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The Pardeeville High School Class of 2026 gather for one last photo together during their graduation ceremony held in the high school gymnasium on Saturday, May 23.

Pardeeville class of 2026 celebrates graduation milestone

Pardeeville High School's Class of 2026 officially became alumni as the school held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 23.

There were 67 members of the class who received their diplomas during the ceremony, which also featured performances by the high school choir and band, including solos by senior members.

The Class of 2026 selected a quote from the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off as its class motto: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

During the ceremony, Pardeeville Area School District Interim Superintendent Gus Knitt recognized the accomplishments and service of the graduating class. He noted that 32 graduates

wore gold academic honor cords, representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, while 13 students wore silver community service cords for completing more than 200 hours of volunteer service over the past four years.

"I look at the number of yellow hon-

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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR!

Lindert receives honor from Wisconsin American Legion - Page 6





Thanks for all you do!

On Friday, May 8, the Pardeeville Area School District hosted bus drivers from Smith Bus Service in the high school LMC for a light breakfast of donuts, fruit, coffee and juice as a special token of appreciation for all their hard work throughout the school year. Attending the event from Smith Bus Service were, in front from left, Debbie Kuhl, Nicky Oetzman, Jenny Alfaro and Barb Allen. In back were Tom Anderson, Cindy Crary, Tonya Bock, Tim Smith and Aron Kershaw. The district thanks Smith Bus Service and its drivers for the important role they play in safely transporting students each day.

SUMMER HOURS

Summer hours set for Pardeeville Schools

The Pardeeville Area School District will operate on summer hours throughout the summer months. Offices at Pardeeville High School, Pardeeville Middle School, Pardeeville Elementary School, and the district office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All offices will be closed on Fridays during the summer. Regular office hours will resume at the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Families with questions or district business are encouraged to plan visits during the posted summer hours.

Mission statement:

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

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We are hiring!




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

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GRADUATION

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or cords and see how academically talented this class is,” Knitt said. “I’ve been told by staff members that you are a class that cares about others and are willing to volunteer your time and help others. I see the number of students wearing silver cords, and I know those staff members are correct. Whether it was the over \$50,000 raised for cancer research with the Bulldog Stomp, helping the Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry or other volunteer work to help those people with other needs, your willingness to help others is evident.”

Class salutatorian Ava Wagner also highlighted the accomplishments and dedication of her classmates during her speech.

“Academically, I can not recall a more academically driven class, as we have many students with over a 3.5 GPA and who are always striving to do better in the classroom,” Wagner said. “In clubs, we have been extremely active, with highlights this year in FFA and Bulldog Stomp. This year, FFA raised over \$100,000 for our greenhouse, then Bulldog Stomp raised over \$52,000 for cancer research, which is the most raised ever before. Overall, this class has made a huge difference in the last four years.”

Pardeeville High School Principal David Bell encouraged graduates to carry important qualities with them as they move into the next chapter of their lives.

“Class of 2026, as you leave here today, remember these qualities: adapt to change, stay steady during challenges, support the people around you, persevere through adversity, and trust yourself as you continue growing into the person you are meant to become,” Bell said. “Your future will not be defined only by talent or achievement. It will be defined by your character, your resilience, and your willingness to continue growing throughout life.”

Valedictorian Bailey Grissom delivered the final speech of the ceremony before asking her classmates to move their tassels from the right side of their caps to the left. She closed with a heartfelt message to the Class of 2026.

“Fellow graduates, as we leave today, it’s my wish to impart this upon us all. You are smart, you are loved and you are seen. As with Job, you will succeed in whatever you choose to do and light will shine on the road ahead of you,” Grissom said. “It’s important to look forward, but don’t be scared to look back to see how far you have come. Honor it. Be proud of yourself. Today is a beautiful day to do so. Take the time to appreciate what you’ve gone through. Take care of those who have done so for you. Take some time to thank your teachers and your staff. We would not be on this stage today if not for them. Cherish the memories you have made and be excited for the new adventures ahead of you.”



ABOVE: Pardeeville Class of 2026 valedictorian Bailey Grissom smiles after performing with the high school choir at the graduation ceremony held on May 23.



LEFT: Senior Brook Schomburg is ready for the graduation ceremony to begin.

BELOW: Many of the seniors decorated their graduation caps, including this one by Catherine Kopfhamer, which announces her plans to head to UW-Milwaukee to pursue a nursing degree.





MESSAGE FROM INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GUS KNITT

Survey results show replacing Balliet building as top priority

Board of Education considering November referendum for middle school addition and kitchen renovations

The Pardeeville Board of Education received the results of the Community Facility Survey at its May 18 meeting. A total of 618 individuals responded, representing 18.6 percent of residents within the Pardeeville Area School District. This was an increase of 70 responses compared to the survey conducted prior to the 2025 referendum.

Survey results were broken down into three groups: staff members, parents, and community members who are not parents or staff. The results showed remarkable consistency among all three groups. Their top priority was the Balliet building demolition along with the addition of middle school classrooms and cafeteria space. The second-ranked priority for all three groups was renovation of the high school cafeteria and kitchen. The additions of air conditioning ranked third across all groups.

The survey also provided valuable insight into community support for a potential referendum. Results indicated support for a referendum in the range of approximately \$12 million, while a referendum totaling \$15 million could face challenges at the ballot box.

The estimated costs of the projects are as follows:

- Balliet demolition, middle school classrooms, and cafeteria addition: \$9.9 million
- High school cafeteria and kitchen renovation: \$3.2 million
- Air conditioning improvements: \$2.3 million

Combined, the three highest-priority projects total approximately \$15.4 million.

At its June 1 meeting, the Board of Education began discussing which projects should be included in a November 2026 referendum. Based on the survey results, the Board is seriously considering a referendum totaling approximately \$13.1 million that would include the Balliet demolition, middle school classroom and cafeteria addition, and the high school cafeteria and kitchen renovation.

While air conditioning improvements were identified as the third-highest priority by all three survey groups, the Board is concerned that including those improvements could increase the referendum cost to a level that may not receive voter approval based on survey feed-

back.

The Board believes the community clearly expressed its priorities through the survey and intends to use that information to guide both the selection of projects and the overall referendum amount. The Board is expected to formally adopt a referendum resolution at its July 20, 2026 meeting, allowing the question to be placed before voters in November 2026.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. The Board of Education greatly appreciates your participation and the valuable feedback you provided.

Summer Maintenance Projects set to begin

Residents may notice increased activity around the Pardeeville Area School District campus this summer as several major maintenance projects are completed.

The first project is the replacement of the middle school roof. This project will replace the original roof installed when the building was constructed around the turn of the century. The only portion not included in the project is the gymnasium roof.

The second project involves upgrading security cameras and electronic fob readers throughout all district buildings. The current system was installed as part of a 2012 referendum. Replacement parts for the existing cameras are no longer available, meaning that when a camera fails, that area loses security coverage.

The third project is the installation of a new security door at the elementary school stairwell leading to the second floor. Located near the main entrance, this improvement will ensure that visitors cannot access the upper level of the building without first checking in through the elementary school office.

All three projects are being funded through the District's General Fund. No additional taxpayer dollars are required to complete this work, and these maintenance projects will not be included in the November referendum.

The District remains committed to addressing future maintenance needs, including roofing, parking lots, and other facility improvements, through the General Fund and the Capital Expansion Fund. This approach allows the District to maintain its facilities while reserving referendum requests for larger projects identified as community priorities.

Survey Results Update

MAY 18, 2026



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THANK YOU to all who completed the community survey on facilities! Your feedback is valued and we're grateful for your time.

SURVEY RECAP

The Pardeeville Area School District (PASD) worked with School Perceptions, an independent education research firm, to gather feedback on **facility priorities**: which projects the community thinks are the highest priority to address in an upcoming referendum. The survey also asked respondents to share whether they would **support a referendum** and **how much referendum funding** they would support.

RESULTS

The majority of respondents said the district **should pursue** a building referendum. Across staff and the community, the three projects identified to be "highest priority" were:

1. Balliet Demolition, Middle School Classroom & Cafeteria Addition (estimated cost: \$9.9M)
2. High School Cafeteria & Kitchen Renovation (estimated cost: \$3.2M)
3. Air Conditioning (estimated cost: \$2.3M)

Weighted results showed **59% support** for a \$12M referendum and **49.2% support** for a \$15M referendum. For a \$300,000 property, a \$12M referendum would increase annual property taxes an estimated \$192.

BY THE NUMBERS

618

respondents

**increased from 2024 survey*

18.6%

response rate

(goal is 15%)

**increased from 2024 survey*

55.4%

respondents supporting
a referendum

QUESTIONS?

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Lindert earns Educator of the Year honor from American Legion

The social studies teacher is recognized for his work fostering civic engagement

Pardeeville High School social studies teacher Chris Lindert has been recognized for his dedication to civic education and student engagement, earning the Wisconsin American Legion's Denise H. Rohan Educator of the Year Award for the 2nd District. The district includes Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Washington counties. Lindert accepted the award during the Pardeeville Post 215 meeting at Veteran's Memorial Park in Pardeeville on May 5.

The award honors an outstanding educator who has made significant contributions to promoting the American Legion's Americanism and Youth Programs, while fostering civic engagement, patriotism and leadership development among students.

Lindert was nominated by the Harry D. Jerred American Legion Post 215 in Pardeeville. He has spent the past 25 years teaching social studies in the Pardeeville Area School District. His connection to military service runs deep, as the grandson of a WWII Army Air Corps pilot and the brother of a Vietnam veteran. His family's service also includes a sister who retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and another brother who served in post-Vietnam Germany.

In the classroom, Lindert incorporates the Congressional Medal of Honor Character Development Program into his 9th grade curriculum, helping students learn the six core values associated with the Medal of Honor. Beyond the classroom, he plays a key role in coordinating the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., where students visit historic landmarks along with sites such as the National Marine Corps Museum, the National Army Museum and the U.S. Naval Academy. His planning and leadership are essential to making the experience possible each year.

Each year, Lindert leads Pardeeville's 8th grade trip to the nation's capital — an experience that Pardeeville High School Principal David Bell had the opportunity to attend in



Pardeeville High School social studies teacher Chris Lindert, left, accepts the Wisconsin American Legion's Denise H. Rohan Educator of the Year Award for the 2nd district from Columbia County Commander Norm Bednarek.

2025 with his daughter.

“It was remarkable to witness (Lindert's) passion for teaching history outside the classroom,” Bell said. “The trip allows students to experience history firsthand as they visit many of our nation's most significant museums and landmarks. ... Watching him guide students through these powerful historical sites and help them connect what they see to what they have learned in class is truly inspiring.”

