PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, January 11, 2021; 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Tina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun and others.

The meeting was live streamed, recorded, and may be viewed on the district YouTube page:  
PVCSD Board Meeting January 11, 2021

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.

Director Dickson shared the condolences of the Board and district with the family of The Honorable Bobbi Alpers, retired Chief District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District of Iowa, who died December 24. Judge Alpers taught English at Pleasant Valley High School during the 1970’s.

Superintendent Strusz expressed gratitude to retirees Dallas Duwa, Bridgeview Elementary Physical Education Teacher, who will retire at the end of 2020-21 after 35 years of service to students of the District, and Carl Bulat, Riverdale Heights Elementary Physical Education Teacher, who will retire at the end of 2020-21 after 39 years of service to students of the District.

Mr. Strusz presented a plaque to outgoing Director District #1 Board Member Jenel Nels in recognition of her two years’ service to the Board of Education.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Lewis introduced Melissa Schieffer, Special Education teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary and Linda Heiselman, Special Education teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, each of whom have completed their Wilson Level 1 Certification. The Wilson Reading System is an intensive intervention program for students with language-based learning disabilities such as dyslexia. To satisfy certification requirements, each teacher worked with a single student, prepared lesson plans and taught 65 lessons over the course of a year, prepared a teacher binder and student portfolio and was observed by a Wilson trainer five times. Ms. Schieffer and Ms. Heiselman look forward to sharing their knowledge with colleagues to help students achieve literary success.
CONSENT AGENDA:

The January 11, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

- **PERSONNEL:**
  
  **CERTIFIED:** Carl Bulat, Physical Education Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted notice of his retirement effective the end of the 2020-21 school year after 39 years with the district; 43 years in education. Beth Campbell, Elementary Innovative Technology Coach (TLS) has accepted the position of Teacher Librarian at Forest Grove Elementary School for the 2021-22 school year. Dallas Duwa, Physical Education Teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of his retirement effective the end of the 2020-21 school year after 35 years with the district. Tracy Lux, Pleasant Valley High School English Teacher (currently on extended leave) has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year. Susan Weir is recommended for employment as a part time French Teacher for second semester 2021.

  **CLASSIFIED:** Emily Jepsen, Service Learning Coordinator at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective January 15, 2021. Matthew Smith, Building Mechanic Assistant / Grounds Assistant submitted his resignation effective January 31, 2020.

  **CLASSIFIED:** Stephanie Blackwell is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education / Regular Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting January 4, 2021.

- **TEACHER LEADERSHIP:**
  
  **ADDS:** Marlise Bosman Forest Grove Elementary Instructional Coach

  **EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**
  
  **ADDS:** Zachary Miller PVJH Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

- **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXPANSION OF CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES AND CAREER ACADEMIES:** The resolution supports EICCD’s ability to issue bonds to construct, renovate and equip learning spaces across the college district.

  Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $513,862.84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $43,532.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,453.57 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 $41,043.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, 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 Ayers, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $600.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Anderson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $18,330.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $102,510.86 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants 6179 through 6189 be issued in the total amount of $451,338.79 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 $928.14 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT RESOLUTION:** At the December 14th meeting the Board was introduced to the Revenue Purpose Statement which will be taken to voters on March 2, 2021. The Revenue Purpose Statement is a ballot measure that describes how school districts can spend penny sales tax (SAVE) funds that the State of Iowa has dedicated to public schools. Three school districts in Scott County (Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf and North Scott) are working together to present this ballot measure to voters simultaneously on March 2, 2021. The measure must pass by a simple majority in each district. Districts which are unable to pass the resolution on March 2 must wait six months before taking the resolution to voters a second time.

