MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Dickson, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Absent – Ayers. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Christina Myatt, Darren Erickson, Alyce Brown and Ashlee Holst.

The meeting was live streamed, recorded, and may be viewed on the district YouTube page: 

PVCSD Board of Education Meeting - April 12, 2021 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson 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 Kunkel recognized the District’s First Lego League Challenge teams, and congratulated Believe and Achieve Bots. The team, which includes Ayesha Kumar (PVJH) Antara Bahulekar (PLV) Aarav Bahulekar (PLV) Iha Magarkar (HW) Mahi Choudhary (RDH) and Shaurya Khurjekar (RDH) placed second in state overall and won the global innovation award for their project Correction Coach. The year’s project theme was making sports more accessible to all individuals, and the feedback device Believe and Achieve Bots designed helps participants improve limb and joint positions while playing sports. The team will move on to the world championship.

Mr. Zimmer congratulated Speech and Drama accomplishments: In the District Competition, PVHS students participated in 15 events, earned 14 Division I and 1 division II rankings. Six nominations for All State were received by five students (Harper Clark, Lydia Cox, Uma Kasichainula, Abby Shamrell and Taze Wilson) in solo acting, solo musical theatre, and solo improv.

At the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships, the ensemble Leading Tones placed 5th, and Ben Curran and Bryce Vining were selected for participation in the All-State Jazz Choir. The choir will perform July 26-28 at Central College in Pella.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The April 12, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

● MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and Exempt Session
PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Alysha Brintnall is recommended for employment as a 4th grade teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year. Isabel Conner is recommended for employment as a Language Arts teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2021-22 school year. Meghan Curran is recommended for employment as a First grade teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year. Bridget Heidt is recommended for employment as an English teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2021-22 school year. Hayley Jess is recommended for employment as a Kindergarten teacher at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year. Chelsey Knapper is recommended for employment as a Second Grade teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year. Nicholas Riedesel is recommended for employment as a Fifth Grade teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Claudia Clark, Riverdale Heights Elementary Special Education Aide, has had her letter of assignment increased from 20 to 25 hours per week effective immediately. Patricia Gersitz, Cook’s Assistant at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her retirement effective the end of the 2020-21 school year. Wendy Williams, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her retirement effective April 16, 2021. (Mary) Katie Yoekel, Technology Liaison/Data Specialist, has submitted notice of her resignation effective May 4, 2021.

CLASSIFIED (information only): Peggy Eckhardt, Cook’s Assistant at Pleasant Valley High School, will transfer to Cook’s Assistant at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year. Allison Lawson is recommended for probationary employment as a food service worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting April 8, 2021. Melissa Leisher is recommended for probationary employment as the Head Administrative Assistant at Hopewell Elementary starting May 10, 2021. Veronica Scheckler is recommended for probationary employment as a food service worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2021-22 school year. Kelli Slocum is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting April 8, 2021. Dana Steinhart, Cook’s Assistant at Pleasant Valley High School, will transfer to Kitchen Supervisor at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Alexia Lara  PVHS Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
DROPS: Allie Thiessen  PVHS Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2021-22: Three IN from Bettendorf, One IN from North Scott.
COOPERATIVE TEACHING AGREEMENT: Luther College

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that the Consent Agenda 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 $659,152.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kunkel that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $81,616.01 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,022.86 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kunkel that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $35,903.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Kunkel that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $403,567.21 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,352.23 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants 6213 through 6223 be issued in the total amount of $482,887.48 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,444.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2021-22 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAXES: Chief Financial Officer Mike Clingingsmith presented the “Adoption of Budget and Taxes” worksheets for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 and responded to questions from the Board. The proposed property tax rate information was first presented to the Board February 22 and then again March 22. The budget reflects a $0.02 decrease in the district’s levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

President Wagle opened the required public hearing at 6:16 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that at this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, held as provided by law;

And finding that the notice of the time and place of hearing has, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 25th day of March, 2021 in the Quad City Times, and that the affidavit of publication thereof was on file;

And after hearing any resident or taxpayer presenting objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget;
I move the Board adopt the attached Budget Summary, together with the property tax levies totaling $13.76005 per $1,000 of taxable valuation for 2021-22. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

SERVICE LEARNING UPDATE: Service Learning Coordinator Christina Mya and PVHS Principal Darren Erickson were present to update the board regarding class of 2021’s completion of service learning hours. Mrs. Mya is working closely with local organizations to provide a variety of service learning opportunities for seniors who currently lack sufficient service hours to graduate. She will continue to contact students and families if requirements have not yet been met. In person service opportunities as well as virtual projects are available. Seniors who do not have their hours completed prior to graduation but instead complete them over the summer will receive their diplomas once the service learning hours are completed.