“Under Chris's leadership, this trip has evolved into a masterclass in American history, sacrifice and citizenship,” added Pardeeville Middle School Principal Amber Denure.

Lindert has also been a dedicated volunteer with the Badger Honor Flight for the past 15 years. His involvement has included selling raffle tickets at Madison Mallards games, presenting at local VFWs and now serving as a bus captain for trips to Washington, D.C.

Bell co-authors research article for math publication

Pardeeville Middle School math teacher Laura Bell is now a published researcher, adding to the innovative work happening across the district.

Bell recently co-authored an article titled “What Makes Learning Stick: Permanent Notes or Purposeful Consolidation?”, which was published by CPM Educational Program. CPM is a nonprofit organization with more than 35 years of experience that partners with grades 6–12 math teaching teams to provide student-centered solutions designed to increase engagement and



Bell

deepen mathematical understanding.

In collaboration with Southern Door County educators Tom Dagit and Amanda Kadulski, Bell's research explores how students best retain mathematical knowledge. The team's findings emphasize that active reflection, collaboration, and meaningful classroom discussions play a critical role in helping students

build lasting understanding.

The publication highlights Bell's commitment to continually improving instructional practices and ensuring students are engaged in meaningful learning experiences. Her work reflects the district's dedication to fostering innovative teaching strategies that support student success.

Community members can read the full article online at: <https://tinyurl.com/WhatMakesLearningStick>

Annual trip offers history lesson, memories for 8th graders

For one unforgettable week, Pardeeville Middle School 8th graders traded textbooks for firsthand experiences as they traveled through some of the most historic locations in the United States during the District's annual trip out east.

After departing Pardeeville early on Saturday, April 25, students arrived in Philadelphia and immediately began experiencing the birthplace of American democracy. Throughout the day, students visited iconic landmarks including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center, and the Museum of the American Revolution. The group also toured the United States Mint, visited several other historic sites, enjoyed authentic Philly cheesesteaks, and climbed the famous "Rocky Steps" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The trip then continued to Washington, D.C., where students spent several days exploring the nation's capital. Highlights included touring the United States Capitol, visiting the National Mall area and the Washington Monument, and learning more about the country's military history at the National Museum of the United States Army and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Students also toured Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, and enjoyed an evening



Pardeeville 8th grade students pose in front of the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia during their week-long trip to Philadelphia and the Washington D.C. area back in late April.

baseball game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, where the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Houston Astros.

The final days of the trip included a tour of Gettysburg National Military Park, where students learned about one of the most important battles of the American Civil War, along with a stop at Hershey's Chocolate World to create custom candy bars. Before returning home on Friday May 1st, the group also visited the Flight 93 National Me-

monial for a powerful reflection on the events of Sept. 11 attacks.

The annual East Coast trip remains one of the most valuable educational experiences offered to Pardeeville students. By walking through historic sites and experiencing history firsthand, students gain a deeper understanding of the people and events that shaped the nation while also building independence, responsibility, and lifelong memories with classmates.



Pardeeville 8th graders McKenzie Kolkovich and Bailey Ammann were recognized for being on the Principal's List for every semester in all four years of middle school.

8th graders promoted to high school

The Pardeeville Middle School Class of 2026 took the next step in their educational journey on June 4, during the school's annual 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in the Lenz Auditorium.

Family members, friends, teachers and staff gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the 52 students who will be moving on to Pardeeville High School this fall.

The ceremony opened with a welcome from Principal Amber Denure and performances by the Pardeeville Middle School Choir.

Students also heard from class members Wolfgang Mueller and Brielle Schultz, who reflected on memorable experiences, friendships and les-

sons learned during their four years at Pardeeville Middle School.

Several students were recognized for academic excellence during the ceremony. Awards were presented by 8th grade teachers Mr. Lindert (Social Studies), Mr. St. Peter (English Language Arts), Mrs. Osterhaus (Science), Mrs. Bell (Algebra) and Mr. Craig (Math).

The highlight of the ceremony came as each student crossed the stage to receive a promotion certificate, marking the completion of their middle school years. The event concluded with a slideshow that featured each student's baby photo next to a photo from their 8th grade year.



Pardeeville 4th graders honored, ready for middle school

Congratulations to the Pardeeville Elementary School 4th grade class. Students proudly pose for a class photo after receiving their certificates of completion during a special ceremony held June 4 in the school gymnasium. The event marked the end of their elementary school journey and their transition to Pardeeville Middle School as 5th graders this fall. In addition to receiving certificates, students were recognized for achievements earned throughout the school year in Art Club, Math 24, Music Club, Physical Fitness, Spelling Bee and Student Council. We are proud of all that our 4th graders have accomplished and wish them the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter.



DeSanto visits

Wisconsin State Representative Karen DeSanto speaks to Pardeeville 4th grade students during a visit on May 5. DeSanto spoke about her job at the Wisconsin State Capitol representing the people who live in her district, which includes Pardeeville.

Pardeeville 4K grads ready for next step

Forty-six Pardeeville Elementary School 4K students celebrated a major milestone during the school's 4K Graduation Ceremony on June 2 in the Lenz Auditorium.

Family and friends gathered to honor the graduates as they completed their 4K year and prepared to move on to the 5K program this fall. Students entertained the audience with performances of "One Small Voice," "Golden Pre-K Graduation," and "This Little Light of Mine" before each graduate crossed the stage to receive a diploma.

Principal Andrew Kohn introduced each student and shared their future career aspirations. The class included seven future doctors, five future teachers, a Pokémon Trainer and Bull Rider, and even Batman.

Congratulations to the Pardeeville Elementary School 4K Class of 2026, the future Pardeeville High School Class of 2039. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to watching them continue to learn and grow.



Pardeeville 4K students sing "This Little Light of Mine," during the 4K Graduation Ceremony on June 2.

Bulldogs continue to give back during Community Day of Service

Third annual events sends students, staff out to help complete service projects

The Pardeeville Area School District's third annual Community Day of Service once again made a big impact throughout the community on Wednesday, May 6, as students and staff rolled up their sleeves to complete a variety of service projects in and around the area.

Throughout the day, students from Pardeeville Area School District worked alongside staff members to help beautify parks, assist local organizations, support senior residents, and improve community spaces. The annual event has quickly become an important tradition within the district and serves as a way to give back to the communities that continue to support the district, its students, and staff throughout the year.

At Pardeeville High School, students tackled several improvement projects around the building, including deep cleaning and decorating classrooms and spaces, painting locker room areas, pulling weeds, and spreading mulch around school landscaping. Students also built wooden squirrel houses for Wisconsin WildCare and worked together to paint a mural as part of the day's service projects.

Other student groups headed out into the community to complete projects at a variety of locations. Students cleaned up around Chandler Park, washed windows at the Pardeeville Senior Center, and partnered with the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department to clean and paint storm drains throughout Pardeeville. Additional groups cleaned trash along area highways and carefully washed veteran gravestones at a local cemetery.

Several students also traveled outside the village to assist community organizations across the region. Students spent time helping clean and care for animals at the Columbia County Humane Society and Latoya Legacy Cat Sanctuary. Others visited Columbia County Health Care Center and At



Pardeeville High School students Ava Ploessl and Chelsea Pilbrick pose for a photo while doing highway cleanup south of Pardeeville during the Community Day of Service on Wednesday, May 6.



Pardeeville High School senior Catherine Kopfhamer uses a wheelbarrow to haul mulch outside the school during the Community Day of Service on Wednesday, May 6.

Home Again Assisted Living, where they helped with cleanup projects and spent time visiting with residents.

Additional service projects included filling sandbags and helping clean the fairgrounds in Portage, cleaning litter and spreading mulch around trees at

Devil's Lake State Park, sorting donated food items at Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, and planting flowers and creating a rock garden at the River Haven Homeless Shelter.

The day also included participation from younger students throughout the district. Students at Pardeeville Middle School spent part of their day cleaning up around the school building and nearby walking trails, while elementary students learned from area businesses and created thank you cards to show appreciation for local community members and organizations.

As part of a reward for all their hard work, students and staff were able to enjoy a pretzel, as the Ben's Pretzel's food truck was parked in the high school parking lot in the afternoon.

District leaders expressed appreciation for the many community partners, businesses, organizations, and volunteers who helped make the event possible once again this year.

A special thank you also goes out to all of the students and staff members who dedicated their time and effort to making a positive difference throughout the community. Their hard work, teamwork, and willingness to serve helped make Pardeeville and the surrounding area an even better place.

Spanish Club leads another successful plastic drive

The Pardeeville High School Spanish Club celebrated another successful year of its annual plastic drive on Friday, April 24, as members of the Pardeeville Lions Club arrived to haul away an impressive collection of plastic wrap gathered throughout the month.

Thanks to the efforts of students, staff, and community members, this year's drive brought in a total of 239 pounds of plastic. That contribution adds to an outstanding six-year total of 1,575 pounds collected across the district.

Once collected, the plastic was delivered by the Lions Club to NexTrex, a company that repurposes plastic materials into useful products such as decking, benches, and outdoor furniture. Through this partnership, the plastic gathered locally will be given new life in communities beyond Pardeeville.

The success of the annual drive would not be possible without the dedication of Pardeeville High School students, the ongoing support of the Pardeeville Lions Club, and the leadership of Spanish teacher Señora Brees. Their combined efforts continue to make a meaningful impact year after year.



Pardeeville High School students Ava Wagner, Makenzie Schmittke and Chesney Wickersham help load up some of the 239 pounds of plastic that was collected during the Spanish Club Plastic Drive.



ABOVE: Representatives from the Didion Foundation, the Pardeeville Agriculture Department and FFA pose in front of the new greenhouse. They are, from left; Garry Gard, Meagan Vujnovich, Amanda Seichter, Chris Johnson, Brooke Luedtke and John Bosco.



LEFT: People shop for plants inside the new greenhouse during the Pardeeville FFA Plant Sale held on Saturday, May 9.

Greenhouse grand opening held May 9

The Pardeeville Area School District Agriculture Department officially celebrated the grand opening of its new greenhouse on Saturday, May 9, during the annual FFA Plant Sale.

The newly completed greenhouse will provide students with expanded hands-on learning opportunities in agriculture, horticulture and plant science for years to come. The facility will allow students to gain valuable real-world experience while supporting classroom instruction and FFA activities.

The project was made possible through the generosity and support of numerous donors, sponsors and volunteers from throughout the community. Their contributions helped turn the vision for the greenhouse into a reality

and created a lasting investment in agricultural education at Pardeeville.