Mr. Strusz and Mr. Clingingsmith shared with the Board the Revenue Purpose Statement Renewal presentation which will be offered a number of times district-wide (the schedule appears at the end of the board minutes). Approval of the Revenue Purpose Statement will not increase property tax. It simply defines how the SAVE revenue can be used by the District which will enable long term planning by allowing the district to borrow against future revenue through 2050. In the Pleasant Valley Community School District, uses will include building and renovating schools, furnishing and equipping buildings, purchasing property for future school sites, improving technology and safety infrastructure and paying down district indebtedness.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the board approve the resolution approving the Revenue Purpose Statement, ordering an election on a Revenue Purpose Statement to authorize expenditures from revenue received from the state Secure An Advanced Vision for Education fund, and ordering the publication of a notice of election. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.
**2021-22 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:** The following 2021-22 board meeting dates are proposed:

- August 9 & 23
- September 13 & 27
- October 11 & 25
- November 8 & 22
- December 20
- January 10 & 24
- February 14 (5:30 start) & 28
- March 21 (5:30 start)
- April 11 & 25 (5:30 start)
- May 9 & 23
- June 13 & 27
- July 18

Early starts to accommodate concerts may need to be adjusted as the year progresses.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve the 2021-22 board meeting schedule as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM NUTRITION FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (RELATED TO FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT):**

It is recommended the Board approve a permanent transfer of cash in the amount of $97,931.00 from the district’s Nutrition Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. This permanent transfer of funds is requested for the purpose of reimbursing the Capital Projects Fund by the Nutrition Fund for the cost of the Forest Grove Elementary School food service equipment that will be purchased from the Capital Projects Fund.

The budgeted cost of food service equipment to be purchased for Forest Grove Elementary School is $297,931.00. A transfer of $100,000.00 was approved at the April 8, 2019 board meeting (2018-19 fiscal year) and $100,000.00 at the January 27, 2020 board meeting (2019-20 fiscal year). This $97,931.00 transfer will be the third and final reimbursement payment.

Because this is a permanent transfer of funds rather than an interfund loan, it is not necessary for the Nutrition Fund to pay interest to the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that the Board authorize a permanent transfer of funds to be made from the Nutrition Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of $97,931.00. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for November 2020. Through November, General Fund revenue totaled $22,092,076 and expenses totaled $15,310,797. The fund balance in the General Fund at November 30, 2020 was $15,005,452. 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 Anderson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the monthly financial reports for November as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.
CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS – BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR DISTRICT #1: Completed applications for the vacated Director District #1 board seat were received from Drew Allen, Amy Featherstone, Ashlee Holst, Radhika Kolla and Kathryn Kunkel. The board interviewed each candidate and selected Kathryn Kunkel to fill the seat until the Revenue Purpose Statement Special Election on March 2. Ms. Kunkel intends to make application to be on the ballot for election to the seat until the regular board election in November 2021. Other residents of Director District #1 who would like to appear on the March 2 ballot for the Director District #1 Board of Education position should contact Board Secretary Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org 563-332-5550 for required documents.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board appoint Kathryn Kunkel to serve as Board Director, Director District #1 until the special election scheduled for March 2, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Dr. Wagle administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Kunkel. The Board thanked all the applicants for their interest in serving on the Board of Education.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
January 25, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
February 8, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

(Meetings are conducted in adherence to all COVID-19 room capacity and social distancing requirements. Board Members and guests are required to wear masks.)

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REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT Public Forums:
(PTA forums are held remotely; community forums will be live)

PTA Presidents/Superintendent January 5, 2021, 8:30am
Pleasant View Elementary PTA January 11, 2021, 5:00pm
PVHS PTA January 11, 2021, 5:30pm
PVHS Community Forum February 2, 2021, 7:00pm
Belmont Community Forum February 3, 2021, 12:00pm
Cody Elementary PTA February 3, 2021, 8:00pm
Bridgeview Elementary PTA February 4, 2021, 7:00pm
PVJH Community Forum February 9, 2021, 7:00pm
Hopewell Elementary PTA February 11, 2021, 6:30pm
Riverdale Heights PTA February 16, 2021, 6:30pm
Pleasant Valley Junior High PTA February 8, 2021, 4:00 pm
Residents of Director District #1 who would like to appear on the March 2 ballot for the Director District #1 Board of Education position should contact Board Secretary Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org 563-332-5550 for required documents. The Affidavit of Candidacy and Nominating Petition containing a minimum of 29 signatures must be submitted to the Board Secretary at the Belmont Administration Center by 5:00 p.m. February 5, 2021.

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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