PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
special meeting Tuesday, May 18, 2021; 5:00 P.M. C.D.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Ayers, Dickson, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Kevin Pennekamp and others.

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

UPDATED MASKING REQUIREMENTS: In light of updated information from the Centers for Disease Control, Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Education, a special meeting was held to determine masking requirements for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Since the next scheduled board meeting was set for Monday, May 24, 2021, it was determined to have a special meeting to discuss the matter at hand based upon the following timeline of events since the Monday, May 10, 2021 board meeting:

- Thursday, May 13th - The CDC released new guidance for mask wearing for individuals who meet the requirements for fully vaccinated. The guidance directed schools to continue to follow current school guidance as most students are either unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated.
- Thursday, May 13th - Scott County Health Department provided a fully vaccinated update based upon the CDC release.
- Friday, May 14th - Based upon the most recent guidance, the District informed parents and staff that current mask procedures would remain in place for the remainder of the school year.
- Friday, May 14th - Approximately two hours after the District’s message was sent, the Iowa Department of Public Health released new guidance regarding quarantine practices and urging schools to make mask usage optional.
- Saturday, May 15th - The CDC issued updated recommendations urging schools to continue using the current COVID-19 prevention strategies for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
Other informational points discussed at the board table included:

- In this rare situation the guidance between the CDC, Iowa Department of Public Health and Scott County Health Department do not align. The CDC and Scott County Health Department had one recommendation and the Iowa Department of Public Health had a different recommendation.
- Throughout this school year, consistency has allowed students and staff to remain in school and to receive quality learning opportunities in a safe environment.
- Students will not be fully vaccinated by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Youth under the age of 12 are not yet eligible for vaccination. Youth between the ages of 12 and 15 became eligible for vaccination on May 12, 2021. Because people are not fully vaccinated until 2 weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, students in this age group will not be fully vaccinated before the end of current school year.
- Time is needed for schools to make systems and policy adjustments. Any revision of mask requirements for students and staff must take into account the safety of individuals who are not fully vaccinated or have elected to not receive the vaccination.
- The decision being made would only extend through the end of the 2020-21 school year only.

The Board heard comments from 33 individuals. In addition, the Board and/or superintendent received 75 emails addressing the mask policy.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hoskins that the Board continue the mask requirement for students and staff through the end of the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins, Wagle. Nays - Anderson, Dickson, Kunkel. Motion carried.

Note: On Thursday, May 20, 2021, Governor Reynolds signed into law HF 847 which nullifies the above motion. HF 847 prohibits PK-12 public schools from mandating masks as well as cities and counties from mandating masks in businesses.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
1. Monday, May 24, 2021; 6:00 p.m. - Board of Education meeting
2. Monday, June 14, 2021; 6:00 p.m. - Board of Education meeting

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

Brian Strusz
Superintendent