MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Ayers, Dickson, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle (telephonically). Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Darren Erickson, Christina Myatt, Megan Halverson, Liz Bornhoeft, Melissa Miller and others.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of individuals whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to those individuals’ reputations, as those individuals have requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Vice President Hoskins 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.

Mr. Zimmer shared results of the Iowa High School Music Association State Large Group Competition: Vocal Music:

- Treble Chamber Choir, Chamber, and Bass Choir received Division I Superior ratings
- Treble Choir and Concert Choir received Division II Excellent ratings

Band:

- 9th Grade Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony received Division I Superior ratings
- PV Symphonic Band received a Division II Excellent rating

Orchestra:

- Orchestra received a Division I Superior Rating

PVHS junior Erika Holmberg was selected as this year’s Quad City Youth Symphony Concerto Competition winner and performed the Arutunian Trumpet Concerto with the Youth Symphony Orchestra on May 9.
He extended congratulations to PVHS seniors Emerson Peters, Claire Haas and Kavya Kalathur for earning Certificates of Excellence awards in the Mathematical Association of America's annual American Mathematics Competition exams.

Mr. Zimmer also reported that *U.S.News and World Report* announced that, based upon AP exam data for 12th grade students during the 2018-19 school year, math and reading proficiencies and performance grades 9-11, graduation rates, underserved student performance, and the number of 12th grade students who earned an college qualifying AP score, Pleasant Valley High School was ranked #1 in the Metro Area, #2 among Iowa Schools and 646/17,847 eligible high schools (top 4%) nationally.

Mr. Strusz thanked high school administrators and staff for their efforts in providing a memorable prom experience for high school students. He also thanked the Pleasant Valley High School PTA for an entertaining RAP (Right After Prom) party at the TBK complex.

May is *School Board Appreciation Month* across Iowa and the 2021 theme is “School Boards: Leading Through Uncharted Waters.” Over the past year, leadership at the board table has come with challenges and decisions no one could have anticipated. The PVCSD Board of Education has made tough choices that impact the health and safety of students, staff and the school community while continuing to prioritize student achievement and educational equity. Mr. Strusz presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation and expressed gratitude on behalf of the entire District. He thanked the Pleasant Valley Junior High PTA for the delicious meal provided to the Board prior to this evening’s meeting.

Dr. Lewis introduced ELP teacher Melissa Miller, who was accompanied by National History Day winners. Madeline O’Malley from Cody Elementary entered the exhibit category. Her project *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Feminist Icon* demonstrated how Associate Justice Ginsburg communicated the fight for gender equality throughout her professional life. PVJH students Eva Vargas, Maya Vargas, and Elizabeth Otts (Whitney Cozad was unable to attend) entered the performance category with *Broadway Communicating Messages Throughout History* - ways Broadway has communicated new ideas about society and inclusion throughout history. Both entries placed at the Mississippi River District History Day Competition and advanced to the state competition.

Artur Golkewski was on the agenda to express his concerns before the board regarding student discipline and the appeal process as directed by board policy.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The May 10, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

- **PERSONNEL:**
  CERTIFIED: *Yvette Bowe* is recommended for employment as a Special Education teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2021-22 school year. *Jennifer Kremer*, Math teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has requested a one-year leave of absence effective the 2021-22 school year. *Darcie Kress*, Teacher Leader for Elementary Curriculum, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year. *Kristin Lopez*, 8th grade Band teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation
effective the end of the 2020-21 school year. Spencer Lueders, Instructional Coach at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of his resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year. Alexandra Maloney, Preschool teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, has requested a one-year leave of absence effective the 2021-22 school year. Patricia Reeser is recommended for employment as a Guidance Counselor at Forest Grove Elementary / Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2021-22 school year. Anthony Smith is recommended for employment as a Math teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2021-22 school year. Brandon Tolle, Industrial Technology teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of his resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Lori Birkel, Educational Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective May 16, 2021. Diana Bleeker is recommended for employment as Administrative Assistant / Aide at Cody Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year. Probationary period is waived as she currently serves as a Special Education aide at Cody. Sunny Clifton is recommended for employment as Administrative Assistant / Aide at Forest Grove Elementary effective the 2021-22 school year. Probationary period is waived as she currently serves as an Aide at Pleasant Valley High School. Stephanie Denboer, Cook’s Assistant at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective May 16, 2021. Maria Fedele-Lucas, Special Education/Educational Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective May 16, 2021. Cecilia Flores, Food Service Worker at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective May 13, 2021. Teresa Kraft, Library Assistant/Educational Aide at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her retirement effective the 2021-22 school year after 33 years in the district. Shelly Kubica, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective May 16, 2021. Gabrielle McClure, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective May 16, 2021. Nicole Smith, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective May 16, 2021.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

