 17-18	Tietge Bonspiel in Wausau
Jan. 21	at Lodi
Jan. 28	at Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Feb. 4	Lodi, 3:45 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Poynette, 3:45 p.m.
Feb. 14-15	State Championships, at Wausau

## GIRLS CURLING

Dec. 3	at Lodi, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Poynette, 3:45 p.m.
Dec. 17	Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Poynette, 3:45 p.m.

Jan. 14	at Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 17-18	Tietge Bonspiel in Wausau
Jan. 21	Lodi
Jan. 28	Portage, 3:45 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Lodi, 3:45 p.m.
Feb. 6	Poynette, 3:45 p.m.
Feb. 14-15	State Championships, at Wausau

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 14	at Cambria-Friesland, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Fall River, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	at DodgeLand, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Markesan, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Horicon, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Princeton/Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Montello, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Rio, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	DodgeLand, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Oct. 24	Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Montello, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Princeton/Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Markesan, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Rio, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Cambria-Friesland, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	at Horicon, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Fall River, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at DodgeLand, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Fall River, 4:30 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oct. 29	at Veronal Quad, TBD
Nov. 11	at Oregon Invite, 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 19	Pardeeville Quad, 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Waunakee Quad, 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 3	Pardeeville Quad, 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Waunakee Triangular, 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Monroe Quad, 4:15 p.m.

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

**Don't forget to check out the Pardeeville Area School District on social media!**



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## Help available for seniors hoping to fill out college applications

Many students have already completed their applications for college and received their acceptance notifications. This is a very exciting time for those students. If your child hasn't submitted their college application yet, and needs help, please have them stop down to the counseling office for help.

Mrs. Huset is about halfway through meeting with all of the seniors to go over their graduation plans. If you have a senior student who hasn't met with Mrs. Huset, please remind them to do so.

Pardeeville High School juniors should know that the ACT will take place in early March. The exact date is not yet known.

Pardeeville High School sophomores will have an ACT ASPIRE test and Wisconsin Forward Exam in the spring. Additionally, Mrs. Huset will be scheduling sophomore planning conferences for sophomores and their families in the spring. Please watch for emails with more information on these events.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Pardeeville Area School District

April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the School District of Pardeeville on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, to fill the following school board positions. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Current board members who are up for election include:

Bret Achterberg

Chad Bellis

Person Yet-To-Be-Appointed (2 year term)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy form must be filed no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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 18, 2025.

Declaration of Candidacy forms and Campaign 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.pasdw.org/elections](http://www.pasdw.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.

Justin Nickel  
School District Clerk



## Book fair in Pardeeville Oct. 21-24

Pardeeville Elementary School is excited to announce its upcoming Fall Book Fair, which will run from Oct. 21 to 24. The event offers an opportunity for students to discover new books, sparking a love for reading and helping to build their personal libraries. Elementary students will have a chance to shop during the school day, browsing a variety of engaging titles.



Parents and guardians are especially encouraged to visit the book fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. This is a great chance for families to support their children's reading interests while

engaging with their teachers.

For those who can't make it in person, there is an option to shop online, with an even broader selection of books. To shop the book fair online, scan the QR code shown above. Best of all, every purchase made at the fair, either in person or online, directly supports Pardeeville Schools, enhancing learning resources for students.

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## Winter sports parent and athlete meeting is Oct. 10

Pardeeville High School and Pardeeville Middle School will be holding their Winter Sports Parent and Athlete Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10 in the Lenz Auditorium, starting at 7 p.m.

All athletes participating in a winter sport at Pardeeville Middle School or High School, along with the parents of those athletes, are asked to attend this meeting.

After an initial meeting with Pardeeville Athletic Director Alex Hammerschmidt, athletes and parents will break off into sport-specific meetings with coaches. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make sure to get in touch with your respective coach to see what information will be relayed and get any paperwork that may be needed. There will be copies of physical and alternate forms available for pickup at the meeting. Please be advised that a student must have a physical or alternate form filled out and into the athletic office before practices start to ensure that they are eligible to start practicing.

# Football team off to undefeated start

## Bulldogs face huge game in Cambridge

The first half of the season for the Pardeeville varsity football team couldn't have gone much better. The Bulldogs opened the season a perfect 5-0 and have outscored their opponents 223-16 during that stretch.

Pardeeville's success has also gotten the attention of those outside Pardeeville, as the Bulldogs moved up to No. 6 in Division 6 in the Wissports.net Coaches Poll following their 42-0 victory in Poynette on Sept. 20.

Leading the Bulldogs on offense this season has been senior quarterback Logan Young. Through five games, Young is the team's leading rusher with 590 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground. Young has also thrown for 460 yards and five touchdowns without tossing an interception through those

first five games. Much like last season, Jamison Wickersham has been Young's favorite target in the passing game. The senior has 17 receptions for 263 yards and four touchdowns in victories over Necedah, New Lisbon, Marshall, Fall River/Rio and Poynette.

