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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Anderson, second by Nels that the Board hold a closed session as authorized by section 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential. 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.

District parent Steve Zimmerman addressed the Board regarding his concerns regarding the requirement that students wear masks or face coverings in the buildings.

Director Anderson thanked PVHS teachers for the informative and welcoming video messages which were shared with parents in lieu of an in-person back-to-school open house.

Director Brockmann commended students, teachers and staff for a great start to the school year. She also thanked the District for PVJH parking lot improvements.

Mr. Strusz echoed Ms. Brockmann’s comments. He visited the high school, junior high and several elementary buildings on the first day of school to greet students and assess traffic flow. All went smoothly; students and teachers were happy to be back.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Zimmer introduced PVHS Spartan Assembly advisors Rachel Hart and Zach Miller (remotely). Pleasant Valley High School Spartan Assembly was awarded the Iowa Association of Student Councils Honor Council with Meritorious Distinction Award. PVHS Spartan Assembly scored a rating of 90 of 90 possible points. Ms. Hart introduced Spartan Assembly members Ramya Subramaniam, Muskan Basnet, Ingrid Hofmann, Will Fairman, Aayusha Adhikari, and Allisa Pandit who were present to share highlights of their year. The Assembly was required to submit a portfolio highlighting their goals and progress toward those goals during the 2019-20 school year.
In their largest and most visible project, Spartan Assembly led Pleasant Valley to another first place finish in the River Bend Food Bank’s annual Student Hunger Drive in a year when food banks have become more valuable than ever. The 46-member Spartan Assembly also hosted the annual homecoming carnival and other activities to raise funds in support of the state service project, “Stop the Stigma” which addressed student mental health with goals of helping students feel more comfortable talking about mental health struggles, more willing to seek support, and to make more readily available information and resources.

Co-Advisor Mr. Miller thanked the students for summer efforts in planning for fall activities amidst all of the pandemic unknowns. The 2020-21 state project focus is “getting back from COVID”.

Mr. Zimmer commended the students, stating that their work in the district makes PVHS more successful for all students. Mr. Strusz commended the students’ leadership qualities - skills which grow as members progress from freshman through senior year. He thanked Spartan Assembly and faculty advisors for helping build a positive climate and culture at Pleasant Valley High School.

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

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

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.

- PERSONNEL:
  CERTIFIED: Kimberly Alman is recommended for employment as an English Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2020-21 school year. Rylie Milliken is recommended for employment as a First Grade Teacher at Cody Elementary starting the 2020-21 school year. Nicolas Propes is recommended for employment as a Band Teacher at Hopewell Elementary and Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2020-21 school year.

  CLASSIFIED: Sara Bennion, Junior High and sixth grade choir Accompanist, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Jacque Dwyer, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will have a contract increase from 4 to 5.75 hours per day. Kate Franzen, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Randin Letendre, Elementary and Junior High Accompanist, will have a contract increase from 2 to 5.25 hours per day. Stacy Mausser is recommended for employment as the Nurse’s Office Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 21, 2020. No probationary period is required as Stacy is a six year district employee. Nicole Mayo, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2019-20 school year. Christopher Ryan, part time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted his resignation effective August 24, 2020. Kristina Waugh, Educational Aide at Pleasant View, will have a contract increase from 2 to 3 hours per working day.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

ADDS: Nicole Guldenstein Elementary (grade 1) Mentor  
   Janel Worlein High School English Mentor

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Zachary Chaplain PVHS Theatre Lighting & Sound Designer  
   Hannah Guy PVHS Diving Coach  
   Erin Klage PVHS Asst. Co-Director of Theatre  
   Christina Myatt PVHS Technical Co-Director of Theatre  
   Ryan Pillow PVHS Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach  
   Connie Ross PVHS Theatre Costumer  
   Brigham Shamrell PVHS Technical Co-Director of Theatre

DROPS: Ryan Pillow PVHS Freshman Boys Basketball Coach

OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two students IN from Bettendorf, one IN from Davenport.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,212,089.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,837.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Nels, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $11,438.85 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 $16,401.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $15,495.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $531,192.51 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $14,235.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Nels that Internal Service Fund warrants 6130 through 6134 be issued in the total amount of $400,027.51 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Brockmann that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $331.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UPDATED BOARD POLICY #807.1 (CAPITAL ASSET CAPITALIZATION):** At the August 10th board meeting, the first of two required readings of revised Board Policy 807.1 took place. It is recommended Board Policy # 807.1 be revised from “The straight-line depreciation method will be used and no depreciation will be taken in the year of acquisition” to “The straight-line, full year depreciation method will be used” in order to reflect actual practice for the depreciation of Nutrition Fund capital assets.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Board Policy #807.1, Capital Asset Capitalization, be updated to reflect current Nutrition Fund practice of recording a full year of depreciation in the year of asset acquisition. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**2020 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Dr. Lewis presented evaluative information from the district’s 2020 summer school programs. Eighteen teachers presented the online elementary program to 144 students based on grade level benchmarks in reading. The junior high program was presented in person to 21 students by two teachers for students based on grade level benchmarks in reading and math. Motion by Nels, second by Brockmann that the Board accept the 2020 summer school report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**TEACHER LEARNING DEMONSTRATION:** Teachers from each level were present to share their plans for what learning will look like for online learners and hybrid learners this fall. They were able to share their first-day experiences, as well. Since early April, some of these teachers and others have been able to contribute to work on the district’s Return to Learn plans, and throughout the summer all district teachers have engaged in professional learning to prepare them for the changes this fall.
Riverdale Heights fourth grade teachers Lisa Lammers, Erin Woods, Erica Miller and Derek Stecklein addressed the Board and provided an overview of plans for elementary learning. Teachers shared that both online learners and hybrid learners will access curriculum and instruction through the district’s learning management systems Seesaw (Grades K-2) and Google Classroom (Grade 3-6). The number of students who are learning online at a grade level in each building varies, but in every instance teachers are committed to instructing learners both onsite and at home. The goal at each level is to present material in unison so that a child learning online is receiving the very same instructional content as a child attending school.

Josh Hoffman, Physics and Chemistry teacher at PVHS, discussed his plan for delivery and demonstrated *Pivot Interactives* - interactive video labs which provide virtual lab experiences without the limitations of time, apparatus and space for the benefit of all learners. He also demonstrated how Google Classroom has been created to support both the hybrid learning model as well as the online learners.

Jessica Mente, Science teacher at PVJH, offered a similar presentation focusing on junior high students and the organization of Google Classroom for both the hybrid learning model and the 100% online learning model. Similar to the high school *Pivot Interactives* program the junior high has implemented *Gizmos*, a math and science simulation program.

Mrs. Mente and Mr. Hoffman discussed student evaluation under each learning delivery method.

All the teachers present emphasised the importance of grade levels working together and thanked the district for exploring and providing every reasonable measure of protection for students and staff. The Board requested a *Return to Learn* teaching update in 6-8 weeks.

No required motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL - CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 21.5(1)(i):**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss records which are required to be kept confidential. No motions were made during Executive Session and the Executive Session adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:37 and discussed future dates.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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(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.)
Exempt session was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by President Wagle.

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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](mailto: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