Greenhouse sponsors included the Edward & June Lenz Charitable Trust, Didion Foundation, Everbrite, United Wisconsin Grain Producers, Bulldog Support Foundation, Glen, Melissa, Easton and Bristol Fischer Family, Compeer Financial, Crawford Oil, Holland Brothers Farms, David Dreyer Construction LLC, Doherty Trucking and Excavating, Wagner Sewer and Excavating LLC, Lezow Dairy Farm and Harold & Tina McIlroy.

District staff and students expressed their appreciation to everyone who contributed to the project and helped support future learning opportunities for Pardeeville students.

Programs helping students save money, prepare for future

Students at Pardeeville High School are getting a jump start on their futures through the school's Early College Credit and Dual Credit course offerings, giving them the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school — at no cost to families.

Members of the Pardeeville High School Class of 2026 took full advantage of these opportunities. Collectively, the graduating seniors earned 609 college credits before receiving their high school diplomas.

In total, 34 of the 67 graduating seniors in the Class of 2026 earned some form of college credit during their time at Pardeeville High School. By participating in these programs, the senior class saved approximately \$97,000 in future college tuition costs.

The Early College Credit and Dual Credit programs allow students to complete coursework that can count toward both high school graduation requirements and college degrees or certifications. Courses are offered through partnerships with colleges and universities, helping students gain valuable experience with college-level academics while reducing the cost and time required to earn a postsecondary degree.

Students can explore a variety of career pathways and academic interests while developing the skills and confidence needed for success after high school. These opportunities can especially benefit students planning to attend technical colleges, universities, or enter career training programs after

Early College Credit and Dual Credit Programs at Pardeeville High School
BY THE NUMBERS!

34 SENIORS IN THE CLASS OF 2026 AT PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL EARNED SOME SORT OF COLLEGE CREDIT

609 EARLY COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED BY CLASS OF 2026 SENIORS AT PARDEEVILLE

FREE EARNING EARLY COLLEGE CREDITS DIDN'T COST PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A SINGLE DIME, SAVING STUDENTS SOME SERIOUS MONEY AS THEY LEAVE HIGH SCHOOL!

\$97K CLASS OF 2026 SENIORS SAVED NEARLY \$100,000 BY TAKING ADVANTAGE THESE PROGRAMS!

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graduation.

Pardeeville High School students also have the opportunity to reduce future college costs through Advanced Placement (AP) courses, which allow students to complete college-level coursework while still in high school. Students who perform well on AP exams may earn college credit, advanced placement, or both at many colleges and universities.

Each May, juniors and seniors take AP exams administered through the College Board, with all exam fees covered by the Pardeeville Area School District. Pardeeville High School currently offers six AP courses: AP Pre-Calculus, AP English Language and Composition, AP Psychology, AP Calculus, AP English Literature and Composition, and AP

U.S. History.

Pardeeville High School counselor Crystal Huset said students have a wide variety of opportunities to help them explore and prepare for their futures.

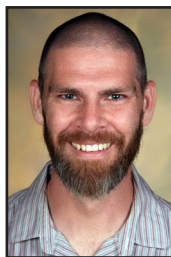
“Pardeeville High School continues to expand opportunities for students to prepare for life after graduation, ensuring they are equipped for success in college, careers, and beyond,” Huset said. “Aside from our Dual Credit and Early College Credit, we have students participating in Youth Apprenticeships and Advanced Placement classes. All of these opportunities are awesome ways for our students to be ready for life after high school, no matter what their plans are.”

Sherrick selected to serve as new Pupil Services Director

The Pardeeville Area School District is pleased to announce the selection of Chris Sherrick as its new Pupil Services Director, effective July 1.

Sherrick brings experience and a strong commitment to serving students, families, and the community. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Pastoral Ministries from Kingswood University in 2011 and recently completed a Master's degree in Special Education Administration from University of Wisconsin-Superior in 2026.

Over the past decade, Sherrick has served the Pardeeville Area School District in a variety of roles, including



Sherrick

substitute elementary counselor, paraprofessional, and special education teacher at both the elementary and high school levels. In addition to his work in education, he has served as pastor of Wesleyan Bible Church for the past 14 years.

District leaders cited Sherrick's dedication to students, staff, and the Pardeeville community as key qualities that will help him succeed in his new position.

As Pupil Services Director, Sherrick will oversee the development, implementation, and coordination of student support services throughout the district. His responsibilities will include leadership of special education, English language learner services, counseling, health services, psychological services, gifted and talented programming, Section 504 plans, and multi-level systems of support. The role is designed to ensure all students have access to the resources they need to achieve academic success, personal growth, and emotional well-being.

Photo Day for upcoming school year will be Aug. 13

Parent Portal for online registration will officially open July 6

As families begin preparing for the 2026-2027 school year, the Pardeeville Area School District is reminding parents and guardians of several important summer dates and back-to-school tasks that need to be completed before students return to class in September.

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal for the 2026-2027 school year will officially open on Monday, July 6. All parents and guardians must complete the online registration process and update student and parent information for the upcoming school year through the Parent Portal.

Families with students who are new to the district must contact their school office to begin the registration process. New student registration requires a birth certificate, proof of residency and a parent or guardian's photo ID.

Picture Day for all students will take place on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Pardeeville High School. Photos will be taken from 7 to 10 a.m. and again from 3 to 6 p.m. by Galley Studios. A link to the online order form will be emailed to families in July.

District officials ask families to pay all school fees online prior to attending Picture Day. However, staff members will be available throughout the day on Aug. 13 to assist families

with in-person payments or to answer questions.

High school fees for the 2026-2027 school year include a \$35 enrollment fee per student, a \$10 class fee per student and additional course fees for some elective classes. Middle school student fees include a \$25 enrollment fee per student. Elementary school fees include a \$20 enrollment fee per student, along with a \$9 recorder fee for 4th grade students.

Parents and guardians are also encouraged to use the Parent Portal to apply for free and reduced meals for the upcoming school year. Families can also make lunch account payments through the portal.

Families needing transportation services for their students should contact Smith Bus Service at 608-429-2732 or speak with representatives in person during the Aug. 13 Picture Day event.

The first day of the 2026-2027 school year will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, for kindergarten students, fifth grade students, ninth grade students and all new elementary school students. The first full day of school for all students will be Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Families with questions are encouraged to contact Heidi Anderson at the high school office at 608-429-2153 ext. 211, Tonya Burkhardt at the middle school office at 608-429-2153 ext. 386 or Amber Hoffman at the elementary school office at 608-429-2151 ext. 210.

Pardeeville team cooks up tasty dish at culinary competition

Students from Pardeeville High School showcased their culinary creativity and food science knowledge during the CESA5 Culinary Competition held May 1 at Reedsburg High School.

Representing Mrs. Seichter's Advanced Culinary Science class were Molly Hardwick, Michaela Crittendon, Andrew Welch and Adrian Sommers, who competed against teams from across the region in a fast-paced culinary challenge that tested both cooking skills and innovation.

This year's competition featured the "Burger & Potato Challenge," where teams were tasked with creating an original gourmet burger paired with a unique potato side dish. Pardeeville's team impressed judges with a creative burger topped with a fried egg, caramelized onions, tomato, and peanut butter and jelly. Their dish also featured a homemade "bun" made from hashbrowns, parmesan cheese, and bacon crumbles.

The team's creativity, teamwork, and presentation earned them a third-place finish in the regional competition.

In addition to the competition itself, students participated in several hands-on learning stations throughout the day. Activities included cake decorating, pastry carving and sculpting, seasoning and flavor profile workshops with the Tailgate Foodie, and food science experiments exploring how substi-



Pardeeville High School Advanced Culinary team members, from left; Michaela Crittendon, Adrian Sommers, Andrew Welch and Molly Hardwick show off their creation at the CESA5 Culinary Competition held at Reedsburg High School.

tuting chicken fat for butter changes the texture and taste of cookies.

The experience gave students an opportunity to sharpen their culinary techniques, explore food science concepts, and gain valuable real-world experience in a high-pressure kitchen environment. School staff praised the students for the professionalism, passion, and creativity they demonstrated throughout the event.

Spring concerts put cap on another successful year in music

The Pardeeville Area School District's Music Department wrapped up another outstanding school year with a series of spring concerts that showcased the talents, dedication, and hard work of students across all grade levels.

The celebration began on April 30 with the Pardeeville Elementary School Spring Concert and Art Show. Organized by elementary music teacher Kadie Jacobson and art teacher Josh Hemmerich, the event highlighted the creativity of students in kindergarten through 4th grade. Families enjoyed musical performances by elementary students while also viewing an impressive display of artwork, with each student contributing at least one piece to the show.

On May 12, Pardeeville High School students took center stage during the Spring Awards Concert. Directed by band director Zach Jacobson and choir director Taya Larson, the concert featured performances by the high school show choir, choir, jazz band, and concert band. The evening also included the presentation of several prestigious music awards recognizing outstanding student achievement.

High school music award recipients included:

- **Acacia Netzel** – National Choral Award
- **Acacia Netzel** – Louis Armstrong



Acacia Netzel receives the National Choral Award from Choir Director, Mrs. Taya Larson.

Jazz Award

- **Oswald Sanchez** – John Philip Sousa Award

The final concert of the year took place on May 18 with the Middle School Spring Concert. The performance featured the middle school show choirs and bands and provided another opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills they developed throughout the year under the direction of Zach Jacobson and Taya Larson.

Several middle school students were recognized for their contributions to

the music program:

- **Kaiya Nickel** – Jim Rusch Band Rookie of the Year
- **Ayden Vasquez** – 6th Grade Band MVP
- **Adelle Sanders** – Middle School Band Student of the Year
- **Amber Netzel** – Choir Rookie of the Year
- **Ivan Garrett** – 6th Grade Most Valuable Singer
- **Mya Hetzel** – Middle School Choir Member of the Year

The district extends its gratitude to all families, community members, and supporters who attended concerts, encouraged student performers, and helped make this another memorable year for music education in Pardeeville.

The district would also like to offer a special thank you to choir director Taya Larson. After 16 years of dedicated service to the Pardeeville Area School District, Larson is leaving to pursue a teaching opportunity closer to her home and family. During her time in Pardeeville, she helped shape countless student musicians, built a strong and respected vocal music program, and created lasting memories for generations of students.

We thank Mrs. Larson for her years of commitment, passion, and leadership and wish her all the best in this next chapter of her career.