On defense, Pardeeville's leading tacklers through five games has been junior Kingston Galetka with 29 tackles and seniors Caleb Mackey (25 tackles) and Ashton Whitehorse (23 tackles). Senior Nick Sween has intercepted four passes through five games to lead the Pardeeville secondary.

Pardeeville's hot start has set it up for a huge game against Cambridge on Oct. 4. Both teams were undefeated through five games, and Cambridge was ranked fifth – one spot ahead of Pardeeville – in the Week 5 Wissports.net Coaches Poll in Division 6. The winner will more than likely be your 2024 Eastern Suburban Conference Champion.



Pardeeville senior quarterback Logan Young has rushed for 590 yards through five games and has led the Bulldogs to a 5-0 start.

## Bulldog boys fighting for another state berth

### Pardeeville girls looking good with better numbers

The Pardeeville boys cross country team's quest to qualify for the WIAA State Championships for a third year in a row has gotten off to an impressive start. In the first five meets of the season, the Pardeeville boys have finished second twice, and first three times.

Pardeeville's three meet victories have come at the Poynette Invite (Sept. 12), at the Dana Waddell Invite in Marshall (Sept. 17) and at the Rebel Invite in Rio (Sept. 20).

Leading the Pardeeville boys has been seniors Will Becker and Brody Motsenbocker. Becker has finished fourth or better in all of his first five races, including an overall victory in Poynette. Motsenbocker has cracked the top 10 in each of his first five races, and was the top overall boys finisher at the Dana Waddell Invite. Freshman Trenton Hendrickson and junior Mason Muscanaro have also given a big boost to the team. Muscanaro was seventh at the season-opening meet in Westfield, while Hendrickson was fifth in Marshall.

The Pardeeville boys will be trying to win a Trailways Conference Championship for the fourth year in a row when it competes at the Trailways Conference Meet on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Blackhawk Golf Course in Janesville. The Bulldogs will then be trying to qualify for the state meet when competing at the Division 3 Poynette Sectional on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Pardeeville girls cross country team is also having a strong season. With an improvement in the number of runners on the team, the results have also shown to be much better this fall.

Through five races, the Pardeeville girls have had some impressive results, including a second place at the Rebel Invitational in Rio on Sept. 20. The team also finished third out of seven teams in Westfield.

Sophomore Bree Motsenbocker has been the team's top runner. She has finished in first place in Rio and also was the top runner in the small school division in Poynette on Sept. 12. Other top runners for the Pardeeville girls have been senior Natalie Peissig and sophomore Mariah Bruflat. Peissig was sixth in Rio and eighth in Poynette, while Bruflat finished 10th in Westfield and in Poynette.



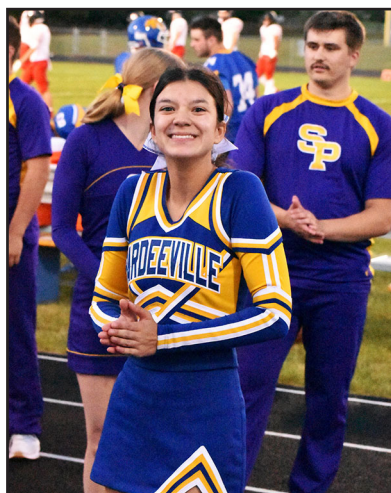
Pardeeville's Will Becker (top photo) and Bree Motsenbocker (bottom) have led the Bulldogs cross country runners this season



## Cheer squad has had busy fall season

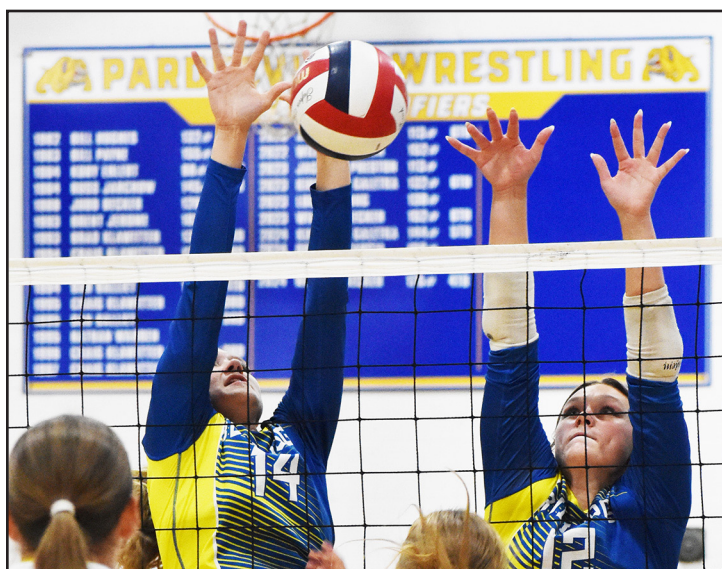
The Pardeeville High School Cheer Team has had an eventful start to the fall season, energizing crowds at every football game. On Aug. 23, the squad celebrated Alumni Cheer Night, with 15 former cheerleaders returning to the field. The current team worked alongside the alumni, teaching them new routines that they then performed together during the first half of the game, which ended in a Bulldogs victory over Necedah.

