MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Christina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers 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 Brockmann thanked the elementary PTA’s, volunteers, and donors for their efforts and generous support of elementary fall festivals.

Mr. Strusz shared condolences of the Board and District upon the passing of Jackson Gatton, infant son of teacher Lydia Gatton; Marcie Snyder, sister-in-law of PVHS building secretary Dawn Taghon; Betty Biehl, mother of Hopewell custodian Jeff Biehl; and Mark Dilley, father of student Joe Dilley and PVHS custodian Nick Dilley.

At the September 23rd board meeting, ten PVHS National Merit Semifinalists were introduced to the Board. Mr. Strusz informed the Board of results in other area districts: Bettendorf Community School District reports two finalists; Davenport Central, 1; Davenport North, 1; Assumption, 1; and Rivermont Collegiate, 2.

Mr. Strusz congratulated Pleasant Valley High School teachers Deanna Weinschenk, Business / Information teacher, who has announced her retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year after 35 years in education; 19 in the district; and Eric Crawford, Social Studies teacher, also at the end of the 2019-20 school year after 33 years in education; 26 in the district.

Mr. Zimmer shared with the Board the District’s inclusion on the 9th Annual Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll. Inclusion on the honor roll is based upon three years of AP data, including increased participation/access, increased minority participation, and improved performance levels. Pleasant Valley has received this distinction in 2019, 2018, 2015 and 2014. AP teachers shoulder the responsibility of
preparing students for AP exams, administered near the end of each school year. Our 2019 AP teachers were Ms. Tracy Lux - Literature/Composition, Dr. Lynne Lundberg - Language/Composition (present at meeting), Ms. Aimee Peter - 2D Studio Art, Ms. Meg Byrne - Music Theory, Mr. Erik Belby - AP Calculus, Mr. Ian Spangenberg - AP Physics I & II (present), Mr. Eric Crawford - Macroeconomics (present), Ms. Liz Moritz - Chemistry, Ms. Sara Russell - Government (present), Mr. David Hult - Human Geography, Ms. Steph Risius - Spanish and Mr. Bart Meinke - French.

The Board congratulated and thanked PVHS AP teachers who helped students achieve AP success.

Mr. Zimmer attended the Belin-Blank Center’s annual Recognition Ceremony. Qualifying students from across the country are invited to the ceremony - students who have been identified via the Belin-Blank Exceptional Student Talent Search (BESTS) test, completed a summer program, or received special recognition in a Belin-Blank program. The following Pleasant Valley students were recognized:

**ACT** test scores
Carter Dougherty, grade 10; Tejus Kanathur, grade 9.

**Blank Summer Institute**
Miranda Croll, Elizabeth Hernandez, Tejus Kanathur, Noah Kidwell, Leah Mendelin, Ellen Pendrak, Quinn Russell and Calum Sommer, all grade 9 students.

**I-EXCEL** test which discovers exceptionally talented students
Victoria Rice and Bennett Teitle, grade 7 students.

**INVENT IOWA**
Grace Brand and Sara Schutte, grade 7.

**SECONDARY STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM** residential summer research program at the University of Iowa
Haley Humes, grade 12 and Alexander Xiao, grade 11.

**SUMMER WRITING RESIDENCY**
Miranda Miller, grade 12.

Each student has the opportunity to select an educator who has had a profound impact on their learning. The following PVCSD teachers were honored: Sarah Bertog, PVJH; Sandra Clark, PVJH; Brenna Clifton, Pleasant View Elementary; Kristin Lopez, PVJH; Jessica Mente, PVJH; Katharine Mulfinger, PVHS; and Melissa Scheiffer, Riverdale Heights Elementary.

Nathan Romans and Cole Roush, members of the PV Trap Team, were in attendance to present the District with the trophies earned by their squads during the spring/summer 2019 season.

**SCTP State - Skeet - 1st place - combined score of 404/450**
Nathan Romans (142), Michael Lemburg (137), Ben DeCoster (125)

**SCTP Regionals - Sporting Clays - 2nd place - combined score of 201/300**
Nathan Romans (72), Michael Lemburg (69), Camden Docherty (60)
SCTP Nationals - Doubles - 2nd place runner up - combined score of 780/1,000
Camden Docherty (167), Michael Lemburg (152), Ben DeCoster (157), Nathan Romans (136), James Dassie (168)
Coach John Ager thanked the many parent volunteers who make it possible for a Pleasant Valley trap team to exist and compete at such an elite level. Iowa has the highest level of shooting sports participation in the nation, and the sport continues to grow. The Board thanked Coach Ager and congratulated team members.

CONSENT AGENDA, October 14, 2019: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The October 14, 2019 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the September 23, 2019 regular meeting.

- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Eric Crawford, Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of his retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year after 33 years in education; 26 in the district. Deanna Weinschenk, Business / Information Technology Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year after 35 years in education; 19 in the district.

