

Pleasant Hill CUSD #3
Regular School Board Meeting
August 19, 2026

The Board of Education of Pleasant Hill CUSD #3 met for a regular meeting in the All-Purpose Room at Pleasant Hill Elementary School on August 19, 2026.

1. Board President Steve Hammitt called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse. The following member was absent: Traci Buchanan. Also present were Superintendent Kylee Orr and Principal Ryan Lowe.
3. Member Carpenter motioned and Damon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, the following members voted “Yes”: Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted “No”.
4. There was no public participation.
5. There was no correspondence.
6. Reports
 - a. Committee Reports: None
 - b. Principal Report: None
 - c. Superintendent Report:
 - i. Mrs. Orr shared the Elementary Dean of Students report from Spencer Boren, who reported on his activities since beginning the school year, including building relationships with students, staff, and families; participating in PBIS and School Improvement activities; completing training in PBIS, special education, crisis prevention, and SWIS; reviewing student IEP and 504 accommodations; attending IEP meetings; and assisting with student and parent needs throughout the school day. Mr. Boren identified continued relationship building, analysis of student behavioral data, and further work with PBIS and social-emotional learning as priorities for the coming month.
 - ii. Superintendent Kylee Orr reported that the school year was off to a positive academic start, with continued emphasis on classroom instruction, consistent expectations, reading and math achievement, staff development, and student support. Mrs. Orr provided a financial update, reporting approximately \$2.68 million in current assets and a combined fund balance of approximately \$1.65 million as of July 31. She discussed the District's anticipated cash-flow needs and line of credit due to the timing of property tax revenue receipts. August Board bills totaled \$74,773.93. Mrs. Orr also updated the Board on construction and facilities projects. High school tuckpointing was moving through project closeout, while planning continued for replacement of the storm-damaged high school roof. The District, Omni, the architect, Regional Office of Education, and insurance representatives continued working to finalize the project's scope and funding. An HLS amendment will require Board approval before HLS-funded work can begin. Regarding transportation, Mrs. Orr reported the insurance claim for the school bus involved in an accident was being processed. Midwest Bus Sales was preparing a loaner bus for the District, and planning for a permanent replacement would follow. The comprehensive accident report remained pending. Minor route adjustments had also been made for efficiency, and Bob Hendy had completed the required bus-driver class and was awaiting completion of the licensing test.
 - d. FOIA Requests: Mrs. Orr reported that the District had received eight Freedom of Information Act requests since the July 8 Board meeting, primarily related to purchasing records. All requests were answered within the required timeframe, with none outstanding.

7. Member Hammitt motioned and Rodhouse seconded to approve the Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
8. Member Carpenter motioned and Hammitt seconded to approve the Western Area School Trust Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
9. Member Harrison motioned and Damon seconded to approve School Board Policy 7:180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
10. Member Hammitt motioned and Rodhouse seconded to approve the renewal of the Line of Credit with Bank of Kampsville for an amount not to exceed \$450,000. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
11. Member Damon motioned and Harrison seconded to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District at 6:46 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
12. Member Hammitt motioned and Harrison seconded to return to open session at 7:28 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
13. Member Hammitt motioned and Harrison seconded to hire the following paraprofessionals pending successful completion of licensure requirements: Delaney Herron (full-time), Nicholas Gouran (full-time), Jordan Barnett (part-time). Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
14. Member Hammitt motioned and Harrison seconded to accept the resignation of Kati Hinch as full-time paraprofessional. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
15. Member Harrison motioned and Hammitt seconded to hire Ron Edwards as Athletic Director. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (5 yes). No members voted "No". Braden Damon abstained.
16. Member Harrison motioned and Hammitt seconded to hire Ron Edwards as high school teacher (part-time). Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (5 yes). No members voted "No". Braden Damon abstained.
17. Member Hammitt motioned and Harrison seconded to hire Ron Edwards as high school head football coach. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (5 yes). No members voted "No". Braden Damon abstained.
18. Member Hammitt motioned and Harrison seconded to hire Zach Ontis as custodian. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
19. Member Damon motioned and Harrison seconded to hire Jeff Shireman as interim Dean of Students for Pleasant Hill High School. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".
20. There were no other items.
21. Member Hammitt motioned and Harrison seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members voted "Yes": Shawn Carpenter, Sydney Crowder, Braden Damon, Steve Hammitt, Tracey Harrison, Aaron Rodhouse (6 yes). No members voted "No".

President

Secretary