PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, April 13, 2020; 6:00 P.M. C.D.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 (remotely), Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Kevin Pennekamp, Leland Zenk (remotely), Jerred Pauwels, James Feeney.

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.

Dr. Wagle welcomed Mr. Jerred Pauwels, district parent, to the meeting. Mr. Pauwels shared concerns regarding the District's delivery of online educational opportunities during the COVID-19 disruption. Mr. Pauwels exited the meeting after addressing the Board.

Director Anderson shared with the Board that she assisted in the distribution of high school students' locker contents and thanked high school administration, the custodial crew, educational aides and parent volunteers for the tremendous effort in clearing student lockers, packing possessions in bags and distributing to students.

Director Nels shared parent input regarding the transition to online learning.

Mr. Zimmer congratulated PVHS art student Sophie Curtis upon receiving the Don Heggen Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually by the Figge Art Museum.

On behalf of the District, Mr. Strusz shared condolences with several district families. Bob VenHorst, PV grad, PV parent and longtime district supporter; Joyce Hammes, Pleasant View Elementary teacher who retired in 1996; Pauline Koch, mother of PV grad and district technology network assistant Jason Koch and Mike Dettlaff, father of district teacher and Platinum coach Katie Rokusek.

CONSENT AGENDA, April 13, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The April 13, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

● MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 24, 2020 Regular meeting.
CERTIFIED:  Kelby LeBarge is recommended for employment as a Reading/ELA Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2020-21 school year. Holly Hoelting is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2020-21 school year. Tracy Lux, English Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has requested a one year leave of absence (2020-21) so that she may continue to care for her critically ill child. Bartley Meinke, World Language Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Mariah Spires is recommended for employment as an elementary Classroom Teacher, building and grade level to be determined, starting the 2020-21 school year. Derek Stecklein is recommended for employment as an elementary Classroom Teacher, building and grade level to be determined, starting the 2020-21 school year. Hannah Tesar is recommended for employment as a Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2020-21 school year.

CLASSIFIED:  Kristy Anderson, Second Shift Part Time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 16, 2020. Amy Hartman, Second Shift Part Time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 16, 2020.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

DROPS:  Stacy Getting  Theater Accompanist
        Bart Meinke  Academic Coach

OPEN ENROLLMENT: One IN from Bettendorf 2020-21.
STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT with St. Ambrose University.
ENGAGEMENT LETTER from District Auditor Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP - Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $362,935.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $14,610.15 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Nels that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,095.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $55,225.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $23,364.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $68,852.87 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6074 through 6082 be issued in the total amount of $412,725.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $205.22 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING and COVID-19 UPDATE: On Wednesday, April 8, 2020 the district received approval from the Iowa Department of Education to offer Continuous Learning. In response to the COVID-19 disruption, public school districts in the state were presented with two continuous learning options - voluntary educational enrichment opportunities or required educational services. For PK-8 the district is offering the voluntary educational enrichment opportunities model and for 9-12 the required educational services model. For both models the district will deliver learning through tech based platforms. At the PK-2 level teachers are using SeeSaw and 3-12 are using Google Classroom - both platforms which were used previously in the classroom and provide some familiarity to students, parents and teachers. Instruction will be provided at all grade levels, specials and course specific teachers. Learning will be provided to all students. Learning will be a blend of on-time learning or conferencing, uploaded videos, uploaded activities, choice boards and teacher feedback. At the 9-12 level, grades and credit will be awarded. At all levels, teachers will assess student progress through feedback, assessments or both. It is the District’s expectation that all students will participate and teachers will work with families to make sure students are connected at home or are receiving weekly packets. Instruction is designed so that students can participate on a schedule that best meets the needs of their individual family. For assistance and further information, please visit the Online Learning-What You Need to Succeed and COVID-12 Information sections found on our district home page at www.pleasval.org.

At this point the Governor has extended school closures through April 30. Should she extend closure through the end of the year, current delivery of instruction will be reassessed.

The district has distributed nearly 500 chromebooks and is in the process of delivering 50 hotspots to families who do not have access to adequate technical resources.

All classified (non-teaching) staff will continue to be paid, and bus drivers will be paid by Durham, the District’s transportation provider.

No required motion.

Mr. Feeney exited the meeting.

2020-21 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAXES: Chief Financial Officer Mike Clingingsmith once again reviewed the proposed budget and tax levy worksheets and responded to questions from the Board. This information was first presented to the Board February 24 and then again March 24. The budget reflects a $0.37 increase in the district’s levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Though a levy increase, because of the decrease in the residential property tax rollback percentage, taxpayers will
not see an increase in their school district property tax assuming the assessed value of their home does not increase.

President Wagle opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that at this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, held as provided by law;

And finding that the notice of the time and place of hearing has, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 26th day of March, 2020 in the Quad City Times, and that the affidavit of publication thereof was on file;

And after hearing any resident or taxpayer presenting objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget;

I move the Board adopt the attached Budget Summary, together with the property tax levies totaling $13.78134 per $1,000 of taxable valuation for 2020-21. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2020-21 BUDGET GUARANTEE RESOLUTION: In light of economic uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS) has recommended that school boards across the state pass a Budget Guarantee Resolution for 2020-21. The Budget Guarantee Resolution guarantees that a school district’s regular program district cost for a fiscal year will be no less than 101% of the district’s regular program district cost for the previous (base) year. (regular program district cost = certified enrollment x district cost per pupil) The Budget Guarantee Resolution would protect Pleasant Valley Community School District in the unlikely event that the state is forced to reduce supplemental state aid to a rate below -0.82%

Motion by Anderson, second by Nels that it be resolved that the Board of Directors of Pleasant Valley Community School District will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2020-21 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION: Director of Operations Leland Zenk reported that bid requests for pricing on a 2020 Ford Transit van were sent to five local dealers. Three bids were received and Lindquist Ford, Bettendorf submitted the low bid of $35,277.00 The all-wheel drive vehicle seats ten passengers.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the Board accept the low bid from Lindquist Ford, Bettendorf for a 2020 Ford Transit van for a total price of $35,277.00 Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT TO SERVE AS DISSEMINATION AGENT FOR SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT: PiperJaffray, the District's financial advisor, has the ability and is willing to prepare and file on behalf of the District disclosure/dissemination documents required for the district - issued "General Obligation School
Capital Loan Notes, Series 2018" dated October 1, 2018. Because these notes were sold in the conventional public market, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires this additional disclosure. Since PiperJaffray has the expertise and experience and is in possession of the information required, the District recommends approving the $1,500 annual fee for PiperJaffray’s services.


2020-21 CONTRACT APPROVALS: Administrative, Classified and Custodial Contracts were presented for the Board’s approval. Meet and Confer sessions for Classified employees were held via Google Hangouts; 4 sessions were offered and 110 employees participated.

2020-21 total package increase for all employee groups is 2.59%

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the Board approve the 2020-21 Administrative, Classified, and Custodial employee wage and benefits packages as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, April 27, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
(The meeting will be conducted in adherence to all COVID-19 room capacity and social distancing requirements. Guests are welcome to participate remotely in the Belmont Administration Center’s technology training room should room capacity be reached in the boardroom. Board Members and guests will be asked to wear masks.)

Monday, May 11, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
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 / district / new student enrollment/open enrollment info or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org (563)332-5550.
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