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

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

[YouTube link]

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Dr. 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.

District parent Jim Earel shared his concerns with the Board regarding the resurgence of COVID in the community and District mitigation efforts so that children who do not yet have access to vaccinations will be protected. View the YouTube live stream for details.

District residents Keith Stein, Jim Beck and Keith Borchert shared concerns including the teaching of critical thinking skills and the availability of educational vouchers in order to offer better school choice. View the YouTube live stream for details.

Director Kunkel arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Director Anderson thanked high school teachers for the back to school videos that were shared at the start of the 2020-2021 school year and asked whether the videos might be made available at the start of this school year and at the start of second semester.

Director Kunkel commended Dr. Lewis and staff members for successful summer school opportunities. The balance of learning opportunities and fun made summer school especially engaging for students. Dr. Lewis reminded the board that students are invited to participate in summer school based upon evaluation or teacher recommendation. 254 students participated this summer. Dr. Lewis also thanked Missy Huff for successful planning and implementation of the summer school program.

Director Kunkel congratulated US Track and Field National Junior Olympian Sarah Foad who ran the 1500 meter race in 5:12; the fastest time in the country this year. Sarah, a Cody student, was named an All American and National Champion.
Superintendent Strusz thanked Technology Facilitator Kevin Pennekamp, Technology Department employees Jason Koch and Chris McNamar as well as Communications Director Beth Marsoun for upgrading the board room with new video streaming equipment.

Superintendent Strusz congratulated Chief Financial Officer Mike Clingingsmith and business office employees Lorrie Wakeland, District Accountant; Kelly Hatler, Payroll Administrator and Lisa Paper, Bookkeeper upon receipt of the following financial reporting awards for the year ended June 30, 2020:

- The Government Finance Officers Association Award of Financial Reporting Achievement presented to the business office.

Starting in the 2015-16 fiscal year, the District has received these awards annually. The CAFR report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Mr. Strusz expressed gratitude to retirees included on the consent agenda - Craig Clark, LeAnn Sokolik, Lori Ellerback, Don Yockel and Rose Richardson and noted their 135 combined years of service to students and families in the Pleasant Valley Community School District.

He reminded the Board that on August 10, 42 new teachers would be starting four days of inservice training as they prepare to begin teaching in the district.

Mr. Zimmer recognized the Pleasant Valley High School Student Council (Spartan Assembly) who have won the following awards:
- 2021-22 National Council of Excellence Award by the National Student Council
- 2021-22 Iowa Association of Student Councils Honor Council/Meritorious Distinction

The National Council of Excellence distinction affirms the commitment of school leadership to establishing a positive school climate and culture, as well as fostering academic and social growth of all students. The distinction signals to the school, surrounding community, and stakeholders the value school leadership places on student voice. Secondary schools that earn the distinction and honor of having a National Council of Excellence demonstrate their merits through an annual application process. The application allows advisers, student and school leaders to demonstrate outcomes based on a framework of indicators and criteria. The national indicators and criteria reflect more than 90 years of expertise in student council and leadership programming. Recognition considers events implemented as well as structure and function of the council.

Notable projects include student blood drives, the Student Hunger Drive and the Homecoming Carnival. COVID forced Spartan Assembly to execute programming creatively during 2020-21, but they managed to sponsor blood drives which collected more pints than any other school in the Quad City area and presented Thanksgiving food boxes to 50 district families. Forty students participate in Spartan Assembly.

Spartan Assembly Executive Board includes Will Fairman, Sidney Brockmann, Aayusha Adhikari, Julianne Binto and Allisa Pandit. The Executive Board has been working all summer to prepare for 2021-22 events.
Spartan Assembly Advisors are Zach Miller and Rachel Hart. Mr. Zimmer also noted that a strong Student Council at the Junior High, advised by Nicole Lenius, builds interest at the high school level.

Mr. Zimmer also celebrated Spartan athletic achievements. During the 2020-21 season, Pleasant Valley achieved historic all around athletic seasons in the largest Iowa school division. Participating in all 21 Iowa sanctioned sports, PV advanced to state in 18 sports (team, individual competitions or both).

Most recently, for the first time in school history, the Pleasant Valley Boys baseball team won the State Championship. Coach of the Year Derek Stecklein, assistant coaches Andy Merrill and Jeff Lindmark and the Boys baseball team were present for recognition by the Board.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Zimmer thanked Athletic Director D'Anne Kroemer for developing a competitive schedule at all levels, promoting a strength and conditioning performance program, creating an athletic training service to provide care, recruiting and hiring knowledgeable and caring coaches and maintaining a fiscally sound budget through a very difficult revenue year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The August 9, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Craig Clark, Pleasant Valley High School Math Teacher, has submitted notice of his retirement effective the end of the 2021-22 school year after 32 years of service to the District. Joel Kimberly is recommended for employment as the Riverdale Heights Music Teacher effective the 2021-22 school year. Allyson Knanishu, ESL teacher at Pleasant View/PV High school, has submitted her resignation effective August 9, 2021. LeAnn Sokolik, 6th grade teacher at Riverdale Heights, has submitted notice of her retirement effective the end of the 2021-22 school year after 17 years of service to the District.