CLASSIFIED: Linda Fullmer is recommended for employment as a Special Education Bus Aide starting September 26, 2019. These hours are in addition to the Food Service position she currently holds. Kenneth Kosgard, part time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2019. Denise Pojar is recommended for employment as a Bus Aide / all grade levels starting September 30, 2019. These hours are in addition to the Food Service position she currently holds. Christopher Ryan, part time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2019. Linda Stoehrer, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, is recommended for a contract increase from 5 hours to 5.75 hours per day effective September 27, 2019.

CLASSIFIED (Information only): Michelle Garris, Educational Aide at Hopewell Elementary School, has submitted her resignation effective October 4, 2019. Erica Heins is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 14, 2019. Preet Kanwal is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary School Starting October 1, 2019. Megan Mattox, Educational Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary School, has submitted her resignation effective November 2, 2019. Connie Miller is recommended for probationary employment as an Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High School starting October 16, 2019. Melissa Munson, Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has submitted her resignation effective October 1, 2019. Kimberly Rasso is recommended for probationary employment as Assistant Secretary to the Director of Operations starting October 28, 2019.
Shannon Schmidtknect, Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has submitted her resignation effective October 11, 2019. Amy Scherlock, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary School, has submitted her resignation effective October 4, 2019. Lavanya Vijayaraghavan, Educational Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective October 1, 2019.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Bart Meinke PVHS Academic Coach

- Open Enrollment: four IN from Bettendorf

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Anderson, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $388,029.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $93,806.02 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,567.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Anderson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $31,530.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Nels that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $26,265.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $942,186.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,305.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants 6002 through 6009 be issued in the total amount of $397,872.99 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $7,700.21 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** State Senators Chris Cournoyer and Roby Smith, as well as Representatives Gary Mohr and Norlin Momsen were present to discuss with the Board the upcoming legislative session. The initial conversation centered on the Board’s 2020 Legislative Priorities:

- **Funding priority:**
  
  *The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports protecting K-12 funding from cuts, including diminishment caused by state funding of vouchers or educational savings accounts, and maintaining K-12 public school funding as the top funding priority with SSA established within the first 30 days of the session.*

- **Mental health priority:**
  
  *Provide funding and incentives to establish comprehensive school based mental health programs that include in-school access for students to mental health professionals with provisions for reimbursement by Medicaid and private insurers and comprehensive community mental health systems which offer preventative and treatment services.*

The legislators discussed budget priorities and challenges, and noted that state receipts are growing slowly, but steadily. The availability of mental health services needs to increase, as does the number of mental health professionals. Coordination of regional service providers is a priority. The legislature places great emphasis on a balanced state budget, and it was noted that 55% of the state’s budget is spent on education. The Teacher Leadership program is now state-wide, and Mr. Strusz emphasised to the legislators the value of Teacher Leadership in our district. The Board thanked the legislators for their successful efforts in passing the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure and for their service to district and Iowa residents.

No required motion.

**JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS SEQUENCING:** Mathematics instructors Nick Sacco, Kim VerHeecke, Nikki Pitcher and Ron Litchfield were present to describe for the Board their work in rewriting curriculum and realigning course requirements so that the high school *Introduction to Algebra I* and *Introduction to Algebra II* courses directly align with the Algebra I standards, therefore appropriately reinforcing and building upon junior high mathematics, and developing units that deepen and extend understanding of linear and exponential relationships. The goal is that students will finish the two courses with a more solid understanding of algebraic concepts and increased mathematical confidence so that they are ready for future math classes. The team also shared the successes they are seeing with the Intermediate Algebra course that was created three years ago. This course allows students to further their mathematical knowledge as well as prepare for college mathematics entrance exams. The overriding goal of *Intermediate Algebra* is to ensure that Pleasant Valley graduates will not be required to take a remedial math at the collegiate level.

The Board thanked the teachers and the administration for their focus on *every student*, and seeing to it that students are supported and challenged no matter their level of ability or accomplishment.

No required motion.
2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR: The board reviewed the 2020-21 calendar basic framework and key dates. The first day of school will be Monday, August 24, 2020. The Board and the Interest Based Problem Solving Committee (teachers) will continue to work out details of the calendar and a final calendar will be approved in December.

No required motion.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: October 1st is count day, the date on which the certified enrollment process begins. Certified enrollment drives the Iowa School Finance Formula calculation and state funding the district will receive. The actual certified enrollment is due on Tuesday, October 15th. Preliminary numbers indicate that in preschool through 12th grade the number of students in seats has increased by roughly 130 students. The certified enrollment calculation will be finalized in the near future as, in addition to resident student counts, also considered are open enrolled students, home school assistance program students, dual enrolled students, and other factors.

No required motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, October 28, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 General and School Board Election
Monday, November 11, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us. Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian’s name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.
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 1st prior to the school year of requested attendance. The deadline for filing an open enrollment request for an incoming kindergarten child is September 1st of the year open enrollment is first requested. For Open Enrollment information and application, visit the district website at www.pleasval.org/schools/enrollment 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