PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Monday, November 9, 2020; 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.  

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

The meeting was live streamed, recorded and may be viewed on the district YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wbddlx05Io

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 thanked the technology department and faculty for facilitating online high school conferences. Her experience was very good and it is her hope that the opportunity for online conferences will be available in the future. Ms. Anderson concurred.

Ms. Nels also expressed gratitude to Veterans in our community for their service.

Mr. Zimmer congratulated Women’s Cross Country Coach Jane Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler was named Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC) 4A Girls Cross Country At-Large Coach of the Year.

Mr. Strusz recognized Kathy Jepsen, PVJH Food Service worker who will retire next week after serving students for sixteen years. He also thanked Pam Cinadr, PVHS nurse, who will retire at the end of the 2020-21 school year after 46 years in healthcare and 25 years of caring for our high school students.

Mr. Darren Erickson, PVHS principal, introduced Spartan Publications faculty advisor Maureen Dyer. The Iowa High School Press Association recognized a number of 2019-20 Spartan publications and individual student achievements. Awards include

- All Iowa News Team of the Year (second year in a row)
- First Place Yearbook of the Year
- numerous individual awards including Maria Vaaler, First Place Writer of the Year in the state.

Many of the individual award winners were class of 2020 graduates. Ms. Dyer introduced current seniors Alyce Brown, editor in chief of the print Spartan Shield; Ingrid Hofmann, editor in chief of the
online Spartan Shield and Ella Litchfield, editor in chief of the Valenian Yearbook. Each were finalists for the Emerging Journalist award. The Board congratulated Spartan Publications writers, photographers, business officials and Ms. Dyer for their multiple IHSPA awards and for creating outstanding student publications for the benefit of all Pleasant Valley students.

Dr. Wagle read the AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION: WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work diligently to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikhil Wagle, serving as President of the Pleasant Valley Board of Education do hereby proclaim Nov 16-20, 2020 as the observance of American Education Week.

CONSENT AGENDA, November 9, 2020: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson 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 lighting and sound designer.)

The November 9, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular Meeting

- **PERSONNEL:**
  CERTIFIED: Pamela Cinadr, Pleasant Valley High School Nurse, has submitted her request for retirement at the end of the 2020-21 school year after 25 years’ service to the district.

  CLASSIFIED: Kathy Jepsen, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted her retirement effective November 16, 2020 after 16 years of service to the District. Abigail Mills, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2020. Lori Olderog, Library Assistant Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2020. Thomas Ries, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2020. Tami Speidel, Educational Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2020. Alicia Trujillo, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2020. Rebekah Wilson, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2020.
CLASSIFIED (information only): Amanda Hazlewood is recommended for probationary employment as a part time second shift custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting November 16, 2020.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Rishi Wagle PVHS Theatre Lighting and Sound Designer
      Matthew Miller PVHS Assistant Wrestling Coach
      Maury Betzel PVJH Assistant Boys Basketball

DROPS: Spencer Lueders PVHS Assistant Wrestling Coach

• OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two IN from Bettendorf

• EARLY GRADUATION PETITIONS: The following students have submitted petition for early graduation; counselors and administrators have reviewed the requests. This is provided as information only as the request cannot be denied if graduation requirements are met. Sara Babb, Benjamin Franks, Adalynn Holmes, Xavier Jones, Callahan Morton, Gabrielle Mowbray, Kelsey Nielsen.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $261,727.98 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 $27,019.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $762.99 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 $9,573.21 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,911.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,291,880.98 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,981.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants 6161 through 6164 be issued in the total amount of $26,525.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $16,015.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
RETURN TO LEARN - CURRENT STATUS AND LOOKING AHEAD: Mr. Strusz provided an update on pandemic rates in the community as well as in district buildings, how the district has responded to date, and learning delivery plans for the future.