SPECIAL EDUCATION / EDUCATIONAL AIDES TRANSFERING BUILDINGS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

To Cody:
from Hopewell: Lana Dykes, Abby Mills, McKenzie Moen, Lindsey Winberg

To Forest Grove:
from Hopewell: Mary Jo Graham, Jackie Gray, Shelly Kubica, Kaitlin Sherer
from Pleasant View: Kristina Waugh
from Riverdale Heights: Dawn Dittmer, Lara Gorman, Lisa Hartford, Dawn Kidwell, Brenda Klauer, Casey Micklewright

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Isabel Noble PVJH Yearbook Advisor

DROPS: Aubrey Pedersen PVJH Volleyball coach
**OPEN ENROLLMENT:** 2021-22 - One IN from Bettendorf
- 28E Agreement between Bettendorf Community School District and Pleasant Valley Community School District for Shared Orchestra Teacher
- Cooperative Swimming Agreement with North Scott Community School District

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

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$342,228.72** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$78,106.28** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$3,950.28** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$15,720.76** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$26.00** 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 **$28,740.04** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Brockmann that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$86,128.49** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Kunkel that Internal Service Fund warrants 6230 through 6234 be issued in the total amount of **$448,057.09** 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 **$2,035.91** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SERVICE LEARNING UPDATE:** Service Learning Coordinator Christina Mya and PVHS Principal Darren Erickson were present once again to update the board regarding class of 2021’s completion of service learning hours. At this time only four students are deficient in their service learning hours/plan for completion. A number of service learning opportunities have been offered on campus and online so that students are not required to arrange transportation and hours can be flexible. The Board thanked Mrs. Mya for her efforts in creating opportunities that are accessible for all students.

No required motion.
COVID UPDATES: Mr. Strusz discussed COVID response transitions. In April students were given the flexibility to lower their masks during outdoor recess and K-12 PE. Effective May 12, cafeteria table dividers have been removed. As the District looks at ways to transition back to pre-COVID practices, these adjustments provide an opportunity to observe and collect data after removal of these mitigation measures.

The District continues to consider information shared by the CDC, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Scott County Health Department as well as monitor actions and outcomes in other school districts. Decisions related to face covering requirements for the 2021-22 school year will be made closer to the beginning of the school year. Further guidance from the CDC, State and Local Health Departments, the decrease in positive cases and increased vaccination rates are data points which will influence that decision.

A number of individuals joined the board meeting for this agenda item, and Brandon Hartley, Joni Abbott, Ashley Holst, Jill Zavada, Allison Weir, Mike Elledge and Linda McNeill shared their opposition to masking with the Board.

No required motion.

Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Brockmann exited the meeting to attend the PVHS choral concert.

FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY CHANGE ORDER #7: Change Order #7, a net addition of $8,888.64, includes installation of a sink in the Nurse Room, miscellaneous plumbing enhancements, additional marker boards, door hardware, and curb and sidewalk revisions. Credit for 22 hand dryers resulted in a deduct of $7,539.62. Paper towel dispensers have been installed instead. The contingency balance is $9,141.74.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Dickson that the Board accept Forest Grove Change Order #7 in the amount of an add of $8,888.64 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. for the purposes of beginning the Superintendent evaluation process and the introduction of candidates recommended for the Riverdale Heights Elementary and Hopewell Elementary Dean positions. No motions were made during Executive Session and Executive Session concluded at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY DEANS OF STUDENTS: Liz Bornhoeft, instructional coach at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is recommended to serve as Dean at Riverdale Heights Elementary and Megan Halverson, instructional coach at Bridgeview Elementary, is recommended for Dean at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Anderson that the Board appoint Liz Bornhoeft to serve as Riverdale Heights Elementary Dean of Students and Megan Halverson to serve as Hopewell Elementary Dean of Students starting the 2021-22 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:
May 24, 2021  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
June 14, 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.)

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - Executive Session
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, May 10, 2021

Executive session was called to order at 7:51 p.m. by Vice President Hoskins.

MEMBERS PRESENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Anderson, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Absent – Ayers and Brockmann. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of individuals whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to those individuals’ reputations, as those individuals have requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

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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.

(House File 228 extends the application deadline for Davenport Community School District residents to June 30, 2021)

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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