On Sept. 6, the cheer team hosted the UW-Stevens Point Cheerleading Team during Pardeeville's win over Marshall. The Pointers' co-ed squad spent time pregame with the Bulldogs, providing valuable tips on stunting and allowing the high school cheerleaders to try new stunting roles. The college cheer team stayed through the first half of the game and dazzled fans with some of the stunts. Special thanks go to UW-Stevens Point coach Sue Poeschl for bringing her team and energy to Pardeeville.



**ABOVE:** The Pardeeville High School Cheer Team poses with the alumni who joined them during the Third Annual Alumni Cheer Night on Aug. 23.

**LEFT:** The UW-Stevens Point Cheer Team visited Pardeeville for the Sept. 6 game against Marshall.



Pardeeville's Bronte Hulberg, left, and Chloe Lukowski go up to block and attack from a Montello hitter during their conference volleyball match on Sept. 17.

## Volleyball team starts strong, hopes to finish on winning streak

The Pardeeville varsity volleyball team had an up-and-down season thus far, but is hoping to finish strong during the month of October.

The Bulldogs started the year by winning all three of its matches at the season-opening quad it hosted, beating Coulee Christian, Beaver Dam Wayland Academy and Orfordville Parkview. Wins have been harder to come by, as the team recently endured a losing streak, which ended on Tuesday, Sept. 24 with a sweep of Lincoln Academy at Pardeeville High School.

Leading Pardeeville's offensive attack this season has been juniors Bronte Hulberg and Ava Wagner. Through 16 matches, Hulberg has a team-best 49 kills, followed by Wagner's 37 kills. Junior Lexi Hughes has been the team's top setter, as she has totaled 148 assists through 16 matches. Senior Anna Trahms leads the Bulldogs in service aces with 27, while Hulberg has a team-leading 20 blocks at the net.



# Outdoor Adventure students take on Kennedy Challenge Course

## Pardeeville kids take on climbing wall, other obstacles during day-long field trip

Students in Mr. Hammerschmidt's Outdoor Adventures class at Pardeeville High School took learning beyond the classroom on a trip to the Kennedy Challenge Course in Madison on Sept. 20. The field trip was filled with opportunities for students to step out of their comfort zones, challenge themselves and embrace the spirit of adventure.

The course offered students a variety of physical and mental challenges, with the highlights being a steep wall and a pole climb, both of which tested their strength and determination. After reaching the top, participants enjoyed a zip line descent back to the ground.

In addition to the climbing challenges, some of the students worked together to complete various obstacle and team-building activities on the ropes course. One of the most unique challenges involved stacking milk crates to see how high they could climb. This creative task required balance, focus and teamwork, with students cheering one another on as they pushed their limits.

The day was a success, with many students exceeding their own expectations and finding new ways to support each other. The field trip not only provided a fun break from the routine, but also offered lessons in resilience and personal growth.



ABOVE: Pardeeville junior Oswald Sanchez enjoys a zip-line ride back down to the ground.

BELOW: Pardeeville juniors Austin Dechert and Kingston Galetka complete a two-person climbing challenge.

LEFT: Pardeeville junior Brady Dolgner nears the top of the climbing wall.





## Student council visits Devil's Lake



The Pardeeville Middle School 8th grade student council members recently participated in a full day leadership retreat in Baraboo. The group did many team-building and problem-solving activities, and then finished the day by canoeing at Devil's Lake State Park. Student council members who participated in the trip are shown at Devil's Lake. They are, from left: Chesney Wickersham, Quinnlyn Lusk, Kylie Buzzell, Jaycey Thornton, Jenna Cross, Alyvia Bell, Kinleyh Anderson, Makenzie Schmidtke, Lilley Hanko, Madelynn Soppe, Jackson Oelke and Lane Pease.

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## Freshmen have fun-filled first day at Pardeeville High School

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, Pardeeville High School held its annual Freshmen Orientation, providing incoming students with an exciting and informative introduction to their new school environment. The event, designed to ease the transition from middle to high school, featured a variety of activities aimed at helping freshmen get familiar with Pardeeville High School.

The day kicked off with an assembly in the Lenz Auditorium, where students had the chance to meet the incredible staff who will be guiding them through their high school journey. During the assembly, staff members shared insights about what the students could expect as they begin this new chapter of their education.

Following the assembly, students participated in a school-wide scavenger hunt, helping them explore key locations throughout the building. From classrooms to the library, cafeteria, and administrative offices, freshmen had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with essential areas they'll be frequenting in the coming years.

The orientation also included a mock schedule, allowing students to experi-



Members of the Pardeeville freshmen class walk through the cafeteria while taking part in a scavenger hunt that helped them learn about the high school.

ence what a typical day at Pardeeville High School feels like. This gave them a chance to practice moving between classes, find their lockers, and meet some of their future teachers.

