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.

Mrs. Nels congratulated the Boy’s golf team for a second place state finish. Mr. Zimmer noted that the team was 16 strokes behind state champion Waukee but 12 strokes ahead of third place finisher Cedar Falls. Three PV golfers finished in the top 10. Congratulations to golfers Jack Dumas, Nathan Tillman, Jack Roemer, Sam Johnson, John Molyneaux, Jack Kilstrom and Coach Mike Nedelcoff.

Mr. Zimmer thanked Arconic Industries for a $100,000 grant which, in combination with a $15,000 Federal Perkins grant, will be applied to the purchase of a Mazak CNC lathe. This piece of equipment along with a previously purchased numerically controlled Plasma Cutter will allow PVHS to take a major step forward in preparing students for a registered apprenticeship or a CNC Programming Certificate through Eastern Iowa Community College.

Mr. Zimmer congratulated first year Drama Director Christina Myatt as well as the cast and crew of “26 Pebbles” which tells the tragic story of school shootings in the US. Director Myatt shared that the audience was masked, the performers were masked, yet everyone’s focus was the performance.

Mr. Strusz shared the condolences of the Board and District with the family of Shannon Musal, PV grad and district parent. Mr. Musal served as Commander of the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post 347, LeClaire and participated in the annual 5th grade Flag Ceremonies at each elementary school along with the color guard ceremonies at PV football games, homecoming parades and graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Strusz noted the upcoming retirement of Cathy Spinsby. Cathy has served the district for 27 years, most recently as secretary/aide at Cody Elementary.

CONSENT AGENDA, October 12, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. (President Wagle recused himself from voting on the personnel portion of the consent agenda since the list includes his son’s extracurricular employment as PVHS theatre accompanist.)
The October 12, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
- **PERSONNEL:**
  - **CERTIFIED:** Holly Hoelting, Pleasant Valley High School Science Teacher, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year.
  - **CLASSIFIED:** Laura Hatz is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting October 9, 2020. Probationary period is waived as she is a former employee in good standing. Pamela Karzin is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting October 19, 2020. Probationary period is waived as she is a former employee in good standing. Molly Miller, Pleasant Valley Junior High Educational Aide, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective October 16, 2020. Cathy Spinsby, Cody Elementary Assistant Building Secretary and Educational Aide, has submitted her request for retirement effective June 17, 2021 after 27 years in the District. Randy Wulf is recommended for regular employment as a Kitchen Helper at Bridgeview Elementary starting October 16, 2020. Probationary period is waived as she has served as a frequent substitute for the District.
  - **CLASSIFIED (information only):** McKenzie Moen is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting October 12, 2020.
- **EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**
  - **ADDs:** Holly Hoelting, PVHS Freshman Boys Basketball Coach; Justin Thompson, PVJH Assistant Wrestling Coach; Rishi Wagle, PVHS Theatre Accompanist
  - **DROPS:** Holly Hoelting, PVJH Boys Basketball Coach; Trever Zahn, PVJH Assistant Wrestling Coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** one student IN from North Scott.
- **Cooperative Teaching Agreement with Morningside College.**

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Anderson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $328,201.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $26,097.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $132.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $15,845.93 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 $1,446,084.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Nels that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $536,895.20 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants 6151 through 6154 be issued in the total amount of $35,367.36 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $552.14 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LEARNING MODEL UPDATES:** The second quarter attendance verification survey closed October 5th and building principals phoned families who had not completed the survey to confirm their learning model preference. The split between learning models continues to be roughly 15% online and 85% hybrid and that split is consistent to within approximately a point at all grade levels (7th grade is an outlier - 10% online and 90% hybrid).

Reflecting upon what has been learned during the first quarter, going into the second quarter the District seeks to make adjustments that will create more consistency for students and teachers and make it possible for individual teachers to concentrate on either hybrid or online learners. In order for this to be possible, elementary online learners may be assigned exclusively to a designated grade level online teacher in a building other than their home building, and secondary online students may see adjustments to their schedules so their online learning is delivered either by a teacher teaching exclusively online, or by a teacher who has had online only learning periods scheduled into their day.

Board members and meeting guests shared frustrations and concerns with existing learning models. Also discussed was the need for students to have locker access during the school day, course expectations and Google Classroom/grading consistency across the district, dressing for PE class and the need for a plan to get students 100% back onsite.

The metrics for returning 100% onsite were reiterated:
- 14 day running positivity rating average in Scott County of 5% or less (currently 8%)
- 5 or fewer new COVID-19 cases identified each day
- Pleasant Valley specific data
- Surrounding school district or other community data
- Age based data specific to Pleasant Valley as well as outside of Pleasant Valley

Between October 3 and October 9, eight individuals tested positive and 54 individuals are quarantined. The District’s COVID-19 status is updated weekly on the district website. The District continues to adhere to CDC guidelines for social distancing and face coverings.