No required motion.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: As of Friday, April 9th, in-person learners have been back 100% for 33 days (7 weeks of school). During that time student and staff absenteeism as well as community positivity rates have been monitored. Rates are moving in a positive direction, as illustrated by current metrics as compared to metrics from the the District’s most impacted week:

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Community 14 day average positivity rate</th>
<th>Teacher absence (total)</th>
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<td>23.0%</td>
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<td>4/7/21</td>
<td>13.8%</td>
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33 Day Average (February 16th - April 9th)

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<th>State no longer providing 14 day running average percentage</th>
<th>27 (absent for any reason)</th>
<th>4.66%</th>
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The District continues to be impacted by community positivity rates and behavior. Careful adherence to mitigation measures and vaccination will help the District continue the move toward more normal school days.

Spring weather and decreased positivity rates will allow masking requirements to be modified during outdoor recess and K-12 physical education classes. PE teachers and recess aides will guide students through masking expectations. High School students can eat lunch outdoors. At this time, lunchroom partitions will remain in place in order to limit quarantine numbers as positive cases continue to be identified in our community.

Tentatively, plans are underway to hold District Band Night at the TaxSlayer Center. Social distancing will be maintained per TaxSlayer guidelines, and the event center will provide tickets indicating seat assignment. Prom will be held under the lights on the field turf of Spartan Stadium. Rain would force the event to the main gym. The sixth grade track meet will not be held, and other sixth grade events
continue to be reviewed. Graduation will be held at the TaxSlayer Center and ticketing will depend upon state regulations in force at that time. The event center will provide tickets indicating seat assignment.

No required motion.

2021-22 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL CONTRACT APPROVAL: On March 25, the District and the Pleasant Valley Education Association reached a tentative agreement on a 2.40% total package increase. The 2.40% total package increase includes a 5.12% increase in family health insurance rates and a $425 increase to the certified salary schedule index base. Due to the ability to use Covid relief funds to offset various expenses within the general fund budget, a portion of the savings will be used to provide a one-time pre tax stipend of $500 for all full time employees of the District. The stipend amount for all part-time employees of the district will be prorated based on their FTE (full-time equivalency).

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the Board approve the 2021-22 Certified Employee wage and benefits packages as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2021-22 CLASSIFIED, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CUSTODIAL CONTRACT APPROVALS: Meet and Confer sessions for Classified employees were held live and via Google Hangouts April 6-8. Four sessions were offered and 40 employees participated. Also presented during the Meet and Confer sessions:

○ 2.40% total package increase
○ $54.77 per month increase in family insurance rates (amount withheld from employee paychecks for family health and dental coverage).
○ $500 pre tax stipend for all full time employees with the stipend prorated for all part-time employees based on their FTE.
○ updates to classified employee evaluation forms

The total package increase for Administrative employees for 2021-22 is also 2.40%

On March 26, the District and the Pleasant Valley Custodial Union also reached a tentative agreement on a 2.40% total package increase. That agreement was also based on the four bullet points noted previously for classified employees. The custodians, previously members of the Service Employees International Union, Local 199 have unanimously decided to be known as the Pleasant Valley Custodial Association and will be affiliated with the Iowa State Education Association.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the 2021-22 Administrative, Classified, and Custodial employee wage and benefits packages as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:
April 26, 2021       PV Foundation Golf Outing (brochure follows)
April 26, 2021       Regular School Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
May 10, 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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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.

Brian Strusz
Superintendent
Join us for a day of golf and fundraising at the

PLEASANT VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOLF BENEFIT

Monday, April 26, 2021

Tee Times Start at 9:00am

$125 Registration Fee per Golfer:
Includes green fees, a cart, snacks, and a meal!

Thank You for Supporting the PVEF Mission!

All proceeds raised at the PVEF Golf Benefit directly support the PVEF Scholarship Program. Since 1991, you’ve helped provide more than 1,000 students with scholarships towards their post-secondary education. Thank you for your support in the past, present, and future!
GOLF WITH PVEF ON MONDAY, APRIL 26 ($125 PER GOLFER)

NAME: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL: __________________________________________ PHONE: ______________________________________

NAMES OF OTHER PLAYERS IN FOURSOME: ________________________________________________________________
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PREFERRED TEE TIME: 9:00am-9:30am___ 9:30am-10:00am___ 10:00am-10:30am___ 10:30am-11:00am___ 11:00am-11:30am___

☐ I’m interested in learning more about the Foundation’s mission and other Foundation events.

Please include your check for $125.00 per person payable to PVEF to the following address:
PVEF c/o Beth Marsoun 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722.
Questions? Call Beth at 563-332-5550 ext. 1026 or email her at marsounbeth@pleasval.org

SPONSOR A HOLE OR TEE (MINIMUM OF $125)

NAME: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

COMPANY NAME or message you’d like on your sign: __________________________________________________________
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EMAIL: __________________________________________ PHONE: ______________________________________

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If you would like to make a donation, please fill this slip out and mail your check payable to PVEF to the following address:
PVEF c/o Beth Marsoun 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722.
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PLEDGE THROUGH BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

I pledge and promise to donate $____.____ for every birdie made during the 2021 John Deere Classic to the John Deere
Classic Charitable Corporation for use by participating charities. I guess that _______ birdies will be made. No dona-
tion is required to be eligible to win a prize. Void where prohibited by law.

NAME: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL: __________________________________________ PHONE: ______________________________________

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