Pardeeville Elementary School 3rd graders did different exercises that stressed teamwork while spending the day with Brian Kenney of Team Extreme.

Third graders learn about teamwork

Pardeeville Elementary School 3rd graders took part in a hands-on teamwork and communication experience led by Brian Kenney of Team Extreme on April 24.

Throughout the session, students participated in a variety of interactive challenges designed to strengthen collaboration and problem-solving skills. Each activity encouraged students to communicate effectively and support one another while working toward a common goal.

One challenge tasked students with using a pole, string, and hook to pick up, move, and stack cups. While the activity proved difficult at

first, students quickly adapted, experimenting with different strategies until they found success. In another activity, students sat in a circle and worked together to pass a golf ball around using only sections of PVC pipe. This exercise reinforced the idea that slowing down and working carefully as a team can often lead to better results than rushing.

The experience highlighted the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and communication, leaving students with valuable lessons they can carry into the classroom and beyond.



Members of the Bulldog Stomp Committee show off a check for \$52,000, which they raised during the 18th annual event that was held at Pardeeville High School on Saturday, May 2. The total, which was a new record for the event, will go to the UW Carbone Cancer Center.

Bulldog Stomp raises record total of \$52,000 at this year's event

The 18th Annual Bulldog Stomp, held Saturday, May 2 at Pardeeville High School, proved to be another tremendous success, bringing together a strong turnout of runners, walkers, and community supporters for a meaningful cause.

This year's event raised an impressive \$52,000 for the UW Carbone Cancer Center, surpassing last year's total of \$40,000 and exceeding the \$50,000 goal set by the Bulldog Stomp Committee. The continued growth of the event highlights the generosity and commitment of the Pardeeville community in supporting cancer research and patient

care.

In addition to the day's events, the Bulldog Stomp Committee presented two special awards recognizing individuals and organizations who have made a lasting impact on the event. Barb Allen and Luedtke Family Farms were both honored for their continued support of the Bulldog Stomp over the years. Their dedication and generosity have consistently gone above and beyond, helping the event grow and succeed year after year.

The day also featured a competitive 5K race. Leading the way for the boys was William Becker, who captured a

first-place finish with a time of 17:54. Justin Nickel placed second in 18:44, followed closely by Bodie Johansen in third with a time of 18:49.

On the girls side, Sofia Bell earned a first-place finish with a time of 22:29. Nadia Overland finished second in 23:38, while Madisyn Schraufnagel took third place with a time of 23:58.

The Bulldog Stomp continues to be a shining example of community spirit in action. Organizers extend their sincere thanks to all participants, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who helped make this year's event such a memorable and impactful day.



Both Barb Allen (far right in left photo) and Judy Luedtke (representing Luedtke Family Farms in the above photo) were recognized for their years of support to the Bulldog Stomp during this year's event, which took place on May 2.



Racing into summer



Pardeeville Elementary School students celebrated the end of the school year with relay games on Wednesday, June 3.

ABOVE: One of the relays was the Ice Cream Cone Relay, which had students racing a ball on a cone across the playground. Fourth-grade student Hayden Emberson helps classmate Kyslee Pulver participate in the relay race.

LEFT: Students participate in the Sponge Relay Race, where they use a sponge to fill up a bucket of water.

Former cheerleaders invited to Alumni Cheer Night

The Pardeeville Cheer Team is once again inviting former cheerleaders to return to the sidelines for its annual Alumni Cheer Night. This reunion will take place during the first home football game of the season on Friday, Aug. 28.

All alumni interested in participating should plan to arrive between 5 and 5:15 p.m. on game day and meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. Current team members will lead a refresher session on cheers, chants, and the school song so everyone is ready to perform during the pre-game festivities and first half. Don't worry—these will be classic PHS cheers that no Bulldog cheerleader could ever forget!.

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



Pardeeville's Alumni Cheer Night will take place on Friday, Aug. 28.

Let us know what you're doing this summer

The Pardeeville Area School District is excited to once again launch its popular summer social media campaign, #PardeevilleProud Around the World!

Throughout the summer of 2026, families are invited to share photos of their adventures—whether you're exploring far-off destinations or making memories right here at home. These snapshots will be featured on the district's Facebook page, highlighting the fun, creativity, and strong sense of community that makes Bulldog families so special.

Want to participate? It's easy! Submit one to three photos capturing

something fun you've done this summer—anything from beach trips and vacations to backyard barbecues and staycations. No matter where your summer takes you, we'd love to see it.

Photos can be emailed to Communications Specialist Travis Houslet at houstr@pasdwi.org. Bonus points if you're showing off your Pardeeville pride by wearing school gear in your pictures!

Let's show just how far Bulldog pride can go. We can't wait to see—and share—your summer memories. Where will you be #PardeevilleProud this summer?



Pardeeville High School celebrates student success at Awards Night

Over \$500,000 of scholarship money went to members of the Class of 2026

Pardeeville High School celebrated the achievements and accomplishments of its students during the annual Awards Night held on May 13 in the Lenz Auditorium.

The evening highlighted academic excellence, leadership, scholarships and a variety of accomplishments earned throughout the school year. One of the biggest highlights of the night was the recognition of the Class of 2026 seniors, who collectively received an impressive \$502,050 in scholarships.

Along with scholarship presentations, students were honored for their success in academics, fine arts, leadership and extracurricular activities.

The top 10 percent academic students from each grade level were also recognized during the ceremony. Recognized seniors included Bailey Grissom, Josephine Bue, Taylor Luedtke, Ava Wagner, Howard Boyle, Bronte Hulberg and Abigail Jacobson.

Recognized juniors included Jade Koepp, Caitlyn Bellis, Elle Hardwick, Hayden Ballweg, Nadia Ballweg and Sydney Sween.

Recognized sophomores included Avri Anderson, Alison Lemanczyk, Allison Wickus, Leyton Haseleu, Makayla Smith and Adalyn Shultz.

Recognized freshmen included Hudson Achterberg, Kinleyh Anderson, Alyvia Bell, Alek Bellis, Mikayla Bovre, Kylie Buzzell, Lane Cross, Jackson Oelke, Madelynn Soppe, Braylon Wendlandt and Chesney Wickersham.

Awards Night served as a celebration of the hard work, dedication and accomplishments of Pardeeville High School students throughout the school year, while also recognizing the bright futures ahead for members of the graduating Class of 2026.



Todd and Tamara Hepler were on hand to award the Lorelei Light and Love Memorial Scholarship to seniors Madilynn Holland and Taylor Luedtke.



Tim Kath was on hand to award the Impact Cares Scholarship to Zachary Hineman, Isaac Buchholz and Bronte Hulberg.



Foreign exchange students Ludovica Pesce and Hailey Jaedke, who attended Pardeeville High School for the entire school year, received Global Scholar Awards. They were also given Pardeeville Bulldog blankets to help them remember their time in Pardeeville.



Jake Breneman and April Yonkie awarded the Pardeeville Community Car & Truck Show Scholarship to Miranda Cray and Kiana Cook.

Pardeeville High School Awards Night scholarship winners

Isaac Buchholz (\$1,500)

Edward & June Lenz - \$750
Impact Cares - \$750

Isabel Bue (\$2,250)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Pardeeville Area Business Association - \$750
Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500

Josephine Bue (\$3,950)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative - \$2,000
Pardeeville High School Student Council - \$250
Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation - \$700

Kiana Cook (\$500)

Pardeeville Community Car & Truck Show - \$500

Miranda Crary (\$10,250)

Pardeeville Lions Club 2-year - \$1,500
WI Technical Excellence - \$6,750
Pardeeville Boys Club - \$500
Bulldog Stomp - \$500
Pardeeville Community Car & Truck Show - \$500
Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500

Joseph Dosemagen (\$11,000)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Didion Foundation - \$5,000
Firecracker Leader Award - \$500
Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000
Pardeeville Boys Club - \$500
Fairway Mortgage - \$1,500
Senora Casey Memorial - \$1,000
NAMI - \$500

Jazzmyn Ferguson (\$3,750)

Karate America - \$1,000
USBC - \$750
Sgt. Don Marine - \$2,000

Kingston Galetka (\$4,000)

Juanita Graff Memorial - \$1,000
Pardeeville Boys Club - \$500
Fairway Mortgage - \$1,500
Aspirus Volunteers - \$1,000

Bailey Grissom (\$11,000)

Crawford Oil Valedictorian - \$1,000
Prevent Suicide - \$1,000
WI Academic Excellence - \$9,000

Zachary Hineman (\$1,900)

Bulldog Academic Excellence - \$400
Pardeeville Area Business Association - \$750
Impact Cares - \$750

Madilynn Holland (\$12,550)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Compeer Financial - \$2,000
FFA Alumni - \$300
Lorelei Hepler Light & Love Memorial - \$500
Pardeeville Garden Club - \$750
United Cooperative - \$1,000
United Wisconsin Grain Producers - \$1,000
Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000
Margo Pufahl Memorial - \$3,000
WI Association of Home & Community Education - \$1,000
Christian Muniz Memorial - \$1,000

Raelyn Holtan (\$3,000)

Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000
National Exchange Bank Foundation - \$1,000
Christian Muniz Memorial - \$1,000

Bronte Hulberg (\$3,750)

Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial - \$250
Pardeeville Girls Club - \$500
Sara Smith Memorial - \$500

Chelsea Becker Memorial - \$250

Impact Cares - \$750

St. Vincent De Paul - \$500

Duane Bark Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500

Abigail Jacobson (\$4,000)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Aspirus Divine Savior Medical Staff - \$1,000
Prevent Suicide Columbia County - \$1,000
Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000

Catherine Kopfhamer (\$500)

Red Cross Blood Drive - \$500

Taylor Luedtke (\$11,150+)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Lodi Ag Fair - \$TBD
Lorelei Hepler Light & Love Memorial - \$500
Pardeeville Key Club - \$1,000
Prairie Ridge Health - \$1,000
Prevent Suicide Columbia County - \$1,000
Red Cross Blood Drive - \$500
4H High School Scholarship - \$300
4H Sale of Champions - \$1,000
Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000
Columbia County Pork Partners - \$500
RBS Activewear - \$250
SSM Health St. Clare Hospital Medical Staff - \$400
Bulldog Stomp - \$500
Fairway Mortgage - \$1,500
Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation - \$700

Cameron McManis (\$1,000)

Columbia County Sheriff's Association - \$1,000

Paige Mick (\$1,500)

Knights of Columbus - \$1,000
Pardeeville Curling Club - \$500

Briar Otwaska (\$500)

Jean & Michael Fox - \$500

Chayse Pulvermacher (\$5,500)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Pardeeville Lions Club 4 year - \$3,000
Bulldog Stomp - \$500
Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000

Adrian Sommers (\$750)

Doug's Projects - \$500
Glenn Miller Kamrath Memorial - \$250

Ava Wagner (\$14,750)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000
Elks National - \$4,000
Elks Portage - \$1,000
FFA Alumni - \$300
Pardeeville Girls Club - \$500
Prevent Suicide Columbia County - \$1,000
Sara Smith Memorial - \$500
United Wisconsin Grain Producers - \$1,000
Wyocena Farmers Co-op - \$1,000
Aaron Babcock Memorial - \$250
Beck's Player with Heart - \$1,000
Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation - \$700
Fairway Mortgage - \$1,500
St. Ann's Council of Catholic Women - \$500
Chestnut Children's Academy - \$500

Jackson Weisensel (\$1,000)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000

Arianna Wendlandt (\$1,000)

Adams Columbia Electric - \$1,000

* List includes local scholarships only, not the \$391,000 of university and college scholarships also earned.



