PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, September 23, 2019; 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Christina Anderson. Absent – Jenel Nels. Also present: Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Jason Jones, Laura O’Brien and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Wagle welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the vision of the District: It is the vision of the Pleasant Valley Community School District that we shall provide the finest academic and extra-curricular programs in the state – not in some things, but in everything; not for some students, but for every student.

Director Ayers attended the preschool partnership meeting, and recognized the District for their strong preschool programming and partnership with other 4-year old preschool providers. Once each month, the Mississippi Bend Area Education Association (MBAEA) offers to preschool teachers from partner programs (Our Savior Lutheran Church, Kiddie Carousel, Scott County Family Y) professional development opportunities.

Dr. Lewis shared with the Board her opportunity to participate with the Community Impact committee at the Putnam Museum.

Mr. Jones, Pleasant Valley High School Associate Principal, introduced seniors recently honored as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program: Ashish Abraham, son of Abraham George and Susan Abraham of Bettendorf; Darsh Balani, son of Dinesh and Preeti Balani of Bettendorf; Aditya Desai, son of Sahil Kumar and Swati Desai of Bettendorf; Grace Halupnik, daughter of Mark and Jennifer Halupnik of Bettendorf; Margaret Huang, daughter of Chang Huang and Kathryn Wang of Bettendorf; Maya Johnson, daughter of Thomas and Christine Johnson of Bettendorf; Paul Malachuk, son of Daniel Malachuk and Catherine Reinhardt of Bettendorf; Aadil Manazir, son of Fraza Manazir and Radhika Kolla of LeClaire; Joseph Murphy, son of Richard and Janene Murphy of Bettendorf; and Prakru Pancholi, daughter of Sanjay and Karishma Pancholi of Bettendorf. These students are among 16,000 semi-finalists from across the country which represent less than 1% of students who took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The Board congratulated the students for this outstanding accomplishment.
CONSENT AGENDA, September 23, 2019: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The September 23, 2019 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**

  **CERTIFIED:**

  CLASSIFIED:  **Stacy Getting** is recommended for employment as the Pleasant Valley Singers Accompanist starting September 11, 2019.  **Jean Haack,** Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted her resignation effective October 3, 2019.  **Michelle Johns,** Educational Aide / Secretary at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 1, 2019.  **Meghan Kohn,** Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is recommended for a contract extension of 30 minutes per day effective September 18, 2019.  **Jenny Logas,** Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, is recommended for a contract extension of 45 minutes per day effective September 17, 2019.

  **CLASSIFIED (Information only):**  **Kelly Frericks** is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 7, 2019.  **Jacquelyn Gray** is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting September 23, 2019.  **Christie Hodges** is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Bus Monitor and General Supervision Aide at Pleasant View Elementary starting September 23, 2019.  **Casey Micklewright,** Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is recommended for an increase of 1 hour, 45 minutes per day effective September 19, 2019.

- **Open Enrollment:**  2019-20 one IN from Bettendorf, one IN from Davenport.

- **Student Teaching Agreement - Morningside College**

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $224,452.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $56,405.43 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $3,934.20 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $31,104.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $14,279.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $843,268.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $86,161.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 5997 through 6001 be issued in the total amount of $31,314.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $3,042.22 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** At our two previous meetings, Mr. Strusz, Mr. Zimmer and Dr. Lewis discussed the School Improvement Advisory Council’s five year plan which commenced this fall. The Comprehensive School Improvement Plan is a roadmap for current and future goal setting. This evening, discussion focused on items 3-5.

1. Improving universal instruction for all PK-12 students
2. Improving the support system for all PK-12 students
3. Analyzing and assessing data to make informed decisions
4. Increasing leadership within all individuals
5. Advancing infrastructure to improve the learning environment for all

Assessment will continue to include Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) for grades 3 - 11, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) for grades 3 - 10, and Early Literacy/FAST for K-6 readers. Postsecondary Readiness Report analysis will help ensure students are prepared for success beyond high school. Through the collection and sharing of standards-based formative assessment, common formative assessment and summative assessment data, curriculum, instruction and assessment decisions will be made to increase student learning.
Under Leadership, the Teacher Leadership System will continue to advance the skills of our teachers, will expand the District’s efforts to attract and retain quality professionals, and will allow teachers to work collaboratively to transform teaching practices to increase student learning and achievement.