The Fourteen Day Running Average Positivity Rate in the county continues to increase rapidly. On August 17, the 14-day running average positivity rate was 6.2%; by November 6 the positivity rate climbed to 18.8%. Inside the district, positive cases stand at approximately 50 and just over 300 individuals are in quarantine. Fortunately less than 5 positive cases have been traced to transmission inside district buildings. 80% of student quarantines stem from contact with friends or family members outside of school who have tested positive. This would be similar for staff members. The large number of faculty and aides in quarantine has placed tremendous pressure on the substitute teacher/aide pool. Districts across our community are struggling to fill vacancies. The District is relying on specials teachers, instructional coaches, counselors and administrators to bridge the gap. A bus driver sub shortage is also creating challenges.

Districts can apply to the Iowa Department of Education for a waiver to switch to 100% online learning for a period of two weeks. The sub teacher/aide/bus driver shortage may force the district to exercise the waiver and move some or all buildings to 100% online for a two week period.

Dr. Louis Katz, Infectious Disease Specialist and Scott County Medical Director, presented county-wide statistics, highlighted studies underscoring the importance of mask wearing and social distancing, and shared anticipated impact in the coming weeks. His predictions are dire. He emphasized the absolute necessity of mask wearing, social distancing and avoidance of large gatherings to stem the spread. He reported that reinfection has been documented in the county. In addition he shared that for every case identified via testing, it’s estimated that five cases go unidentified and that the data is not mature enough to reduce safe distancing to four feet.

Pam Cinadr, PVHS nurse, asked that parents be reminded that sick students MUST stay home.

Starting the second quarter, 21 elementary teachers were assigned to online learners only, and junior high and high school teaching schedules have been adjusted when possible so that teachers have entire periods focused on online learning.

In preparation for the second semester, families will be surveyed starting November 20 to determine learning model preferences (100% online, 100% onsite or hybrid). The Board will review results at the November 30 meeting, and junior high and high school schedules will be redeveloped during the month of December. The ability to offer 100% onsite learning will be based upon the effectiveness of community mitigation efforts as well as the positivity rates in the county and in the District.

Comments were received by two high school teachers regarding the toll the current learning delivery model is placing on teachers.

Parent comments in support of 100% onsite learning as well as in support of exclusively 100% online learning were received.

Dr. Wagle thanked teachers for the extra work required of them and acknowledged the Board’s awareness and concern for the stress current expectations and the work environment places on district teachers.
High School Principal Darren Erickson reminded parents to encourage their students to take
advantage of the many opportunities teachers are providing for students - office hours, online
resources, recorded sessions and synchronous sessions in addition to classroom opportunities.

No required motion.

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY RECOMMENDATION:** Agenda item tabled until a future meeting.

**2020-21 SBRC APPLICATION RESOLUTION:** Because the District’s certified 2020-21 enrollment
increased by 115.8 students over the prior year, the District is eligible to request the maximum
modified supplemental amounts allowable from the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) based
on the final certified enrollment numbers. This SBRC request, if approved, will provide the district an
additional $829,244 of spending authority.

Because five students in the District have been receiving Limited English Proficient services (ELL;
*English Language Learner*) for more than five years, the District can request additional modified
supplemental amount (spending authority) of $7,877 from the SBRC.

The District will actually receive the additional $837,121 in funding during the 2021-22 fiscal year
(funding runs a year behind) but the additional spending authority is available to the district in the
current fiscal year.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that the Board request from the SBRC modified
supplemental amount for increased enrollment in the amount of $829,244 for the 2020-21 fiscal
Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that the Board request from the SBRC modified
supplemental amount for LEP Program Instruction Beyond Five Years in the amount of $7,877 for the
Nays - none. Motion carried.

**JUNE 30, 2020 BANK DEPOSITORY STATEMENTS:** In compliance with Board Policy 804.2, the Chief
Financial Officer (Mike Clingingsmith) furnished to the Board a statement from each depository
showing the balance on deposit at the end of the fiscal year. Board members were provided a
statement of depository balances as of June 30, 2020 and bank confirmations that district auditors
Bohnsack & Frommelt received from Blackhawk Bank & Trust, First Central State Bank and U.S. Bank
as part of the year end audit.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Nels that the Board accept the June 30, 2020 bank depository
statements as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers,
Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:43 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.)

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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.

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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.
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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.

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Brian Strusz
Superintendent