MESSAGE FROM PASD SCHOOL NURSE JANETTE SHEEKS

Summer is here! Now don't forget to put on the sunscreen

Summer is upon us! As we finish up the school year, I am seeing the “sunburns” of summer already. The best sunscreen is the one you use, and if you have not used the product before, try it on a small area to be sure there is not a reaction. Here are some other sunscreen tips:

Go broad (spectrum): Always choose a sunscreen labeled “broad spectrum” to ensure protection from both UVA (aging) and UVB (burning) rays.

SPF 30 or higher: SPF 30 blocks about 97% of UVB rays. SPF 50 bumps that up to about 98%. “That 1 percent may not sound like much, but it can make a difference if you’re outdoors for long periods or have very sensitive skin,” says Dr. Raina Bembry, a well-known dermatologist.

Water resistance matters: Look for labels that specify 40 or 80 minutes of water resistance. However, remember that water-resistant doesn’t mean waterproof. Reapply after sweating or swimming.

Match it to your skin type: Mineral formulas (zinc oxide or titanium dioxide) are often gentler on sensitive or acne-prone skin, while chemical options tend to be more blendable and less likely to leave a white cast.

Read the fine print: If you have sensitive skin or allergies, look for formulas that are fragrance-free and non-comedogenic. Avoid ingredients like oxybenzone and octinoxate if you’re concerned about irritation or environ-

mental impact.

As always, you can check with your medical provider!

We are also seeing more ticks this year. Perhaps it is because of the mild winter. The most important thing is that you remove it properly and promptly. To properly remove a tick, use clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure without twisting. Thoroughly clean the bite area with soap and water or rubbing alcohol, and seek medical attention if a rash or fever develops. Do not use folklore remedies to remove ticks.

We do not keep medicine from one year to the next because issues can occur over the summer. Please remember to pick up your student’s medication at the end of the school year or after summer school. Any medication not picked up by June 30th will be destroyed. New medication will need to be brought in at the start of the school year along with the proper paperwork. Also, if your student needs immunizations, summer is a good time to get them done. Check with your medical provider.

Have a great summer and may it be a fun, safe, and relaxing one!

Mrs. Sheeks RN
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608-429-2153 Ext. 258

Grant helps PASD purchase 'Choking Charlie' manikin

Thanks to the generosity of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative, students in the Pardeeville Area School District are gaining valuable, hands-on experience in life-saving skills.

The district recently received a STEM Grant from the cooperative to purchase a Laerdal “Choking Charlie” manikin, a specialized training tool used to teach the Heimlich Abdominal Thrust Maneuver. District Nurse Jeanette Sheeks is incorporating the manikin into her Healthcare Careers classes and CPR courses, giving students the opportunity to practice how to respond in choking emergencies.

The addition of this training equipment helps ensure students are better prepared and more confident in emergency situations—skills that could one day save a life.



Pardeeville Area School District Nurse Jeanette Sheeks shows students Alyvia Bell and Mikayla Bovre how to use the "Choking Charlie" manikin that was recently purchased as a training tool used in her Healthcare Careers and CPR classes.

Lenz Auditorium announces new season of exciting shows

Best Practice returns to the stage to get things rocking on Aug. 7

The Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School is set to welcome audiences back for another year of live entertainment, recently announcing its 2026–27 season lineup.

The upcoming season features a mix of music, comedy and tribute performances, offering something for a wide range of tastes. Community members can purchase tickets to individual shows or opt for a season pass for the full lineup. Those who purchase a season pass before Aug. 1 will receive \$15 off their total order. Tickets and additional information are available online at pasdwi.org/community/shows-tickets.cfm.

The season kicks off on **Friday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.** with **Best Practice**. This local group, winners of Madison Magazine’s Best of Madison Award, is known for its energetic performances featuring familiar songs that get audiences singing along. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors (65+).

On **Friday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.**, audiences can experience **Welcome Home: The Legacy of Carole King**, a tribute to legendary songwriter Carole King. The concert features lead singer and pianist Michelle Foster, who brings both musical talent and engaging storytelling to the stage. The show includes No. 1 hits like “It’s Too Late,” as well as songs King wrote for other artists, such as “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman.” Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors.

The laughter continues on **Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.** with **Looney Lutherans** in their show “**It Could Be Worse.**” The trio blends music, comedy and audience interaction in a family-friendly performance centered on humorous life advice. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors.

Blues fans won’t want to miss **Altered Five Blues Band** on **Saturday, March 27, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.** The award-winning Milwaukee-based group is known for its powerful live shows and original blues sound. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors.

The season concludes on **Saturday, June 12, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.** with **Legends in Harmony, featuring Gin, Chocolate and Bottle Rockets**. The Southern Wisconsin trio is made up of Jennifer Farley, Shawndell Marks and Beth Kille, who combine their talents to create tight three-part harmonies backed by a variety of instruments, including keyboard, accordion, guitar, mandolin and percussion. Their “Legends in Harmony” show is a two-set multimedia tribute celebrating iconic female artists like Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris, featuring well-known hits along with a few hidden gems, all delivered through the trio’s signature vocal blend. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

With a diverse slate of performances and a special early discount for season passes, the Lenz Auditorium’s 2026–27 season offers plenty of opportunities for the Pardeeville community to enjoy live entertainment close to home.



Best Practice returns to play at the Lenz Auditorium on Aug. 7. The group last played in the Lenz in September of 2023. The band includes former Pardeeville School Band Director Dan Evans, shown playing the trumpet at the 2023 show.



The Altered Five Blues Band will be at the Lenz Auditorium on Saturday, March 27, 2027.

Galetka, Killoran lead Bulldogs to impressive golf season

The Pardeeville High School boys golf team put together a strong season this spring, finishing third in the seven-team Trailways South Conference and advancing two golfers to sectional competition.

Leading the Bulldogs was senior Kingston Galetka, who earned All-Trailways South Conference First Team honors after posting a nine-hole conference scoring average of 42.444. Galetka consistently paced Pardeeville throughout the season and capped his high school career with a postseason run that nearly earned him a trip to the state tournament.

Other top conference scorers for the Bulldogs included Jarrett Killoran, who averaged 44.889, Anthony Stolinias at 48.222, and Noah Manthe at 49.375. Manthe was also recognized for his leadership and sportsmanship, earning a place on the All-Trailways South Sportsmanship Team.

Following the conference meet, Pardeeville competed at the WIAA Division 3 Regional hosted by Barneveld



PHOTO BY GALLEY STUDIOS

Members of the Pardeeville High School Golf Team are, in front, from left; coach Mitch Beckett, Aurora Homan, Natalie Grant, Caitlyn Bellis, Ludovia Pesce, Jade Koepf, Hailey Jaedke, Nadia Ballweg and coach Jesse Huset. Middle row; Jarrett Killoran, Noah Manthe, Anthony Stolinias, Tristen Homan and Lucas Olson. Back row; Jaxon Daugherty, Isaac Buchholz, Kingston Galetka, Bodie Johansen, Dane Overland and Brock Huset.

at Deer Valley Golf Course. The Bulldogs finished fifth as a team, narrowly missing sectional qualification by just two strokes.

Individually, Galetka fired an 8-over-par 80 to place third overall and qualify for sectionals. Killoran also advanced after carding an 89.

The two Bulldogs represented Pardeeville at the Division 3 Sectional on June 2 at Trempealeau Mountain Golf Club. Galetka shot an 81 and finished tied for 13th place among 72 golfers, missing a state tournament berth by just three strokes. Killoran added an 86 to finish tied for 25th place.

Bulldogs have 4 softball players earn all-conference honors

Despite battling low numbers throughout the season, the Pardeeville High School softball team continued to compete hard and showed plenty of positives during the 2026 season. The Bulldogs were rewarded for their efforts with four players earning All-Trailways West Conference recognition.

Freshman Fynnlei Laybourn led the way, earning All-Trailways West First Team honors. Laybourn paced the Bulldogs offensively with a .409 batting average and a team-best .557 on-base percentage. She also led the team with 12 RBI, five doubles, and 14 stolen bases. In the circle, Laybourn struck out 21 batters in 18 innings pitched.

Seniors Abigail Jacobson and Taylor Luedtke were both named to the All-Trailways West Second Team. Jacobson batted .342 with a .490 on-base percentage, scored a team-high 19 runs, and collected four doubles. Luedtke was the workhorse of the pitching staff, striking out 83 batters in 96 innings pitched.

Sophomore Addyson Neary was recognized for her leadership and character by earning a spot on the All-Trailways West Conference Sportsmanship Team.



PHOTO BY CARA CROSS

Members of Pardeeville's softball team are, in front, from left; Grace Baures, Briar Otawska, Taylor Luedtke, Abigail Jacobson and Sarah Burnaman. Back row; Addyson Neary, Tamber Corning, Skyann Dilley, Macey Young and Fynnlei Laybourn.



Members of Pardeeville's track and field team are, in front, from left; Kenna Jenkins, Alyvia Bell, Elle Hardwick, Haley Gard, Adalyn Schultz, Mariah Brufat, and Quinnlyn Lusk. Second row; Justin Hamilton, Madilynn Holland, Jenna Cross, Jaycey Thornton, Kiana Berry, Chelsea Philbrick-Boeder and Levi Hanko. Third row; Riley Holland, Erich McManis, Sawyer Salmon, Trenton Hendrickson, Finn Swenson, Brock Huset, Braeden Kuske and Kaden Krueger. Fourth row; Gibson Nelson, Cam McManis, Cody Gentz, Noah Black, Hayden Ballweg and Braydon Wolff.

