PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, June 22, 2020; 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Tina Anderson. Absent – Jean Dickson. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Jamie Homb, Jason Jones, Jamey Fah, Susan Wanke, Janessa Ormsby and Katie Borth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Nels, second by Anderson that Board hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA, June 22, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The June 22, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

● MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular meeting.

● PERSONNEL:
  CERTIFIED: Angela Wiatt is recommended for employment as a 5th grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary starting the 2020-21 school year.

  CLASSIFIED: Abbie Brasmer, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Michelle Childers is recommended for employment as an Attendance Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2020-21 school year. Rosemary Hollister, Educational Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.

  CLASSIFIED (information only): Terry Phillips is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time Custodian at Cody Elementary starting July 1, 2020.
SUMMER SCHOOL:

The following are contracted to teach online remedial summer school for ten days in July: Janice Carter, Kindergarten; Michelle Howes, Kindergarten; Elizabeth Hughes, Kindergarten; Lindsay Seamer, Kindergarten; Teri Adams, First Grade; Victoria Beale, First Grade; Lisa Bradley, First Grade; Shannon Harty, First Grade; Kelsey Allbaugh, Second Grade; Kaitlin Carlin, Second Grade; Anna Delaney, Second Grade; Rebecca VanBlaricome, Second Grade; Larissa Gaul, Third Grade; Leesa Haeffner, Third Grade; Jeremy Hoppe, Fourth Grade; Cindi VenHorst, Fourth Grade; Amber Duncan, Fifth Grade; Erin Merrill, Fifth Grade; Julie Small, JH Reading; Jenna Tritt, JH Math.

The following are contracted to teach summer band online: Tara Daurer, Brain Gartner, Brian Kling, Krisn Lopez, Elizabeth Mansfield.

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Three IN from Bettendorf
- Cooperative Teaching Agreement - Iowa State University
- Rock Valley Physical Therapy contract for Strength and Conditioning Services

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Brockmann, second by Nels that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $164,104.98 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $17,284.01 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $321.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $121,173.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Anderson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $34,784.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $146,696.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Hoskins that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,016,061.99 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6106 through 6109 be issued in the total amount of $34,639.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,964.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Director Dickson joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**RETURN TO LEARN:** Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis and Mike Zimmer provided updates from the District Return to Learn Task Force committee meetings. In addition, the Board reviewed the Return to Learn report to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education by July 1, 2020. The design of the plan is to help districts meet the COVID-induced challenges of the 2020-21 school year by

- ensuring that remote learning options are available for all students;
- planning to help students catch up on the learning they may have missed during school closures;
- integrating public health strategies into Iowa’s schools;
- enabling schools to move between on-site and remote learning as needed; and
- helping the Department of Education and local AEA’s understand how best to support schools.

Committee work is focusing on three delivery models: on-site, on-line or a hybrid (combination of both). The hybrid model would allow half the students to be in the building and half learning from home each day so that social distancing parameters can be observed. Priorities are the maximization of student contact and providing thorough and rigorous content. Learning from home will “count” as time spent in school so that the state requirement of instructional hours is met.

A number of challenges continue to be considered including transportation, student schedules, individual health needs, child care concerns and the requirement of face coverings. Professional Development focusing on online teaching is being provided to teachers over the summer. Parents and staff members will receive a detailed frequently asked questions/handbook outlining the plan and expectations.

Superintendent Strusz recognized the teachers and administrators participating in the committee work and noted that their work will continue throughout the summer and the Return to Learn plan will be a Board agenda item for the foreseeable future.

District parents Janessa Ormsby, Susan Wanke and Katie Borth were present to address the board. Ms. Ormsby’s concerns primarily focused on childcare; Ms. Wanke on the critical value of education and the importance that children return to school, and Ms. Borth regarding testing, safety, sanitation and how the District would handle positive COVID cases.

No required motion.

Ms. Ormsby, Ms. Wanke and Ms. Borth exited the meeting.

**2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:** The Iowa Association of School Boards has established August 10 as the deadline for submission of legislative priorities for the 2021 session. The Board reviewed IASB’s list of 2020 Legislative Resolutions and Priorities. At the July meeting, the Board will select priorities and appoint the Board’s representative to the delegate assembly scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th.
The board discussed mental health and state funding priorities. Superintendent Strusz will draft priorities for consideration at the July Board of Education meeting.

No required motion.

**7-12 ATTENDANCE, DISCIPLINE AND LIAISON REPORTS:** School Resource Officer Deputy Jamey Fah, Associate High School Principal Jason Jones and Junior High Dean of Students Jamie Homb presented 2019-20 Year End attendance, discipline and school resource officer and juvenile liaison reports. Since students did not return to campus after spring break due to COVID-19, numbers are not directly comparable to past years.

Pleasant Valley Junior High attendance trends continue to improve. Top referral categories were tardies/late to school, disruptive behavior, inappropriate use of technology, rules violation and insubordination. The Board reviewed reports detailing bullying and harassment followup.

At the high school, daily attendance remained steady. Top referral categories include skipping class, tardies and parking violations. Consistent with previous years, suspensions were due primarily to skipping class or tobacco(e-cigarettes)/alcohol/drug use on campus. Student use of e-cigarettes and Juuls for vaping on campus has decreased. Deputy Fah credits a combination of extensive monitoring and increased public education regarding the dangers of vaping.

The P3 Campus app, which allows students to anonymously report witnessed inappropriate behaviors, continues to have a significant impact on behavior management and discipline at the junior high and high school level. SRO’s and/or administrators follow up on every tip received and appropriate measures are taken. The P3 Campus helps promote a preventative culture of *see something, say something*, which is the most important line of defense in school safety measures.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the junior high and high school attendance and discipline reports as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**PVJH PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE AND CHANGE ORDER #1:** Superintendent Strusz updated the Board on progress to date on the PVJH Parking Lot Project and described Change Order #1. The Board previously approved the base bid amount of $912,100.00 and Alternate #1 (Crack Fill & Sealing) for $11,600.00 for a total original contract price of $923,700.00. At the time those items were approved by the Board, the decision had not been made whether or not to accept Bid Alternate #2 (Tennis Court Replacement) or Bid Alternate #3 (Asphalt Pad for the "Ninja Course"). It has since been decided to cancel the tennis court replacement but to go forward with the “Ninja Course”.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the Board approve Pleasant Valley Junior High Parking Lot Project Change Order #1 for an add in the amount of $15,391.00 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for May 2020. Through May, General Fund revenue totaled $49,865,408 and expenses totaled $41,323,791. The fund balance in the General Fund at May 31, 2020 was $15,595,623. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. Mr. Clingingsmith once again noted the pandemic’s impact on the Nutrition Fund.
Motion by Nels, second by Dickson that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for May as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

The Board took a break from 8:30 - 8:37. Mr. Clingingsmith, Mr. Zimmer, Dr. Lewis and all remaining guests exited the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL – CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 21.5(1) (I):** The Board entered executive session at 8:37 p.m. for the purpose of superintendent evaluation. No motions were made during closed session and the closed session adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, July 20, 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, August 10, 2020  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Exempt session was called to order at 8:37 p.m. by President Wagle.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz and 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](http://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