The day wrapped up with a series of team-building activities in the gymnasium, led by Brian Kenney from Team Extreme. These activities emphasized collaboration and the importance of

working together—essential qualities of being part of the Bulldog community.

A special thank you goes out to the high school student council members who volunteered as tour guides for the freshmen. Their leadership and enthusiasm helped set the tone for what it means to be a Bulldog at Pardeeville High School.



## Third graders get hooked on reading with book tasting event

Ms. Grasse's 3rd grade classroom made a splash on Sept. 18 with an exciting sea-themed book tasting event. The event allowed students to "dive" into a variety of ocean and sea-themed books, offering them a unique way to engage with reading.

Students sampled different titles, jotting down their thoughts on each "catch of the day" as they explored new stories. Along with the book tastings, Ms. Grasse treated the class to creative, ocean-inspired snacks. The treats included "sea water" (blue fruit punch), "bait" (gummy worms), "shark teeth" (candy corn), and "fishing rods" (pretzel sticks), adding a flavorful twist to the fun.

The event was a success, sparking excitement for reading and making it a true adventure for the students. Special thanks to Ms. Grasse for her creativity and enthusiasm, which reeled in a memorable experience for all.



Students in Ms. Grasse's 3rd grade class got to check out a variety of sea-themed books during a book tasting event held in their classroom recently.

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## Trip to Alsum Farms provides learning experience to students

On Friday, Sept. 27, students from Mrs. Seichter's Meat and Vegetable Science classes at Pardeeville High School had the unique opportunity to visit Alsum Farms and Produce in Friesland, gaining valuable insights into the agricultural industry.

Upon arrival, the students were greeted by Alsum Farms Marketing Manager Christine Lindner, who provided an overview of the farm's operations before leading them on a comprehensive tour of the facility. During the tour, students learned about the various processes involved in growing, packaging, and delivering a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, including the farm's eco-friendly, sustainably grown russet, red, white, golden, and specialty potatoes.

One of the highlights of the tour was reconnecting with Pardeeville alum Matt Smith, who now serves as the human resource manager at Alsum Farms. Smith helped guide some of the students through the facility.

The visit offered Pardeeville High School students a firsthand look at the farm-to-table process, reinforcing the real-world applications of their classroom studies in Meat and Vegetable Science.

This educational experience is part of Pardeeville High School's ongoing effort to connect students with local industries, providing practical learning opportunities beyond the classroom.



Pardeeville alum Matt Smith, who is the human resource manager at Alsum Farms and Produce, stands in front of a huge pile of potatoes while speaking to Pardeeville students who visited the facility on Friday, Sept. 27.



## Zillmer meets with AP Psychology students

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, Mr. John Zillmer, a dedicated school psychologist with CESA 5, visited Mr. Reynolds' AP Psychology class at Pardeeville High School to offer students a firsthand look into the world of school psychology.

During his visit, Mr. Zillmer, who works closely with students in the district, shared valuable insights into his role, from supporting student mental health to collaborating with teachers to create a positive learning environment. He also provided guidance for students considering a career in school psychology, discussing the impact psychologists have on student well-being and academic success.

The talk was both informative and inspiring, offering students a deeper understanding of the crucial role psychology plays in education. A big thank you to Mr. Zillmer for his time and expertise.



John Zillmer, who works as a school psychologist with CESA5, speaks with the students in Mr. Reynolds' AP Psychology class at Pardeeville High School on Sept. 11.

## A kind gift



Pardeeville Area School District Library Media Specialist Amber Houslet, far left, recently accepted a book donation to the Pardeeville Elementary School Library from Barb Kidney and her daughter and grandson, Nina and Easton Grasse. The book, which is called "ABC's of Corn," was written by Barb's aunt Lois Roets and two of Lois's sisters. Lois and her husband Phil were both teachers in Pardeeville in the 1960s and 1970s and enjoyed this small community. Lois passed away in 2021 and the Pardeeville School Library was a recipient of a large financial gift. Part of the money was used to purchase the book vending machine in Pardeeville Elementary School.

## JOB OPENINGS

### Pardeeville looking for winter sports coaches

The Pardeeville Area School District is searching for dedicated individuals to fill two coaching positions for the upcoming 2024-2025 winter sports season. The district is looking to hire a Middle School Girls Basketball Coach and a Middle School Curling Coach to lead and develop student-athletes in these programs.

Ideal candidates will have strong skills in planning, communication, problem solving, and leadership. Responsibilities for both positions include organizing and running practices, attending all competitions, and maintaining equipment and uniform inventories. While previous coaching or teaching experience is a plus, the primary goal is to find coaches who are passionate about helping students grow both on and off the court or rink.

Those interested in applying for either position should submit a letter of interest and provide contact information for three references. Applications can be sent to Alex Hammerschmidt, Activities Director, Pardeeville High School, 120 Oak Street, Pardeeville, WI 53954. Alternatively, applicants can email their materials to [hammal@pasdwi.org](mailto:hammal@pasdwi.org).