Several board meeting guests expressed appreciation to teachers and administrators for their efforts and for structure, learning model choices, and for the District’s adherence to scientific guidelines in decision
making. It was requested that until community rates improve, a 100% onsite learning model should not be implemented.

No required motion.

**PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE LEARNING:** The Board discussed a proposed temporary reduction to service learning requirements; no changes were made at this time and additional information will be gathered.

No required motion.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:** Kevin Pennekamp, Director of Technology, reported to the Board technology upgrades as well as efforts to support students and staff during the pandemic.

Hardware updates:
- 1 to 1 Chromebooks for grades 7-12. Devices will be collected from students at the end of the school year and reissued to the same student at the start of the next school year.
- Replaced K-2 classroom desktops with iPad 7s
- Provided hotspots to 50 families without adequate internet access
- Provided devices for elementary students without hardware access

In progress:
- Acquisition of additional tools to support online and hybrid learning - jabras, wireless mic headphones, dual monitors, apps, extensions, Chromebook management system
- Replace grades 3-4 classroom desktops with mobile devices
- Update grades 5-6 to a 1 to 1 Chromebook setting
- Continual updates to student and parent tech resources on the district website

Mr. Pennekamp also highlighted individual and team efforts by the technology team during the summer and the new school year to meet the unanticipated challenges (hardware, software, data collection and analysis) brought about by the pandemic and new learning models as well as teacher training on the many online platforms being utilized to teach within current learning models.

No required motion.

**FIVE YEAR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** The District is in the second year of implementation of the 5-year (2019-20 to 2023-24) Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). The organization of District goals and plans are in alignment to the Iowa Department of Education's Healthy Indicators in the areas of

1) Universal Instruction  
2) Support Systems  
3) Data-based Decision Making  
4) Leadership  
5) Infrastructure  

The District’s mission also guides this work: The mission of the Pleasant Valley Community School District as a premier innovative district in the Midwest is to prepare students to succeed in a diverse, global society by providing superior quality opportunities in a safe environment for each student to
become a life-long learner and by continuously improving and customizing the educational experience.

Mike Zimmer and Cindy Lewis reviewed highlights of Year 1 (2019-20), as well as reviewed goals and the work ahead.

An updated CSIP membership roster was approved:

Joe Adam Community Member/Business
Jake Almgren Student - 11th grader (20-21)
Bailie Baker Teacher
Lane Bleecker Community Member/Business
Caleb Brand Student - 10th grader (20-21)
Seth (SJ) Brecht Student - 11th grader (20-21)
Anna D'Antico Student - 10th grader (20-21)
Eric Dippel Parent (High School)
Ela Ersan Student - 11th grader (20-21)
Claire Horsfield Student - 11th grader (20-21)
Jodi Hoskins Board Member
Jason Jones Interim Associate Principal
Tim Kammler Parent (Junior High/High School)
Ann Kardell Community Member/Business
Angie Kendall Community Member/Business
Cindy Lewis Director of Elementary Education
Beth Marsoun Communications Director
Mike Peakin Principal
Katherine Ramsdell Parent (Junior High/High School)
Karen Reed Parent (High School)
Jennifer Richardson Principal
Stephanie Risius Teacher
Jeff Rose Community Member/Business
Barbara Schadt Parent (HS)/Teacher (HW)
Deb Schwake Community Member/Business
Sara Sierk Parent (Junior High/Hopewell)
Brian Strusz Superintendent
Matt Stutenberg Teacher
Maggie Tinsman Community Member/Business
Tina Young Parent (HS)/Teacher (BV)
Mike Zimmer Director of Secondary Education

Motion by Nels, second by Dickson that the Board accept the Five Year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and approve the 2020-21 CSIP committee roster as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Mr. Strusz presented to the Board a summary of district enrollment starting in 2007-2008 and a five year projection based upon trends identified during the previous 14 years. Such a projection is based upon a number of assumptions and recognizes the unpredictability of unknowns, but it appears reasonable that looking forward the District can anticipate annual growth of fourteen K-6 students per grade level and five 7-12 students per grade level. Over the past fourteen years, the incoming kindergarten class has grown by an average of ten additional students per year.
Also presented was capacity at each building including Forest Grove Elementary and the impact of projected student growth on the 5 year Capital Projects Plan.

This conversation will be ongoing as additional information is obtained from the city regarding future housing expansion and enrollment trends are further observed and analyzed.

No required motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**: The meeting adjourned at 9:01p.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.)

*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.org](http://www.pleasval.org). 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.

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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