Track and field teams shine again during spring season

Pardeeville girls 400-meter relay team takes 5th at state meet

The Pardeeville High School track and field teams enjoyed another successful spring season in 2026, highlighted by a conference championship for the girls team, some school records, and a strong showing at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse.

The season culminated at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 5-6, where the Bulldogs were represented by several athletes competing against the state's best in Division 3.

Leading the way for Pardeeville was the girls 4x100-meter relay team of Avri Anderson, Kinleyh Anderson, Francesca Gaglio and Elle Hardwick. The quartet earned a fifth-place finish in the state and set a new school record during Friday's preliminary race, cross-

ing the finish line in 49.94 seconds.

Several other Bulldogs also delivered strong performances at the state meet. Trenton Hendrickson placed 12th in the 1,600-meter run, while Cody Gentz finished 11th in the discus. The boys 4x400-meter relay team of Erich McManis, Braeden Kuske, Hayden Ballweg and Kaden Krueger placed 13th.

On the girls side, Elle Hardwick earned 11th place in the 100-meter dash and 10th place in the 200-meter dash. Kenna Jenkins qualified in two hurdle events, placing 12th in the 100-meter hurdles and 13th in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Bulldogs' success extended well beyond the state meet.

The Pardeeville girls team captured the Trailways West Conference championship after posting a 4-1 record in conference dual meets. The Bulldogs secured the conference title by winning the Trailways West Divisional Meet, which was hosted in Pardeeville.

The boys team also enjoyed a strong season, finishing third in the Trailways West standings.

At the Trailways Conference Meet held at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh, the girls placed third among 19 teams. Sophomore Kenna Jenkins claimed a conference championship in the 300-meter hurdles, while the 4x100-meter relay team of Avri Anderson, Francesca Gaglio, Kinleyh Anderson and Elle Hardwick also captured a conference title.

The boys team finished seventh out of 18 teams at the conference meet. Junior Cody Gentz led the way by winning the conference championship in the discus.

The Bulldogs continued their success at the Division 3 Markesan Regional, where 15 athletes qualified for sectionals across 13 events. One of the highlights of the meet came from Gentz, who broke his own school record in the discus with a throw of 174 feet, 2 inches.

Bulldogs have 6 earn all-league honors following strong season

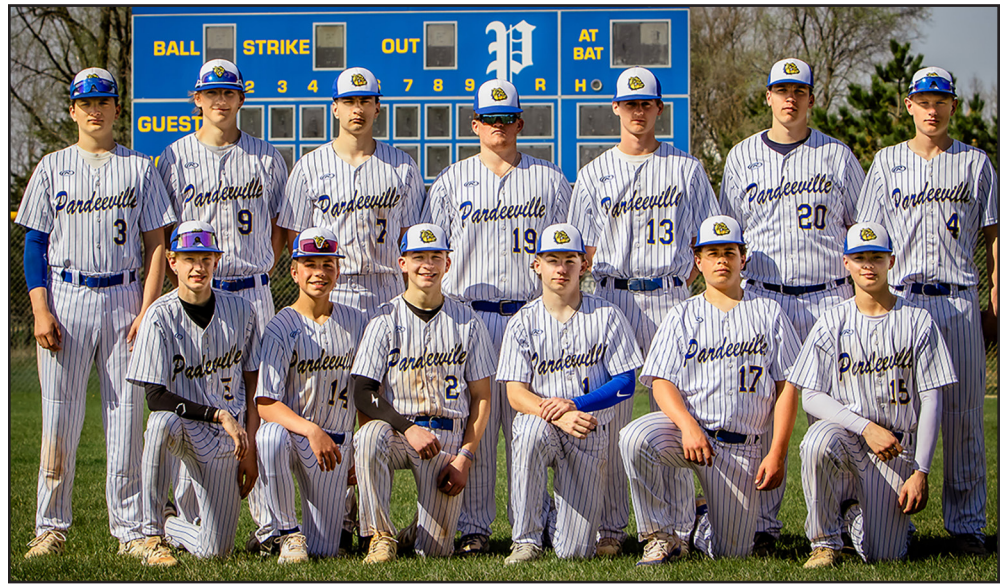
The Pardeeville High School baseball team put together another successful season in 2026, finishing with a 12-10-1 overall record and earning a second-place finish in the Trailways West Conference with a 9-3 league mark.

The Bulldogs carried that momentum into the postseason, opening tournament play with an impressive 11-4 victory over Randolph/Cambria-Friesland in a WIAA Regional Quarterfinal. Pardeeville's season came to an end in the regional semifinals with a 5-4 loss to Westby.

Following the season, six Bulldogs were recognized by conference coaches with All-Trailways West Conference honors.

Leading the way was senior catcher Brady Dolgner, who was unanimously selected to the All-Trailways West Conference First Team and was also named the conference's Player of the Year. Dolgner capped off an outstanding senior season by leading the Bulldogs with a .414 batting average and 25 runs scored. He also collected six triples, drove in 15 runs and was a perfect 23-for-23 on stolen base attempts. On the mound, Dolgner was equally dominant, posting a 1.74 earned run average over 40.1 innings while striking out 63 batters and walking just 10.

Joining Dolgner on the first team was freshman infielder Hoyt Kessenich. Kessenich made an immediate impact during his freshman campaign, batting .352



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Members of Pardeeville's varsity baseball team are, in front, from left; Mykael Mickelson, Hoyt Kessenich, Kayden Miller, Onan Casteel, Fletcher Hoffmann, and Gavin Hughes. Back row; Alex Metz, Matthew Berken, Austin Dechert, Joe Dosemagen, Brady Dolgner, Brandon Schaller and Hudson Achterberg.

while leading the team with 23 runs batted in.

Earning All-Trailways West Conference Second Team honors were junior pitcher Onan Casteel, sophomore outfielder Gavin Hughes and freshman flex player Fletcher Hoffmann. Senior Joe Dosemagen was also recognized for his leadership and sportsmanship by being named to the All-Trailways West Conference Sportsmanship Team.

Casteel was one of the Bulldogs' top

all-around performers, batting .343 with 16 RBI and 25 runs scored. He also contributed significantly on the mound, recording a 3.45 ERA and 27 strikeouts in 24.1 innings pitched. Hughes provided a spark both at the plate and on the bases, batting .394 with 18 RBI while leading the team with 31 stolen bases. Hoffmann rounded out the Bulldogs' all-conference selections after batting .309 and driving in 21 runs during his freshman season.

Dolgner selected to play in WBCA All-Star Class in Oshkosh

Pardeeville High School senior Brady Dolgner has been selected to participate in the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Classic, which will be held June 27-28 in Oshkosh.

The event brings together many of the top senior baseball players from across Wisconsin and is considered one of the state's highest honors for high school baseball athletes. Dolgner becomes just the fourth player in Pardeeville baseball history to earn a spot in the all-star event, joining Matt Manthey (1991), Chris Vilstrup (1994) and Nate Schmidt (2012). Former Pardeeville coach Bill Hebl was also recognized by the event, serving as one of the all-star coaches in 2014.



Fronheiser excited to join Pardeeville team as new athletic director

The Pardeeville Middle School and High School Athletic Department will welcome a familiar face from the Trailways Conference as its new athletic director for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Pardeeville Area School District hired Rich Fronheiser in May to lead the district's athletic programs. Fronheiser is well known throughout the conference, having served as the Trailways Conference Commissioner since 2014.

In addition to his work as commissioner, Fronheiser has spent many years involved in high school athletics as a varsity official in football, basketball, and baseball. His extensive background in education and athletics makes him a strong addition to the Pardeeville team.

"It's an outstanding opportunity to work in a great community alongside some great people," Fronheiser said. "Education-based athletics have a major



Fronheiser

role in shaping people's lives and teach skills like teamwork, leadership, time management, and many other intangibles. I enjoy working to make this experience as great as possible for all involved."

Fronheiser brings experience from both the classroom and athletic administration. He has worked as a Business and Marketing teacher at Marshall High School and as a Business instructor at Blackhawk Technical College. He also previously served as athletic director at Randolph High School.

Originally from Lehighton, Pennsylvania, Fronheiser currently resides in Columbus and plans to move to Pardeeville later this summer. He and his wife, Michele, have a daughter, Casey, who is a

senior at Quincy University in Illinois, where she is majoring in Forensic Psychology and plays softball. The family also has two dogs, Riley and Maggie.

Fronheiser succeeds Pardeeville High School Principal David Bell and Pardeeville Middle School Principal Amber Denure, who served as co-athletic directors during the 2025-2026 school year.

As he prepares to begin his new role, Fronheiser said he is eager to become more involved in both the school district and community.

"I already know some great people in the district and I look forward to working with them and others every day," Fronheiser said. "I'm also excited to get to know more students, faculty, and staff at the school as well as people in the community."

PARDEEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION



MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Ms. Becky Lezow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Lezow. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Nathan Schieve, Mr. Trevor Hinz and Mr. Rob DeMeuse who appeared virtually.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum: (every 2nd Monday)

Mr. Trevor Hinz signed up for open forum to discuss helping out with middle school baseball. He asked the board to be allowed to volunteer with baseball. He advised the board that he just wished to help.

Student Spotlight: Drama Club Spring Production

The drama club students were not able to attend due to the scheduling change, but Mr. Bell did elaborate that their performances were going to be this weekend, with a preview

to elementary and middle school students on Thursday at 1:15pm. Ms. Lezow stated that she was glad to see that the productions were occurring again.

Discussion About School Perception Survey

Mr. Knitt asked the board to let him know if it was okay to go to print after the presentation as they would like to get moving on that. Mr. DeMeuse went over the timeline of when the survey was going to be released and results collected. He then went over page by page of the survey. The board did talk about some feedback, with minimal changes to the survey. It was asked what is the typical response back that they would be looking for, and Mr. DeMeuse stated they would like to see about 16-18% back to help with the analysis, but are always hoping for more responses to come back. The board thanked him for his time and being flexible with the rescheduling of the meeting.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Lezow stated that she was glad to see that staff was attending the safety conference, and also congratulated the Math 24 participants. Mr. Nickel stated it was good to hear the 4K circus was coming back to town. Middle School-Ms. Lezow stated that she heard the concert was very good. Ms. Denure gave an update on the middle school

principal applications that had been received. High School-It was stated that there was testing going on, they had FFA week and that winter sports had a strong year. Building and Grounds-Just noted the snow efforts the crew has done to keep up on. Technology-It was mentioned that Skyward was here for maintenance, chromebook repairs and conferences being attended for professional development.

