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.

Mrs. Nels congratulated the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams for successful seasons. Both teams were Mississippi Valley Athletic Conference Champions, the girls were also District champs and both teams are off to state.

Mr. Strusz thanked teachers, staff members and the Board of Education for the exceptionally hard work required by the pandemic during the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

Dr. Wagle reminded the Board that the High School Theatre Department will stage The Theory of Relativity October 29-November 1 and November 5, 7 and 8. Tickets are available on the theatre page of the district website.

Mr. Zimmer noted that the Pleasant Valley, North Scott and Bettendorf School Districts together were recipients of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Grant of $47,500 for the purchase of five virtual welders. Two of the welders will be installed at PVHS.

In addition to the Cross Country runners mentioned by Mrs. Nels, Mr. Zimmer congratulated other fall athletes:

- Boys Golf- MAC CHAMPS, State Runner-Up
- Boys Football- Ranked 4th in State, undefeated season, MAC CHAMPS, advanced to the “Sweet 16”, faces Bettendorf in the third round playoff game Friday evening.
- Girls Swim- Runner-Up MAC.

He also recognized Band, Choir and Orchestra All-State Musicians.
CONSENT AGENDA, October 26, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The October 26, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting

- PERSONNEL:
  - CERTIFIED:
  - CLASSIFIED: Maria Garcia, part time Pleasant Valley High School Custodian, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 1, 2020. Benjamin Hicock, part time Pleasant Valley Junior High School Custodian, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 1, 2020. Pamela Karzin is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 19, 2020. The October 12, 2020 consent agenda incorrectly stated a Hopewell Elementary building assignment. Eli Tisor, part time Custodian at Bridgeview and Cody Elementary, has submitted his resignation effective October 30, 2020.

- CLASSIFIED (information only):
  - Molly Adams is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting October 21, 2020.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- ADDS: Emily Jorgensen National Honor Society Sponsor
- DROPS: Zachary Chaplain PVHS Theatre Lighting/Sound Director
- Sara Russell National Honor Society Sponsor

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $154,752.67 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $37,722.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,211.24 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 $19,668.62 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 $16,288.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Nels that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $571.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$55,644.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6155 through 6160 be issued in the total amount of \$422,604.15 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 \$3,030.20 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE LEARNING: PVHS Principal Darren Erickson and Service Learning Coordinator Emily Jepsen were present to share additional information regarding the service learning proposal tabled during the last board meeting. Ms. Jepsen provided documentation of the impact COVID-19 has had on service learning opportunities at key nonprofit organizations, student progress to date and lost opportunities for summer hours. Many students do their service learning project in the summer, but this summer the pandemic forced most organizations to cancel nearly all activities and volunteer opportunities. After reviewing the data and based upon the current status of COVID, two adjustments to the current graduation requirements were proposed.

Class of 2021
The Junior/Senior requirement of 40 hours will remain unchanged but more latitude will be granted in determining how many projects can be combined to reach 40 hours and which organizations qualify as acceptable benefiting organizations.

Class of 2022
The Freshman/Sophomore requirement of 30 hours will be reduced to 15 hours; at this time the Junior/Senior requirement will stand at 40 hours. This change mirrors the reduction in hours granted to the class of 2020.

Class of 2023, 2024
No changes at this time (30 hours during Freshman/Sophomore year and 40 during Junior/Senior year).

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve the adjustments to the Service Learning requirements for the class of 2021 and class of 2022 as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP STUDIES: Mr. Zimmer reviewed the results of the two most recent graduate follow-up studies: The Two Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2018 and the Six Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2014. Comparisons with data from previous years including trends, possible implications for change, and observations, questions, and concerns were addressed. Of note: students appreciate the varied academic and extracurricular opportunities, AP and dual enrolled course options, and the overall rigor of the curriculum. 6-year surveys often reflect students’ desire for more thorough personal financial education, although it was noted that relevant opportunities currently available aren’t often utilized. Each survey had the request for adding AP Biology to the student course offerings. This is one the high school administration will continue to explore.
Survey response rate was 16% for the 6-year survey and 22% for the 2-year survey. Because data collected is carefully analyzed and considered, the district is exploring options for increasing participation.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that the Board accept the Graduate Follow-up study reports as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**PLANNING FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Presented to the Board was the basic framework and key dates for the 2021-22 school year. The calendar was shared with the administrative team and local superintendents over the past week and will be presented to teachers at the October 28 IBPS (Interest Based Problem Solving) meeting. A public hearing and final calendar approval will occur at the December 14 board meeting.

Key dates align closely with current year dates:
- First Day of School - Monday, August 23
- Holiday Break - December 22 - 31; back to school on January 3
- Spring Break - March 14 - 18

Also discussed was the potential pilot for holding online class for all students instead of cancelling for severe weather days. Teachers and administrators will work together to determine feasibility.

No required motion.

**FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN:** Leland Zenk, Director of Operations, and Brian Strusz led the Board through the projects on the Five Year Capital Projects Plan. Key projects besides completion of Forest Grove Elementary include district-wide updating/replacement of aging boiler systems, further restroom and classroom renovations, and ensuring effectiveness and reliability of safety and security equipment. The Board also reviewed future enrollment and housing growth projections and when the potential need for expansion of Forest Grove Elementary to a four-section building as well as building additional classrooms at the junior high could take place.

Mr. Clingingsmith guided the Board through financial details of the Five Year Capital Projects Plan. The plan is currently showing a need for borrowing of funds prior to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. One option the District has used in the past to borrow funds is through the issuance of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. By issuing these bonds, the District borrows against future receipts of the statewide penny sales tax (also known as SAVE – Secure an Advanced Vision for Education). The Iowa Legislature recently extended the life of the SAVE tax through January 1, 2051. Boards of Education in Scott County will be seeking voter approval on March 2, 2021 of a Revenue Purpose Statement which will define how districts intend to use the SAVE funds. Pleasant Valley Community School District will use the funds for various uses such as expansion and maintenance of buildings in order to meet the demands of a growing district. It will be critical that the Revenue Purpose Statement is approved to allow the district to borrow against receipts from SAVE through January 1, 2051.

No required motion.
FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY CHANGE ORDER #5: Change order #5 represents an add of $33,084.44. The bulk of the change is due to the district’s preference that restroom floors be ceramic tile instead of vinyl. Other adjustments include installation of an additional floor drain, increase in a water line size and a revision to the gym stair system.

Motion by Nels, second by Hoskins that the Board approve Forest Grove Change Order #5 - an add of $33,084.44. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for September 2020. Through September, General Fund revenue totaled $5,167,388 and expenses totaled $6,646,677. The fund balance in the General Fund at September 30, 2020 was $6,744,885. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. Consistent with previous months, income and expenditures in the Nutrition Fund are affected by the pandemic. Otherwise, no significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the monthly financial reports for September as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION TO RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER 23 BOARD MEETING TO NOVEMBER 30, 2020: In order to have sufficient time to gather and analyze parent feedback regarding the second semester Return to Learn instructional model, it has been requested that the second board meeting in November be held on November 30 instead of November 23. During December the second semester instructional model will be communicated to families, and student schedules will be created.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board accept the recommendation to move the second meeting in November from November 23 to November 30, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

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

FUTURE DATES:
November 9, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 30, 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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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. 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 1 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