PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Wednesday, July 29, 2020; 12:00 P.M. C.D.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle (remotely), Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Tina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Kevin Pennekamp, Beth Marsoun and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Jenel Nels shared the condolences of the Board and the District with the family of Mr. Wil Hanson. Mr. Hanson served as a bus driver in the district for twenty years. He will be remembered fondly by the many Cody students and student athletes whom he transported over the years.

Mr. Strusz thanked Don Fry, English teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, who has notified the District of his plans to retire effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Fry’s teaching career spanned 37 years and he served the students of Pleasant Valley Community School District for 30 years.

CONSENT AGENDA, July 29, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The July 29, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

- PERSONNEL:
  
  CERTIFIED: Don Fry, English teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted his request for early retirement effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.

RETURN TO LEARN: Superintendent Strusz reviewed key points from the July 20, 2020 board meeting as well as summarized recent developments. The proposal is to begin the year in the Hybrid Learning Model where students attend school 50% of the time over a two week period with the goal of returning to school 100% on-site beginning Tuesday, October 27, 2020. From the start of school through the end of the first quarter the district will assess the spread of COVID throughout the community.

Students or families with health requirements will be able to select 100% online learning. In addition, families who do not feel comfortable returning in the hybrid model will be able to select 100% online
learning. Note that details of the plan will continue to be adjusted as we receive new information from local and state health departments, state activity and athletic unions, the Iowa Department of Education and the CDC.

An updated Family Handbook will be posted on our district website on Friday, July 31st. In addition, an eNews will be sent on Friday, asking every family to complete an attendance verification form regarding their return to school plans and transportation requirements by noon on Tuesday, August 4th. This form must be submitted so student schedules and busing requests can be finalized for all students.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the Hybrid Learning Model (50% on-site; 50% on-line) through Monday, October 26, 2020 or until further notice for the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hoskins that the Board approve the requirement that staff and students wear face coverings to help mitigate the potential spread of COVID through Monday, October 26, 2020 or until further notice for the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, August 10, 2020  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 24, 2020  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

(Meetings are 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 are required to wear masks.)

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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 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