Student Representative Report

No questions asked on the student representative report.

Committee Reports

No questions asked on either the B&G or Finance minutes.

Update on 2026 Referendum

Mr. Knitt talked about the survey results received so far from the first community meeting and the staff meeting. Ms. Lezow stated that the community meetings went very well and the community had some good questions.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Knitt talked about the reasoning for the 2-hour delay today.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/2/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve minutes dated 3/2/26. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures as presented. Mr. Knitt went over the budget recap. Ms. Walker did ask a couple of questions about some payments made. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Start College Now Applications

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the start college now applications for the Spring 2026 semester. Ms. Levzow stated that she was pleased that students are continuing to use this option available to them. She also stated that she appreciated the financial recap to show how much we have invested in this for our students. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Speaker System for High School Gym

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the bid from Educators AV for the speaker system for the high school gym. Mr. Walker went over the bids and the reasoning for his recommendation. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Educators Rising to Nationals

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip for educators rising group to nationals. Ms. Mecum gave the board some updated information. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Powerlifting to Nationals

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the overnight field trip for powerlifting to nationals. Mr. Bell went over some information on powerlifting and how the student is able to obtain the ability to compete at nationals. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Additional/Resignation of Spring Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the additional spring volunteers as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donations of \$400 from Phil Kamrath to purchase student tickets for the boy's sectional basketball game. Motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Recognizing winter co-curricular state participants. Also reminding the board about the middle school principal interviews happening on 3/23/26.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Discuss the Activities Director Position.

Return to Open Session

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Vice President

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board

members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Jim Housner, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Crystal Huset, Ms. Morgan Serstad, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Ms. Kinley Levin, Ms. Paige Mick, Ms. Chayse Pulvermacher, Mr. Joe Waydick, Ms. Nadia Ballweg, Mr. Karrsen Bussan, Mr. Kingston Galetka, Mr. Howard Boyle, Mr. Brad Nugent, Ms. Madi Holland, Ms. Bailey Grissom and Mr. Matt Peterson.

Motion to Approve Agend

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

Recognize Winter Co-Curricular State Participants

Wrestling-Mr. Bussan, Mr. Galetka and Mr. Boyle were introduced by their coach, Mr. Huset. They went over highlights of the season and played a video to the board. Curling-Ms. Seichter talked about the season and Ms. Levin's and Ms. Mick's success at getting 3rd place at State. Powerlifting-Mr. Waydick talked about his experience in powerlifting, and talked about his successes. FFA-Ms. Holland talked about her lesson plan at State and how she placed 7th. Ed Rising-Ms. Pulvermacher, Ms. Ballweg and Ms. Grissom talked about their experiences and the opportunity to go to Nationals in Portland, Oregon. They shared the books that they wrote for their projects. The board asked questions of the groups and congratulated them all on their accomplishments and look forward to seeing what more they can do in the future.

Discuss Referendum Updates

Mr. Knitt stated that they are in a lull right now. The surveys are being printed and readied to be emailed out. So far there is good participation and feedback in the survey that was sent to staff today. The community will receive the survey next week. Ms. Levzow asked the board members to relay to the community they come into contact with to take the survey.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Walker stated that the elementary school Olympic Night was good. Ms. Levzow praised the drama club for the play they put on. Mr. Nickel commented on the greenhouse project progress.

Approval of Middle School / High School Roofing Bid

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the roofing bid of \$1,019,000 to GBR Roofing. Tremco provided the proposals and talked about the current roof status and the leaks and how it is 20-23 years old. Mr. Kinworthy asked questions on durability during heavy construction traffic, to which it was answered. The new roofing system will go over the existing roofing system and can be added to in the future. Tremco walked through the plan, timeline, loading zones, and repairs. Mr. Knitt discussed loan bids and options. A roll call was performed: Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis, Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/17/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 3/17/26.

Motion passed 5-0-2.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Art Club to Minnesota

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the overnight field trip for Art Club to Minnesota April 19-20, 2026. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Spring Play Advisors

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the spring play advisors of Scott Duffy and Ian Moehr. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Additional Spring Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the additional spring volunteers as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Certified Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the resignation of Melissa Kandiko. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Middle School Principal for 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve Bradley Nugent as the middle school principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Phone System Update

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the bid for the phone system update from Skyward. Mr. Walker talked about the technical aspects of the phone system. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2026 Basketball Game Schedule on Wednesday, 12/30/26

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the boy's basketball game schedule on Wednesday, December 30, 2026. The girl's basketball game could move to December 29, 2026. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2026-2027 CESA 5 Services Contract

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2026-2027 CESA 5 services contract. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Activities Director Job Description

Review of job description was done. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donations from Debra Wopat of \$25 to the auditorium general fund. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Middle school student spotlight with sources of strength group, swearing in of new board member, honoring existing board member, policies for approval.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Discuss a Co-Curricular Code Violation, and Approval of Closed Special Session Minutes Dated 3/23/26 and 3/25/26.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Special Session Closed Minutes Dated 3/23/26

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the special session closed minutes Dated 3/23/26. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Special Session Closed Minutes Dated 3/25/26

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the special session closed minutes dated 3/25/26. Motion passed

6-0-1.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ms. Becky Lezvow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Lezvow. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Lynette Ives, Cole Stratton, Christina Jones, Katie Jahn, Bristol Jahn, Carrick Wylesky, Casey Crary, Logan Crary, Kimora Kindschy, Violet Neuhauser and Heidi Neuhauser. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:28 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Official Oath

Ms. Walker, Ms. Lezvow and Ms. Lynette Ives took their official oath to be a board member.

Open Forum

No one signed up.

Student Spotlight: Middle School Sources of Strength

Mr. Crary, Ms. Neuhauser, Ms. Kindschy, Ms. Jahn and Mr. Wylesky introduced themselves to the board and gave a presentation on what Sources of Strength involves and its vision. The board asked questions and the students did answer. The board asked the students if they felt like they were making an impact, and they stated that they have seen some. They were thanked for doing a good job for their school and to keep it going to help other students.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Mr. Kinworthy talked about the tornado drill, and Ms. Lezvow mentioned that summer school registration was going on. Mr. Kohn stated they had a lot of response for the classes thus far. Middle School-Ms. Lezvow mentioned the DARE graduation as well as attending the safety response planning workshop as well as spring sports starting up. High School-Ms. Lezvow mentioned that ACT and Forward testing were happening. Ms. Lezvow also stated that she had been a part of the senior exit interview and always enjoys talking to those students. She stated that she does ask them other questions in regards to what they enjoyed and didn't like about their time at school to get feedback from them and they all gave good responses. The Bulldog Stomp was mentioned as coming up and the sound system in the high school gym has been installed. Mr. Bell stated that it sounds great. Building & Grounds-Ms. Lezvow stated that they always stay busy. Technology-They talked about the speaker install, as well as some glitches that occurred during test-

ing. Mr. Walker stated that the new website design was live as of today.

Committee Reports

Curriculum-Ms. Pease talked about the summer school program and possibly adding a music program next year. Also recapped was the Forward testing and math classes for middle school. Finance-Ms. Walker stated she would answer any questions from the minutes submitted, but there were none.

Student Representative Report

No report submitted.

Update on Referendum Information

Ms. Denure stated that the community survey results are coming in and they are happy with the numbers received thus far. It was talked about continuing to get the word out as the survey is due back on May 1st. Another email will go out to families to remind them to take it.

Recognition of Board Member Leaving

The board recognized Mr. Kinworthy on his year of service with the board. He appreciated the honor to be here and learned a lot.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Nickel read a proclamation from Gerald Ford for Earth week.

Approval of Minutes Dated 4/6/2026

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 4/6/26. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the receipts and expenditures as presented. Ms. Walker did ask some questions. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of High School Awards Night on Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the high school awards night on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the resignation of Ashley Ledlow. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the resignation of Taya Larson. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Resignation of Coaches

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the resignations of girl's varsity basketball coach Joe Guenther and middle school softball coach Ashley Ledlow. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of CESA 9 E-Rate Contract for 2026-227

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the CESA 9 E-rate contract for 2026-2027. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

No donations at this time.

Approval of 1st reading of NEOLA Policies 1-11

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve NEOLA policies 1-11 as presented. Ms. Walker did ask a question about the 3rd grade promotion policy and Mr. Nickel was able to answer that. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Updates to Nurse's Standards of Practice

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the updates to the nurse's standards of practice. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Security and door control system for the District

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the bid from Verkadas for the security and door control system for the district. Cole Stratton and Christina Jones presented the camera system and door security system to the board. Mr. Walker also added some input into the presentation. Mr. Walker talked about the current aging equipment and that there is no real replacement for the items due to their age. Also our server for this system has an end of life in 2027. Mr. Walker stated that the fob system for the doors is starting to deteriorate. Mr. Stratton and Ms. Jones did a tour of the buildings and saw deficiencies on the lack of camera coverage. Ms. Jones talked about wanting a system that communicates better. Mr. Stratton talked about camera placements and extra fobs on current doors that do not have them. Mr. Kinworthy asked about materials and if they anticipate any delays for deliveries. Mr. Nickel asked if any labor costs or other costs are flexible or still negotiable. Mr. Knitt talked about the budget and being able to pay for this system. The board asked about the urgency to get this approved, and were advised that there are discounts currently applied that end at the end of April. Mr. Nickel asked about extra cameras by the baseball and softball fields, that concession stand and the Schwantz Road entrance. They had not put that into this package and would need to look at an additional package for those items. Mr. Achterberg asked for a cost breakdown, which Mr. Stratton provided. They are currently looking to install mid to late summer. Ms. Pease asked about tired licensing pricing, to which they advised there was none. Roll call was taken: Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Activities Director Job Description

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the Activities Director Job Description with the modification of 50% attendance to games and an assessment of position to be done by April 1, 2027. Discussion was had on new changes made to the job description and clarification on the safety coordinator aspect of the job. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Election of school board officers, CESA 5 delegate picked, board members to hand out diplomas, 2nd reading of policies, approval of summer school staff, approval of letter of intents for 26-27 school year.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Discuss Teacher Compensation Package and Discussion of Special Education Director Position.