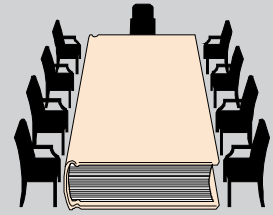
### Taher needs food service workers in Pardeeville

Taher Inc., the food service partner here at the Pardeeville Area School District, is looking for food-service workers to work at Pardeeville Schools.

Taher currently has an opening for a part-time food service position (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) in Pardeeville. Taher is also looking for a substitute food service worker that could work from Oct. 28 to Jan. 30 with time off for Christmas break. This would be a great opportunity to make extra money for the upcoming holidays.

For information and to apply, go online at [taher.com](http://taher.com) and click on the "careers" tab. Then hit the "Apply Now" tab and search for "Pardeeville."

# Pardeeville Board of Education



## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING July 15, 2024

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

### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

### Open Forum

No one signed up.

### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School- Ms. Levzow stated that the park program was doing well. Mr. Hees stated that it was a nice touch for the 4K graduates to receive shirts that they will wear in the future. Middle School- Ms. Levzow was liking the numbers for summer school participation thus far. High School- Ms. Levzow stated that she liked to see the band and the cheer team in the 4th of July Parade. Mr. Hees advised that the cheer team also helped at the triathlon in Pardeeville with check-ins.

Athletics- Ms. Levzow liked the honor roll numbers being reported. Mr. Hammerschmidt gave an update on the Bortz retirement of jersey number along with Mr. Hees. Mr. Hammerschmidt also talked about the coaches workshop they had earlier in the day. Mr. Nickel asked for clarification on the team handbooks being created during the coach's workshops and how that affects the co-curricular handbook. Mr. Bellis asked about open positions.

Building and Grounds- Ms. Levzow stated that they are staying busy as usual.

Technology- Ms. Levzow stated they are also staying busy getting the chromebooks ready for distribution and recycling.

### September Board Meeting Dates

Mr. LeMay stated with Labor Day being on the first Monday in September, to move the board meeting to Tuesday, September 3, 2024. All agreed. Mr. LeMay also talked about needing a special meeting for a second reading of the new Title IX policies. This meeting was scheduled for July 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the District Office conference room.

### Committee Reports

Finance- no comments on the report. Mr. Nickel and Mr. LeMay did give a brief overview of the policy committee meeting they had on Thursday, July 11 regarding the new Title IX policies that were needing to be approved for their first readings at tonight's meeting.

### Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow gave a big thanks to the board members for their help during the superintendent search process. She also stated that it was nice to see community members and staff come to the community forum section of the interview process. Mr. Bellis asked Mr. Housner about the scoreboard lights for the softball and baseball fields. Mr. Housner will switch out signage so signs can be turned off. Ms. Walker talked about a dedication to the Pardeeville High school in Joy Ribar's newer book Medusa Murders. Mr. Hees stated that should be something to be added to the hall of fame.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 6/17/2024

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 6/17/24. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the receipts and expenditures. Mr. Hees did ask about some Taher checks to ensure what they were regarding and the timeframe of those invoices. Mr. LeMay was able to answer those questions. Mr. Hees also asked about the state Track hotel stay amount. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of District Administrator

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the hiring of Dr. Benjamin Heninger as our new District Administrator. Ms. Levzow and Mr. Nickel thanked everyone for a great process and looked forward to working with Mr. Heninger. They also thanked Mr. LeMay and wished him well. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Support Staff Resignation

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the resignation of Darlene Postler. Ms. Levzow asked how this would be addressed, and Mr. Heninger will follow up on. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

No resignations at the time of the meeting.

### Approval of Certified Staff

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Achterberg approved the hiring of Christine Neeb as an Elementary School teacher, Haley Dushack as a 2nd grade Elementary School Teacher and James Geurts as a Middle School 6th grade teacher. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Certified Staff/ Support Staff/

## Coaches

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the hiring of the assisted and middle school coaches for the fall season as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Update Signatures at Bank First and National Exchange Bank for New Superintendent

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the updating of signatures at Bank First and National Exchange Bank for the new superintendent. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Insurance Renewal

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the insurance renewal as presented by Mr. LeMay. Mr. LeMay talked about insurance policies changing and the bigger premiums associated with those changes. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Parent Transportation Contracts for 2024-2025

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the parent transportation contracts for 2024-2025. Motion passed 6-0.

### 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 2024-2025 School Year

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the annual declaration and parent notice of the District's student academic standards for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of First Reading of Neola Title IX Policies

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the first readings of new policy 2264 and updated policy 2266 along with the updated notice and statement of nondiscrimination. Mr. LeMay went over the changes briefly. Training will be mandatory for all staff and coaches. Reporting of a situation can be verbally now instead of just written notice. Mr. Nickel thanked Mr. LeMay for explaining and recommending the upcoming workshops for staff. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the donations of a new 3D printer for the Tech Ed classroom, \$3.44 donation to the auditorium from Lynn McCarthy, a \$25 donation to the auditorium from Debra Wopat and \$10 from Mary Bernien Vethe to the auditorium. Motion passed 6-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Approval of minutes for the 7/15/24 meeting, building staff handbooks and possible additional Fund 10 committed funds.

### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes



to approve closed session minutes dated 6/18/24 and 7/2/24 and to review the new superintendent contract.

Return to Open Session

Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 6/18/2024

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the closed session minutes dated 6/18/24. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Walker - yes, Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval Closed Session Minutes Dated 7/2/2024

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the closed session minutes dated 7/2/24. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Walker - yes, Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Walker - yes, Mr. Achterberg - yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Mr. Hees - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 23, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger and Ms. Jen Mecum. Ms. Margo Pufahl attended via telephone.

Approval of Second Reading and Approval of Neola Title IX Policies

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Pufahl to approve the second reading and approval of Neola Title IX policies 2264, 2266 and the updated notice and statement of nondiscrimination. Mr. Bellis and Mr. Hees reiterated some of the changes to the policies and to reiterate that these changes put us in Federal compliance. Mr. Hees stated that Mr. LeMay took a lot of time to go over the revisions with the assistance of Neola to ensure everything was updated properly. Mr. Heninger did talk about the compliance officer change. Mr. Achterberg asked for clarification on who people are to report for and Mr. Hees and Mr. Bellis answered. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

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Becky Levzow, Board President

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Aug. 5, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Paul Hees, Mr. Justin Nickel, 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, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Ms. Meagan Vujnovich, Ms. Mya Noyons, Ms. Cassandra Luedtke, Ms. Catherine Kopfhamer and Ms. Celia Kopfhamer. Ms. Margo Pufahl was via telephone and Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 8:04 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

FFA Presenting Members Going to Nationals

Ms. Seichter talked about the 4 FFA students that were State finalists for Proficiency. Ms. Noyons talked about her vet training background that contributed to her success. Both Ms. Catherine and Ms. Celia Kopfhamer had an excellent marketing plan that made it to State. Ms. Catherine and Ms. Celia Kopfhamer, along with the assistance of Ms. Seichter did a mock presentation in regards to their presentation on a marketing plan for the Crooked Branch Coffeehouse that they are presenting at Nationals. During the Q & A portion of the presentation, Mr. Hees did have some questions that the students were able to help answer as well as receive suggestions from Mr. Hees. Ms. Levzow stated they did great on the presentation and wished them luck at Nationals.

Agriculture Department Recap for 23-24 School Year

Ms. Seichter and Ms. Vujnovich presented their recap of the 23-24 school year and introduced one of their student interns for the 24-25 school year, Ms. Luedtke. Ms. Walker said that the ag department is doing an awesome job. Ms. Levzow is happy for all of the opportunities their department has created.

School Perceptions Update on Community Survey

Ms. Levzow introduced Mr. Schott Girard, project manager from School Perceptions who was via video. He gave an update on what the community survey was going to look like to help aid in the potential referendum. Ms. Levzow explained that this is still in draft mode and still needs finalization before info is sent out. Mr. Heninger will be working with Ms. Carol Wirth to get finance information accurate before printing the survey. Mr. Hees suggested some changes to the survey booklet. Mr. Girard also stated that we would be adding additional information to our website to help with some of the information that may be needed.

Board Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

Confirmed committee schedule to say the same nights/days as last year's. An updated schedule will be sent out to the board mem-

bers and placed online.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Hees gave an update on the Bortz project, which consisted of the Spanish Club hosting the tailgate before the game and Mr. Bortz's college will be sending a letter of accolades to be read during the jersey retirement ceremony. Ms. Levzow stated that FFA had a good presence at the Columbia County Fair and were involved in a lot of aspects of it.

Approval of Minutes Dated 7/15/2024

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve minutes dated 7/15/24. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes Dated 7/23/2024

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve minutes dated 7/23/24. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

Nothing to approve at this time.

Approval of Certified Staff

Nothing to approve at this time.

Approval of Support Staff Resignation

Nothing to approve at this time.

Approval of Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the hiring of April Yonkie. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Additional Summer School Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the hiring of Jill Fennwald for support staff for Elementary School summer school. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Approval/Resignation of Coaches

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the hiring of coaches and volunteers for fall sports as presented. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Approval of Addition to Fund 10 Fund Balance-Committed

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the \$3,500 addition to Fund 10 balance. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Elementary School Staff Handbook for 2024-2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the Elementary School staff handbook for 2024-2025. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Middle School Staff Handbook for 2024-2025

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the Middle School staff handbook for 2024-2025. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of High School Staff Handbook for 2024-2025

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the High School staff handbook for 2024-2025. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donation of \$102,535.00 from the Lenz Charitable Trust Grant along with a \$190.65 donation from the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters to cover transportation for a 23-24 school year field trip. Motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Will be approving certified and support staff handbooks, along with Building and Grounds requesting some new equipment to order. There will be a safety procedure update as well as a Schools Perceptions meeting. It was reminded to the board that the annual meeting will also be happening on 8/19/24 after the regular meeting.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING Aug. 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Adam McKinney, Mr. Todd Endl and Deputy Wes Austin Nash. Mr. Bret Achterberg and Ms. Margo Pufahl were absent.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Open Forum

No one had signed up.

