PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, February 24, 2020; 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Tina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Leland Zenk, Bob Jurkowski, Laura O’Brien.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION: Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. 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.

Dr. Lewis shared with the Board that 13 families completed the Born Learning Academy offered this winter at Bridgeview Elementary by the United Way. Families learn how to prepare youngsters for school and how to support their students academically, socially and emotionally as they grow.

Superintendent Strusz recognized Rex Hodson, Cody Elementary Custodian retiring at the end of this school year after 12.5 years’ service to the district. He also thanked Randy Teymer for 19 years of service to the district as PVHS assistant principal, athletic/activities director, and most recently SAM (Student Administration Manager).

CONSENT AGENDA, February 24, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The February 24, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

● MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular meeting, Exempt Session and Executive Session.
CERTIFIED: Kristen Bishop, third grade teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary (currently on a one-year leave of absence) has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Abbey Graffagna, first grade teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Erin Klage is recommended for employment as a Social Studies teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2020-21 school year. Kate Reed, Hopewell Elementary Guidance Counselor, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Katie Rokusek, 5th grade teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is recommended to serve as Teacher Librarian at Riverdale Heights starting the 2020-21 school year. Randy Teymer, Pleasant Valley High School Student Administration Manager, has submitted notice of his retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Burnadette Avitts, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting March 1, 2020. Rex Hodson, Cody Elementary Custodian, has submitted notice of his retirement effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Dawn Kidwell, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting March 1, 2020. Janelle Seely, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting March 1, 2020.

CLASSIFIED (Information only):

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:
ADDS: Spencer Lueders Cody Instructional Coach
DROPS: Mark Jones Cody Instructional Coach

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:
ADDS: Kaz Johnson PVHS Assistant Girls Track (contract increase)
      Adam Kueny PVHS Assistant Boys Soccer
      Erica Miller PVHS Head JV Softball Coach

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $500,995.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $51,219.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,381.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,310.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,110.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $474,577.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $25,669.10 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants 6055 through 6060 be issued in the total amount of $29,404.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Nels that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $881.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH PARKING LOT AND TENNIS COURT EXPANSION/RENOVATION:** After additional consultation between district administrators and IMEG Corp. engineers, the District is ready to seek bids for the PVJH parking lot, tennis court and additional expansion/renovation. Pickleball courts have been deleted from the plan, as additional tennis courts better compliment the junior high physical education curriculum. After an introduction, President Wagle opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m. Work will commence when school dismisses for the summer with completion scheduled prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Nels, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Pleasant Valley Junior High parking lot and tennis court expansion/renovation construction documents and authorize IMEG Corp. to receive bids. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wangle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**2020-21 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT:** Friday, February 21st the District held kindergarten roundup at each elementary building. Enrollment is at or over capacity at each building, and registrations continue to be received. Transition to Kindergarten screenings take place in March and will move some students from the kindergarten roster to T2K. In overload situations, the District will follow district protocol:

1. First preference will go to kindergarteners who have an older sibling(s) in the building.
2. Students within the building walk zone will be assigned next.
3. Children who reside within the Forest Grove Elementary boundaries and do not have elementary siblings will be assigned to Cody Elementary, then move to Forest Grove when that building opens for the 2021-22 school year. As a reminder, the Board has established preliminary Forest Grove Boundaries as follows: South of Interstate 80; east of Middle Road; north of 53rd Street (with imaginary line extending east to Criswell); west of Criswell.

No required motion.
RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT BID: Bids for the high school partial roof replacement project were received on February 20, 2020. Three bids were received. The low bidder was Jim Giese Commercial Roofing, Inc. with a base bid amount of $273,600.00. The District's budgeted amount allows for repair of unknown damage which may have occurred under the outermost roof surface. The District has used the services of Jim Giese Commercial Roofing for many roof repair projects in the past. The work will begin at the close of the current school year and be completed prior to the start of school in August. President Wagle opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that the Board approve the bid from Jim Giese Commercial Roofing, Inc. for the base bid amount of $273,600.00 and the unit price bid amounts as presented for the Pleasant Valley High School Partial Roof Replacement Project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Anderson, Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins. Nays - none. Motion carried.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SIAC) DATA ANALYSIS AND COMMITTEE APPROVAL: In August the Board reviewed SIAC's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, a working five year plan implemented in September 2019. An important part of that plan is effective MAP and ISASP data analysis. Dr. Lewis and Mr. Zimmer guided the Board through the Data Analysis document which effectively summarizes the expansive data. Also reviewed were State Snapshot Reports for grades 4 & 8 reading and math. Across the district, students performed at high levels but as expressed by the State of Iowa it would appear that the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress), administered for the first time in the 2018-19 school year, is a more rigorous test than its predecessor.

Each year the Board approves the SIAC committee for the coming year. Committee members include: Joe Adam, Bailie Baker, Alton Barber, Lane Bleeker, Eric Dippel, Jennifer Richardson, Jodi Hoskins, Sara Hoskins, Jason Jones, Aabha Joshi, Tim Kammler, Ann Kardell, Angie Kendall, Cindy Lewis, Beth Marsoun, Nathaniel Martell, Mike Peakin, Gui Pinho, Katherine Ramsdell, Karen Reed, Stephanie Risius, Jeff Rose, Barbara Schadt, Deb Schwake, Sara Sierk, Brian Strusz, Matt Stutenberg, Maggie Tinsman, Tina Young, Mike Zimmer.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve the School Improvement Advisory Council Data Analysis and SIAC Committee as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION: Mr. Strusz and Mr. Clingingsmith presented to the Board information to be considered as the 2020-21 levy rate is established.

- While the Governor has approved a 2.5% Supplemental State Aid increase for 2020-21, legislative approval is pending.

- The residential rollback decreased from 56.9180% at January 1, 2018 to 55.0743% at January 1, 2019. The rollback percentage defines what portion of a residential taxpayer’s assessed valuation is taxable, so for the next property tax cycle, a lesser portion of residential assessed value will be subject to tax.
Planning for future staffing needs at Forest Grove Elementary School (projected to be open the 2021-22 academic year) and other needs related to growth.

The 2019-20 Pleasant Valley Community School District property tax levy rate was set at 13.41/$1,000 taxable valuation (rounded to the nearest penny). It is recommended that the levy rate increase $0.37/$1,000 to $13.78/$1,000 taxable valuation. Because of the decrease in the residential rollback, this increase will not create an overall tax increase in the residential taxpayer’s school district property tax when compared to the prior year. Board consensus was reached regarding the proposed levy rate.

At the March 24th board meeting, a motion will be presented to publish the proposed levy rate and set April 13th as the date to hold the public hearing and adopt the certified budget for 2020-21.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for January 2020. Through January, General Fund revenue totaled $24,488,211 and expenses totaled $23,584,745. The fund balance in the General Fund on January 31, 2020 was $11,957,472. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, and Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for January as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

RESCHEDULE MARCH 2020 BOARD MEETING DATE: Due to board member conflicts, it was requested that tonight’s agenda be amended to include discussion of possible postponement of the March 2020 board meeting from Monday, March 23, 2020 to Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Nels that the March 2020 board meeting be postponed from March 23, 2020 to March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

EXEMPT SESSION– NEGOTIATIONS: The Board entered into closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss negotiations. No motions were made during exempt session. Exempt Session concluded at 8:53 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
Tuesday, March 24, 2020         Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 13, 2020         Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Exempt session was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Wagle.

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

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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 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/district/new student enrollment/open enrollment info](http://www.pleasval.org/district/new student enrollment/open enrollment info) 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