The District will provide a learning environment in which students feel safe, supported, relaxed, and willing to take risks. The District will continue to assess and analyze the current and future demands of district growth to implementing staffing and facilities plans address the demands.

No required motion.

**AUTHENTIC INTELLECTUAL WORK:** Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) provides a framework for teachers to consult peers for assistance in improving a lesson/task, quality of instruction or assessing student work. PVHS teachers and instructional coaches held a collaborative conversation around improving an actual lesson as the Board observed. Sara Russell, Social Studies teacher, acted as facilitator. Science teacher Audrey Holland brought a biology lesson for analysis and feedback. Carrie McDonald, PVHS media specialist, Thomas Lovejoy, PVHS Instructional Coach and Spanish teacher, and Stacie Giesecke, PVHS Instructional Coach reviewed the science lesson as guided by the AIW framework and offered suggestions for improvement. Ms. Holland intends to revise the lesson to incorporate input received.

The Board observed the process and asked questions at the conclusion of the exercise.

During professional development/early outs and professional learning times, the AIW framework will be taught and utilized as one method of advancing the skills of our teachers to have a positive impact on student learning.

No required motion.

**SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2018-19 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT:** The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the District’s special education deficit for the 2018-19 fiscal year so that the District can receive additional spending authority. We are also required to file a request to the SBRC to receive supplemental aid. Supplemental aid redistributes surplus dollars from districts across the state to those districts experiencing a special education deficit. This supplemental aid is prorated based upon each district’s special education deficit. This request to the SBRC is a standard procedure which occurs each year the district has a special education deficit. The 2018-19 special education deficit is $816,464.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of the District’s final 2018-19 special education deficit and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the District’s final 2018-19 special education deficit. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.
SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2018-19 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (E.L.L.) DEFICIT: The state requires that the board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the District’s English language learners (E.L.L.) deficit for the 2018-19 fiscal year in order for the District to receive the additional spending authority. The state began allowing districts to request additional allowable growth for their E.L.L. deficits beginning with deficits incurred during the 2013-14 fiscal year. The district’s 2018-19 E.L.L. deficit is calculated to be $77,739.19.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of $77,739.19 for the District’s 2018-19 E.L.L. deficit. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION AND RENOVATION CHANGE ORDERS:

Bush Construction Contractor Fee Adjustment #4; add of $31,216.27.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that the Board approve Bush Construction Contractor Fee Adjustment #4 in the amount of an add of $31,216.27 for the High School Renovation and Expansion Project. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Floor Show Companies change order #5; net decrease of $921.75.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve Floor Show Companies Change Order #5 in the amount of a decrease of $921.75 for the High School Renovation and Expansion Project. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented monthly financial reports for June, July, and August 2019. Generally, financial reports are reviewed monthly. However, June financials aren’t made final until the auditors complete their field work in early September.

Through June, General fund revenue totaled $52,629,720 and expenses totaled $52,163,958. The fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2019 was $7,054,006. June 30th is the final day of the district’s fiscal year.

Through July, General fund revenue totaled $477,305 and expenses totaled $1,252,423. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2019 was $6,278,888.

Through August, General fund revenue totaled $854,567 and expenses totaled $2,414,268. The fund balance in the General Fund at August 31, 2019 was $5,494,305.

Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports for each month. No significant variances from projections were noted.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for June, July and August 2019 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, October 14, 2019  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2019  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Open Enrollment is the process by which a parent or guardian residing in an Iowa school district may enroll their child into a public school district other than the one in which they reside. The deadline for filing an Open Enrollment Application for students in grades 1-12 is *March 1* prior to the school year of requested attendance. The deadline for filing an open enrollment request for an incoming kindergarten child is September 1* of the year open enrollment is first requested. For Open Enrollment information and application, visit the district website at [www.pleasval.org / schools / enrollment](http://www.pleasval.org) or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org (563)332-5550.

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Pleasant Valley Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment.

The district requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

The district is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, or age. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment.

Inquiries concerning the application of federal and state nondiscrimination statutes and the implementing regulations to the district may be referred to Mike Zimmer, who has been designated by the district as Educational Equity Coordinator, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of HEW, and Washington, D.C. Mr. Zimmer’s office is at Pleasant Valley Administration Center, 525 Belmont Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563) 332-5550.

Brian Strusz
Superintendent