#### School Safety Plan Presentation from Columbia County Emergency Services

Mr. Kohn introduced Deputy Director Todd Endl from Columbia County Emergency Management. Mr. Endl talked about his background and in working with the Pardeeville School District the last couple of months to get our safety plan into place and updated. Mr. Kohn gave a brief description of the reunification agreement plan with Rio School District, the safety assessment sheet and the new safety crisis plans that were presented to the board. Mr. Hees, Mr. Nickel and Ms. Levzow asked questions to which Mr. Endl and the administration team were able to answer and elaborate on.

#### Administrative Team Reports

High School- Ms. Levzow stated that registration went well and was well organized, mentioned the jersey celebration happening on Friday, 8/23/24 and talked about all other sports starting.

Elementary School- Ms. Levzow liked the numbers for registration attendance and for summer school.

Middle School- Ms. Levzow stated it was nice to see students attend remedial summer school. Mr. Hees stated that we were making headway in math scores and asking if those numbers reflect on the State scores. Ms. Denure added a math adaptive computer course to all the grades that has helped all of the

students. Mr. Hees stated that he likes seeing numbers and appreciates her work.

Activities- Ms. Levzow and Ms. Walker stated they liked how the display case was coming along and that it was looking good. Mr. Hammerschmidt talked about the Title IX coaches meeting, had about 20 coaches and went well. The rest of the coaches will get the training as well. Building & Grounds- Ms. Levzow stated that herself, Dr. Heninger and Mr. Housner did go to the Nicolet School District and did a site tour that Findorff was working on.

Technology- Ms. Levzow stated that they were still working hard over the summer and it was nice to see that our old technology was able to be recycled properly.

#### Committee Reports

Building and Grounds- Ms. Levzow stated that on 8/5/24 they had a committee meeting and talked about the freezer in the Elementary School needing replacement, a new floor scrubber was needed, Mr. Housner had a plan to reorganize the staff, they talked about ongoing projects, talked about dealing with the brush in the Elementary School and adding fencing, talking about the elementary school parking lot and getting rid of the dirt, using the line robot again and meeting with Findorff.

#### Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow stated that she went to the PABA meeting with Dr. Heninger where he was introduced to more of the community. Ms. Levzow stated that they were able to remind the group about the upcoming survey coming out. Ms. Levzow also attended an FFA alumni event and also mentioned to them of the upcoming survey going out to families.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 8/5/2024

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

#### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the receipts and expenditures as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Replacing Floor Scrubber

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the replacing of the floor scrubber from Pike Systems for \$9,998.00. Ms. Levzow and Mr. Housner went over the request of needing one. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of B & G 24-25 Staffing:

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the recommendation of staffing for Building and Grounds for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the hiring of support staff Debbie Holland for the High School attendance secretary and lunch coordinator position. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the resignation of Andrea Achterberg. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr.

Bellis to approve the hiring of Taylor Jahnke as an Elementary School teacher. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval/Resignations Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the hiring of Amber Hoffman as a Middle School volleyball coach. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Certified Staff Handbook for 2024-2025

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the 2024-2025 certified staff handbook. Mr. Hees did ask if there was any discussion on the supplemental pay if there was any change to the structure of how the amounts were generated, to which it was noted that has not been able to be investigated yet. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Accumulated Sick Leave Rate for Support Staff Change

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the increase of accumulated sick leave rate for support staff from \$75 to \$100. Mr. Hees said this type of motion is appreciated to help our support staff out. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Support Staff Handbook for 2024-2025

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2024-2025 support staff handbook. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the donation of \$980 from the FFA Alumni to offset 2023 FFA National Convention fees. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Reminder that the meeting is on Tuesday, 9/3/24- talking about WASB fall meeting and State convention in January 2025. There will be an overnight field trip request to be approved. Also a special meeting is scheduled on 8/26/24 to meet with Carol Wirth.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING Aug. 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. 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. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Adam McKinney, Mr. Ralph Levzow, Mr. Jonathan Peetz and Mr. Kenneth Levzow.

#### Election of Chairperson

Mr. Heninger opened it up to any nomina-



tions to be made in regards to nominating a chairperson for this meeting. Ms. Karla Walker nominated Ms. Becky 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

Mr. Heninger talked about the treasurer's report that was presented in the packet.

#### District Update

Mr. Heninger read a report that Mr. LeMay, past superintendent, was kind enough to prepare for the meeting that highlighted a number of achievements, along with recaping the State report card.

#### Agenda Item E: School Board Salaries

I, Mr. Jonathan Peetz, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education salaries: Will be: President \$1,650.00; Clerk \$1,650.00; Treasurer \$1,650.00; Others \$1,650.00. Motion seconded by: Ms. Amber Denure. Motion passed.