Return to Open Session

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Becky Lezvow, Board President

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ms. Becky Lezvow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Lezvow, and Student Representative Bronte Hulberg and Ava Wagner. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum and Ms. Angie Noyons. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:05 pm and Ms. Lynette Ives arrived at 7:09 pm. The meeting was run by Interim Superintendent Gus Knitt until after the election of the school board officers.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Election of School Board Officers

Mr. Knitt asked for nominations of board officer positions. President-Nominated for president was Becky Lezvow by Justin Nickel and seconded by Karla Walker. No other nominations were offered. Passed 5-0. Vice President-Nominated was Justin Nickel by Karla Walker and seconded by Becky Lezvow. No other nominations were offered. Passed 5-0. Clerk-Nominated was Chad Bellis by Becky Lezvow and seconded by Autumn Pease. No other nominations were offered. Passed 5-0. Treasurer- Nominated was Karla Walker by Justin Nickel and seconded by Autumn Pease. No other nominations were offered. Passed 5-0.

Delegate for CESA 5 Annual Convention - 5/14/26, 6:30pm at CESA 5

Ms. Walker agreed to be the delegate for the CESA 5 annual convention. After conferring with her calendar, it was determined she was unavailable and Ms. Lezvow stated that she will attend.

School Board Members to Hand out Diplomas at Graduation

Ms. Walker and Ms. Lezvow agreed to assist in graduation with handing out diplomas. Mr. Nickel will be available if need be.

Set Building and Grounds and Policy Committee Meeting Dates in May

Building and grounds and policy committee meeting date was set for 5/26/26.

Referendum Update

Ms. Denure advised that they have received a preliminary report from School Perceptions on the survey results turned in. Roughly 530 responses were received. There is a core meeting on Tuesday, 5/5/26. No other new information to report.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Nickel wanted to thank all of our teachers during this teacher's appreciation week. Ms. Lezvow thanked the principals for all that they did, as last week was administrator week. Ms. Lezvow also thanked Ms. Hulberg and Ms. Wagner for their time serving on the school board as student representatives. Ms. Hulberg and Ms. Wagner spoke of their time being on the board and stated that they did learn a lot. The rest of the board also took time to thank the student representatives. Ms. Walker stated that the Elementary School concerts were great and that she

enjoyed the Bulldog Stomp.

Approval of Minutes Dated 4/20/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 4/20/26. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Sources of Strength and Educators Rising Co-Curricular Group

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the sources of strength and educator rising co-curricular groups. Mr. Bell explained the request to keep these groups as they have been running under grant money that is now done. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the resignation of Christopher Sherrick. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff for 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the hiring of Brenda Dahlke as Middle School reading interventionist. Ms. Denure went over the recommendation to hire. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring of Support Staff for 2026-2027 School Year

None at this time.
Approval of 2026 Summer School Staff
Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Ives to approve hiring of 2026 summer school staff as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the donations of \$281.25 from the Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation to go towards livestreaming of girl's and boy's basketball playoff games. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-11

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies 1-11. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Set July board meeting date, counselors to give their annual report, approval of signature changes at banks, approval of fall head coaches, approval of open enrollment applications for 2026-2027 and approval of transportation contract with Smith Bus.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss letters of intent for 2026-2027 support staff and certified staff, discuss support staff wages, discuss pupil services position, discuss activities director position, and discuss the softball program.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Letters of Intent for 2026-2027 Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Ives to approve the letters of intent for the 2026-2027 support staff excluding Philip Walker. Motion passed 7-0. Motion by Ms. Ives / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the letter of intent for support staff member Philip Walker for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Letters of Intent for 2026-2027 Certified Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the letters of intent for

2026-2027 certified staff excluding Amanda Lezvow-Seichter. Motion passed 7-0. Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the letter of intent for certified staff member Amanda Lezvow-Seichter for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Support Staff Wages

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Ives to approve the support staff wages. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Pupil Services Job Description

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the job description for the pupil services position. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Hiring/Resignation of Coaches

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the resignation of coaches as presented. Motion passed 7-0. Motion by Ms. Ives / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the hiring of coaches and volunteers as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by Ms. Becky Lezvow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Ms. Lynette Ives, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Lezvow, and Student Representative Bronte Hulberg and Ava Wagner. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Brent Richter, Mr. Brayden Page, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Chris Lindert, Mr. Tyler Lindert, Ms. Courtney Sturtevant, Ms. Crystal Huset, Ms. Megan Dietzenbach, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Ms. Rebecca Kirklín, Ms. Katie Schultz, Mr. Dan Schultz, Mr. Chris Sherrick, Ms. Erica Sherrick, Mr. Grayson Sherrick, Mr. Brogan Sherrick, Ms. Donna Sherrick, Mr. Rich Fronheiser, Ms. Michele Fronheiser, Ms. McKenzie Kolkovich, Ms. Violet Neuhauser, Ms. Brielle Schultz, Mr. Bryar Huset and Ms. Kimora Kindschy.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum

No one signed up.

8th Grade DC Trip Recap

The students introduced themselves and then recapped the 8th grade Washington DC trip day by day. The board asked them what their favorite parts of the trip were. Mr. Lindert went over the financial backing of the trip, including a summary of fundraising dollars raised, and past yearly costs of the trip. They are proposing the trip for 2027 be from May 1-7, 2027. The board thanked the students and both Mr. Linderts for their presentation and stated that they always enjoy hearing about their trip experiences.

Annual Counselor Update

The counselors introduced themselves

and gave an update on what they had done for the 2025-2026 school year, in regards to a status update on their planning conferences for the transition grades, and what services were utilized along with what activities they had done with the students. They advised that they had gone to professional development conferences, in which some of them they presented at. The board thanked them for their presentation and the support given to our students and staff.

Community Survey Results & Referendum Update

School Perceptions was attending virtually to go over the survey results. The top three options picked from community and staff if we were to go to a referendum would be the Middle School Balliett building demolition and addition of classrooms and cafeteria space, the High School cafeteria kitchen remodel and air conditioning for the district. Mr. Knitt stated that he and Ms. Denure will start attending meetings onsite at Findorff to start fine tuning what is going to be presented to the public and staff for the referendum in November. The board stated that they liked to see what the community was looking for through this survey, and appreciated that this survey was cleaner and easier to review the information on.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Was excited to see that 400 donuts were enjoyed for the Goodies for Grownup events. The spring concert was reported to be great, as well as seeing a petting zoo for the families that was well attended. Middle School-It was stated that they are very busy right now with the student showcase and concert that was happening this evening, as well as the 8th grade promotion coming up soon. High School-The awards night was well attended and over \$400,000 in scholarships were awarded. The Bulldog Stomp had an impressive \$52,000 that was raised for the UW Carbone Cancer Center in Madison. The grand opening of the greenhouse was well attended, and everyone is looking forward to graduation this weekend. Building and Grounds extremely busy this time of the year. Technology-It was noted that the security cameras are starting to be installed and that the district copier contract is being discussed for a renewal.

Student Representative Report

Student reps not present to go over the report. It was briefly looked at, but was primarily already commented on during the administrative reports.

Committee Meeting Reports

There were no questions for the finance committee minutes.

School Board Committee Assignments

Ms. Lezvow went over the slight changes to committee assignments. Calendar of committee meetings were given to the board members.

July Board Meeting Date

It was discussed having only one board meeting in July, with that date being 7/20/26.

Board Comments & Questions

It was reiterated that the board enjoys hearing the 8th grade DC trip recap and enjoys receiving the post cards in the mail.

Approval of Minutes Dated 5/4/2026

Motion by Bellis / seconded by Achterberg to approve minutes dated 5/4/26. Motion

passed 7-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures as presented. Mr. Knitt went over the budget reports. Ms. Walker is looking to get a better understanding of some of the line entries to ensure where the funds are coming out of. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip in 2027

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2027 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip during the time frame of May 1-7, 2027. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Kitchen Equipment Purchase

Motion by Ms. Ives / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the purchase of kitchen equipment from Hubert in the amount of \$49,828.00. Mr. Knitt went over the need for the equipment and explained that the funds are available for the purchases in the food service Fund 50 account. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval to do Signature Changes for Bank First and National Exchange Bank Accounts

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the signature changes for Bank First and National Exchange Bank accounts. It was explained this is due to the superintendent switch for the beginning of the school year, and it won't take effect until July 1, 2026. Asking for the request now due to the time it takes to get the transfer paperwork created and redone. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2026-2027 Fall High School Head Coaches and Resignation of Middle School Coach

Motion by Ms. Ives / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the 2026-2027 fall high school head coaches and resignation of middle school volleyball coach. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Additional Summer School Staff Members

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the additional summer school staff members. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring Support Staff for 2026-2027 School Year

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring of Certified Staff for 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the hiring of Karleen King as the High/Middle School choir director for 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

None at this time.

Approval of Hiring of Activities Director for 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Ms. Ives / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the hiring of Rich Fronheiser as the activities director for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Nickel verified that there would be no conflict regarding him being the Trailways Commissioner. Mr. Fronheiser stated that it will not interfere or be a conflict. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Applications

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the 2026-2027 open enrollment applications as presented. Motion

passed 7-0.

Approval of 2026-2027 Transportation Contract With Smith Bus Service

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2026-2027 transportation contract with Smith Bus Service. Mr. Nickel did ask if Smith Bus was looking into any green initiatives for their fleet to help offset some costs. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Ives / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donation of a stand-up freezer for the middle/high school student food pantry. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Presentation of PI-26 and Education for Employment Plan, approval of the selling of bonds for roof repairs, approval of student/family handbooks for 2026-2027, and reviewing bids for the district copier contract. Also closed session for end of the year reports for elementary school and special education.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Hear Year End Reports from the Technology Department and Buildings & Grounds Department, Discuss Interim Superintendent Compensation as well as Discuss Pupil Services Candidates.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Hiring of Pupil Services Director

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Ives recommended Christopher Sherrick for the pupil services director position. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES CLOSED SESSION May 18, 2026

Closed Session

A closed session was held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin statutes, the board will adjourn to closed session to interview candidates for the position of Pupil Services Director. The meeting began at 6:00 pm. Those present included: Mr. Chad Bellis, Ms. Lynette Ives, Ms. Becky Lezvow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. David Bell and Mr. Andy Kohn. Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Ives to go into a closed session. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussions

Interviews conducted for the Pupil Services Director Position.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to go back into open session. Motion passed 5-0. The Board returned to open session at 7:13 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Becky Lezvow, Board President

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Upcoming Events

- June 15..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- July 20 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 3 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 7 Best Practice concert at Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13..... Registration and Picture Day, at PHS, 7-10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.
- Aug. 17..... Board of Education Meeting, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 17..... Board of Education Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting, Lenz Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26..... Districe Wide Open House, 4-6 p.m.
- Sept. 1..... First Day of School for 4K, 5th and 9th graders
- Sept. 2..... First Day of School with all students