CLASSIFIED: Allison Berg is recommended for employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Probationary period is waived as Ms. Berg is a former District employee. Ross Claussen, former grounds crew member, is recommended for employment as Seasonal Grounds and Maintenance worker starting immediately. Melissa Beaver-Dockery is recommended for a transfer from the Work Experience Coordinator to the Transition Alliance Program (TAP) Coordinator position effective August 16, 2021. Lori Ellerbach, Riverdale Heights Head Building Secretary, has submitted notice of her retirement effective the end of the 2021-22 school year after 26 years of service to the District. Amy Kernan is recommended for employment as a Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Probationary period is waived due to Amy’s extensive school experience. Dawn Kidwell, special education aide at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective August 9, 2021. Tim McDonough is recommended for employment as Head Custodian at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 16, 2021. Probationary period is waived as Mr. McDonough has been acting head custodian at Riverdale Heights since the end of the 2020-21 school year. Molly Miller, special education aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted her resignation effective July 30, 2021. Rose Richardson, Food Service Worker, has submitted notice of her retirement effective December 31, 2021 after 20 years of service to the District. Russell Spinsby is recommended for employment as Food Service Van Driver starting September 1, 2021. Probationary period is waived
as Mr. Spinsby is a former district employee. Kelli Wiggins is recommended for employment as a Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Probationary period is waived as Ms. Wiggins is a former District employee. Don Yoeckel, Building Mechanic, has submitted notice of his retirement effective December 31, 2021 after 40 years of service to the district.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Joan Blair-Dick, previously recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2021-22 school year, has rescinded the position. Jacob Brees is recommended for probationary employment as a part time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary starting August 16, 2021. Lori Faidley is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting August 23, 2021. Joene Fields is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Mackenzie Helgerson is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Alycia Herrera is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Tony Leatherman is recommended for probationary employment as a part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 16, 2021. Kimberly Lemburg is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2021. In Nam is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Diane Richards is recommended for probationary employment as an Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting August 30, 2021. Bernadette Stroklund is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2021. Shirin Taralkar is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 16, 2021. Kristine Trujillo is recommended for probationary employment as a food service worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 23, 2021. Georgette Wheeler is recommended for probationary employment as Head Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 4, 2021.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

adds: Katie Casey
Alison Kelley
Melissa Schieffer
Jill Skyles
Julia Washington

Elementary Music Mentor
.5 TLS Grade Level Lead - grade 3
Special Education Mentor
PE Mentor
.5 TLS Grade Level Lead - grade 3

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Amanda Adams
Marcus Cavanagh
Paul Meyers
Saroha Varsha

HS Cheerleading Coach
JH Girls Basketball Coach
JH Assistant Football Coach
Robotics Grades 2-4 Coordinator
DROPS: 
- Preston Blair PVJH Assistant Football Coach
- Chris Bryant PVJH Assistant Football Coach
- Rishi Wagle PVHS Theatre Accompanist

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2021-22 - seven students IN from Bettendorf, seventeen students IN from Davenport, one student IN from North Scott.

- Rock Valley Strength and Conditioning Contract: This is an annual renewal of a contract between the District and Rock Valley Physical Therapy to provide strength and conditioning specialists for the District.

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Anderson, second by Kunkel that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,085,250.53 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,840.83 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Clingingsmith shared with the board that the District has received from the Federal Government $68,110.93 reimbursement for COVID related emergency operating costs and he also reminded the Board that free breakfasts and lunches will be available to students through December 31, 2021.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,107.12 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 $46,815.19 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 $32,007.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $83,318.90 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $311,564.52 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants 6256 through 6268 be issued in the total amount of $509,722.15 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $480.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
**2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:** The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) has established August 11 as the deadline for submission of legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. The Board Agreed upon the following priorities:

- Funding - timely, protection from cuts, increased dropout/at-risk funding, increased special education weightings.
- Drop Out /At Risk - the District supports allowing districts to request additional dropout prevention modified supplemental amount up to the 5% maximum cap.
- Mental Health - provide funding and incentives to maintain or increase comprehensive school based mental health programs that include in-school access for all students as well as comprehensive community mental health systems which offer preventative and treatment services.
- Early Childhood Education - continue funding to provide Statewide Voluntary Preschool for all 4 and 5 year old children.

Director Molly Brockmann has agreed to represent the Board and the District at the Iowa Association of School Boards Annual Delegate Assembly.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the IASB Legislative Action Priorities as presented and appoint Molly Brockmann to act as our representative to the delegate assembly. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays- none. Motion carried.

**ESSER-3 FUNDS:** On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 into law. The ARP Act authorized a third round of emergency coronavirus relief to schools across the country through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER or ESSER III). The ESSER III Fund allocates nearly $123 billion to states and school districts to help safely reopen pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12) schools, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. Our district received $823,693.

The law requires that at least 20% of funds be reserved to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g., summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs, extended school year programs) and ensure those interventions address students’ social, emotional, and academic needs. Funds can also be applied to the following:

- Purchase of additional technology
- prevention and mitigation strategies
- providing mental health services and supports
- other educational interventions

All districts are required to submit a plan to the state by August 20th. The following question was asked of parents: *As we prepare to submit our plan and as you think about returning to school, if you think there is a specific need we should consider for your child or all children, please feel free to share that information for consideration as we develop our district plan.*

The Board reviewed suggestions from parents - the most common was mental health support for students. Technology and mitigation enhancements were also common suggestions. The Board also reviewed the tentative budget.
Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the initial ESSER III District Plan to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education for their review by August 20, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays- none. Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: The Board reviewed most recent enrollment numbers by building along with comparison to prior year. The numbers change daily as families continue to move into the district, move out of the district, or request open enrollment into the district. It appears district growth will surpass growth experienced in previous years.

No required motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

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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](http://www.pleasval.org/district/new student enrollment/open enrollment info) or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org (563)332-5550.

(House File 228 rescinds the 2021-22 application deadline for Davenport Community School District residents)
JULY 2021

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