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

The meeting was live streamed, recorded, and may be viewed on the district YouTube page:  [PVCSD Board Meeting November 30, 2020](#)

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.

Dr. Wagle represented the District at the Iowa Association of School Board’s Delegate Assembly held Tuesday, November 17. He noted that the top three legislative priorities of the delegation are Mental Health, State Aide and Pre-K Funding.

Mike Zimmer noted that PVHS Spartan Assembly collected grocery items and assembled 30 Thanksgiving baskets for distribution to families in need in our community. The baskets contained ingredients for the traditional Thanksgiving meal as well as other groceries. Thank you to students and staff for their thoughtfulness, hard work and generosity during these difficult times.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Board unanimously re-elected Nikhil Wagle to serve as Board President and Jodi Hoskins as Board Vice President. The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to President Wagle, and President Wagle administered the Oath of Office Vice President Hoskins.

ANNUAL MEETING CONSENT ITEMS:

APPOINTMENT of Cindy Lewis, District Child Abuse Investigator, Darren Erickson as alternate, and Jim Sweeney as Outside Investigator. This is an annual re-appointment.

APPOINTMENT of the firm of Lane and Waterman as the District’s legal counsel for the 2020-21 school year.
ANNUAL MEETING:
1. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at Blackhawk Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
2. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at First Central State Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
3. President Wagle administered the Oath of Office to Board Secretary Deborah Dayman and the Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Board Treasurer Kelly Hatler on the morning of December 1, 2020. The Treasurer and Board Secretary are bonded in the amount of $10,000 as per code of Iowa, Section 291.2.

CONSENT AGENDA:
The November 30, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

● MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

● PERSONNEL:
  CERTIFIED: Rachel Mann is recommended for employment as Nurse at Cody Elementary starting January 4, 2021.
  CLASSIFIED: Jeffrey Biehl, Riverdale Heights Elementary Custodian, has submitted notice of his retirement effective November 30, 2020. Vickie Costello, Educational Aide at Cody Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective November 13, 2020. Cathi Drechsler is recommended for employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting December 1, 2020. Anne Johnson, PVHS Vocal Accompanist, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2020. Jessica Richards, PVJH and Elementary Orchestra Accompanist, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2020. Eriana Rivera-Cummings, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2020. Kristin Thompson, Preschool Program Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2020.
  CLASSIFIED (information only): Kristie Phillips is recommended for probationary employment as a part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting December 1, 2020.

● OPEN ENROLLMENT: Three IN from Bettendorf

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that the Consent Agenda including Annual Meeting Consent Items be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $250,450.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $41,441.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Nels that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $971.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $35,048.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $29,896.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $33,158.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $15,743.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $238,575.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Internal Service Fund warrants 6165 through 6172 be issued in the total amount of $414,661.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $958.86 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 spiked at 26.6% on November 15 but has since fallen to 20.1% on November 30. On August 17, the 14-day running average positivity rate was 6.2%. Conversely, inside the district, positive cases and quarantines among students have increased. To date for the year we have had 171 positive cases reported and 843 quarantine cases. Transmission within the buildings continues to be negligible.

The District is prepared to apply to the Iowa Department of Education for a waiver to switch to 100% online learning for a period of two weeks if a post-Thanksgiving spike in COVID rates and/or staffing difficulties make the hybrid method unsustainable. Mr. Strusz reminded the Board of the District’s three goals from the start: provide a high level of learning, a safe environment for all and to keep our schools open. A switch to 100% online could apply to the entire district, to certain grades/levels or to
specific buildings. The District’s preference is to maintain consistency through the hybrid learning model provided health and safety measures are being achieved.

Mr. Strusz also discussed decisions to be made for the second semester. Attendance verification surveys will be distributed the first week of December to families of secondary students to determine online/hybrid preferences and early January to elementary students.

Administrators and the Pleasant Valley Education Association (teacher’s association) have settled on the following snow day plan:

- If a snow day or multiple snow days occurs prior to February 5, the first day will be made up on February 12, the second snow day on June 4th and additional days beyond two the district will pilot 100% online learning days.
- If a snow day or multiple snow days occurs after February 5, then February 12th will not be used and June 4 will be the first make up day and additional days the district will pilot 100% online learning days

No required motion.

2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR: The 2021-22 district calendar was discussed at two prior meetings. Key dates include:

- August 23 - first day of school
- October 22, 25- fall break
- November 24-26 - Thanksgiving break
- December 22-31 - winter break
- March 14-18 - spring break
- May 29 - graduation
- June 2- last day of school

A more detailed calendar will be available on the district website

Tonight the required public hearing was held in advance of Board approval.

1. Introduction
2. Public Hearing: President Wagle opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. No comments were received from the public and the public hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.
3. Approval of 2021-22 School Calendar

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the hours-based 2021-22 calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2021-22 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: Mr. Zimmer and Mr. Erickson introduced a proposed CCR requirement and new PVHS course offerings.

PVHS Guidance Counselors Val Tucker, Scott Rice, Ellie Thomas and Ellie Curtis were present to discuss a new graduation requirement - a 0.5 Unit College and Career Ready Seminar which will be presented
over the course of the student’s high school career. The credit will be fulfilled at 0.125 credit per year. The primary goal is to provide meaningful academic and post-secondary planning pursuant to House File 2392 and to extend the student/counselor relationship beyond academic planning to organization, study skills and matters of social-emotional/behavioral health. Students will maintain a digital Xello profile. Xello will assist students in exploring career options, plan their academic path based on career preferences and guide them in selecting post-secondary opportunities which match their goals.

Also presented were the following proposed new courses:

**Career and Technical Education:** (to be offered in conjunction with Scott Community College)
- Basic Automotive Electricity/Electronics
- Automotive Electrical I

**English:**
- Accelerated Learning Program Writing
- Composition I

A motion to approve these additions to the PVHS course of study will be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

No required motion.

**2019-20 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR):** Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2020, as well as the Communications with Governance letter. District auditors Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP issued an Unmodified Opinion, the ultimate goal of an audit, indicating that financial statements have been presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). No material weaknesses or significant internal control deficiencies were noted by the auditors.

For the fifth consecutive year the District’s CAFR will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International to be considered for their Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting designation. The District has received these awards from GFOA and ASBO for the previous four years. Receipt of the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting awards strengthens the District’s presentation for bond issuance (borrowing of funds).

The District’s net position on the district-wide financial statements increased by $2,157,647 (4.0%) to $55,651,460 during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The Board recognized Mr. Clingingsmith for his expertise and efforts and Mr. Clingingsmith thanked business office employees Lorrie Wakeland, Lisa Paper and Kelly Hatler and others involved with the audit.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Nels that the Board accept the Pleasant Valley Community School District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2020 as issued by Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for October 2020. Through October, General Fund revenue totaled $17,499,330 and expenses totaled $10,987,481. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2020 was $14,735,992. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. Besides reduced income/expense in the Nutrition Fund due to COVID, no significant variances from projections were noted.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
December 14, 2020       Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
January 11, 2021        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.
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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