#### Agenda Item F: School Board Reimbursement

I, Ms. Amber 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 \$.51 per mile) while representing the school district at the state convention. Motion seconded by: Mr. Jim Housner. Motion passed.

#### Agenda Item G: Sale of Surplus Property

I, Mr. Jonathan Peetz, 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. Bell. Motion passed

#### Agenda Item H: Tax Levy

I, Mr. Jonathan Peetz, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education levy a school tax levy of Five Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Four and 50 cents (\$5,955,835.50) for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion seconded by: Mr. Philip Walker. Motion passed.

#### Agenda Item I: Time and Place for 2025 Annual Meeting:

I, Mr. Ralph Levzow, move for adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hold the 2025 Annual Meeting on August 18, 2025 in the High School Lenz Auditorium. Motion seconded by: Mr. Jonathan Peetz. Motion passed.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ralph Levzow / seconded by Mr. Kenneth Levzow to approve the adjournment. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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Becky Levzow, Board President

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING Sept. 3, 2024**

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. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Dr. Benjamin Heninger, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum and Ms. Angie Noyons.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Board Member Attendance for WASB Fall Regional Meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024

Discussed with board members on attendance for the fall regional meeting.

#### Board Member Attendance for WASB State Convention on January 22-23, 2025

Discussed with board members on who were able to attend the state convention.

#### Board Comments & Questions

The board discussed the passing of vice-president Margo Pufahl. They discussed her accomplishments and dedicated service to the school district as well as throughout the Pardeeville area.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 8/19/2024

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 8/19/24. Motion passed 5-0-1.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 8/19/2024-Annual Meeting

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 8/19/24 for the Annual Meeting. Motion passed 5-0-1.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 8/26/2024

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve minutes dated 8/26/24. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for 11/12 Graders

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the overnight field trip for 11th and 12th graders. Mr. Bell gave a description of what the field trip entailed, including the students going with other local school districts. Mr. Hees asked about out of pocket costs for students, and Mr. Bell stated that it is very minimal costs for the students as there is grant funding that will take care of the majority of the costs. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Student Representatives to the School Board

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the student representatives to the school board of Ava Wagner and Bronte Hulberg. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the resignation of Ruth Ann Kingsland. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker approved the hiring of Brittany Glanzer as a paraprofessional for the High School, Kiera McGuire as an educational aide for the Elementary School and Tara Ploessl as a paraprofessional for the Elementary School. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Coaches

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve Dustin Bussan as a high school football volunteer. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Approval of Middle School Uniform Rotation Plan

Ms. Denure went over the proposed middle school uniform rotation for sports. Mr. Nickel asked about different funding to get this going, i.e. sport fees, booster clubs. Mr. Achterberg stated that the youth clubs do get grants for their equipment and is hoping the school district can look into that route. Mr. Achterberg also stated that there is a rotation for helmets in the youth groups so they don't get a hefty cost all at once and can even it out. Mr. Nickel did reiterate that the youth clubs do have fees in order to participate so it may be time to start looking at the school district charging sports fees and for those families that can't afford those fees that they can get assistance. Mr. Achterberg is to relay grant process to Mr. Hammerschmidt. Additional discussions are needed as Mr. Hammerschmidt was not in attendance of this board meeting to answer questions that Ms. Denure or Mr. Bell were not able to answer. Motion to approve was tabled.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the donations of 1 York decline bench press from an anonymous community member, \$32,500 from the Bulldog Support Foundation to match some of the Lenz Grant funds that were received for the Elementary School and High School and \$200 from the 1st Presbyterian Church in Pardeeville towards Stuff the Bus supplies for students. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Ms. Carol Wirth will be here to present the temporary borrowing rates and budget information for the 24-25 school year and get the approval for any borrowing amount needed. Also will have the approval of co-curricular advisor positions for the 24-25 school year. There will also be a survey update.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

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### Upcoming Events

Oct. 7..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8..... Pardeeville Volleyball Pink Out, at PHS, varsity game at 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 10..... Pardeeville Winter Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting, Lenz Auditorium, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 18..... Pardeeville Tackle-for-a-Cure Game, Bob Bostad Field, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 21..... Pardeeville HS/MS Fall Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 21..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 25..... No School  
Oct. 28..... No School  
Nov. 2..... Steve Leslie Sings James Taylor Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 4..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 11..... Pardeeville MS/HS Veterans Day Ceremony, at PHS, 10:15 a.m.  
Nov. 15 & 16..... Pardeeville Drama Club presents "Peter/Wendy" at Lenz Auditorium, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 17..... Pardeeville Drama Club presents "Peter/Wendy" at Lenz Auditorium, 2 p.m.  
Nov. 18..... Trailways South Honor Choir Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6 p.m.  
Nov. 18..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 22..... Pardeeville Elementary Veterans Day Breakfast, at PES, 9 a.m.  
Nov. 23-Dec. 1..... No School, Thanksgiving Break