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

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

[YouTube video]

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RESPECT OF LIVES LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1) (j) of the open meetings law to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the School District would have to pay or lower the price the District would receive for the property. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. 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.

Seven members of the public addressed the Board and their comments are included on the live stream recording (link above).

Director Molly Brockmann recognized Spartan Assembly, Staff, and Administrators for their efforts in planning and carrying out Homecoming 2021 events - specifically the parade and carnival; band directors and the marching band, the football team, cheerleaders and dance team, Social Committee and the PTA for the homecoming dance, and the many behind-the-scenes support personnel.

Director of Secondary Education Mike Zimmer shared results of 2021 Advanced Placement testing.


Near the end of each school year, AP students may participate in nation-wide AP testing to earn college credit. 5 is the highest score attainable.
308 students enrolled in 484 exams with 251(81.5%) passing with a 3 or higher.

Highlights:
- AP Calculus A/B: 46/48 (96%) students took the exam and 41/46 (89%) received a 3 or higher. 20 students earned a 5.
- AP World Language: 73/77 (95%) students took the exam and 66/73 (90%) received a 3 or higher.
- AP Literature: 23/26 (88%) students took the exam and 20/23 (87%) received a 3 or higher.
- AP Physics II: 10 students felt confident enough to take not only the AP Physics II exam but also either the AP Physics EM or AP Physics Mechanical exam and all scored a 3 or higher.
- AP Music Theory: 6/7 (86%) students took the exam and scored a 3 or higher.
- AP Computer Science A: 12/12 (100%) of the students took the exam and 50% of them scored a perfect 5.

Congratulations to teachers and students for this remarkable achievement.

Superintendent Strusz thanked Beth Marsoun, our very generous sponsors, volunteers and each participant for another successful Run With Carl on Labor Day. The event, co-hosted by Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf Community School Districts, helps fund foundation scholarships for graduating seniors.

He also expressed gratitude to Marie Feehan and friends for their donation of backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary students, as well as to Genesis Health Systems employees for school supplies received as a result of their Pack the Bus project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The September 13, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: The following certified staff members have earned extra credits since their contracts were issued and will advance on the salary scale for the 2021-22 school year: Erin Ahnquist, Kelsey Allbaugh, Ryan Arnold, Victoria Beale, Jamie Bice, Courtney Bielis, Elizabeth Bosworth, Katharine Buchter, Aileen Cahill, Brianna Call, Kaitlin Carlin, Marcus Cavanagh, Emily Connell, Michaela Conover, Miranda Copley, Andrew Croegaert, Jenna Dexter, Rachel Dolehanthy, Mary Tess Dwyer, Grant Erickson, Jason Franzenburg, Kevin Gaffney, Larissa Gaul, Shannon Harty, Mary Ann Hoeg, Elizabeth Hughes, Ellen Jacobs, Jacqueline Josupait, Meredith Kennedy, Joe Kimberly, Sarah Kraklio, Beth Kroymann, Matthew Kuhn, Amy LaBarge, Lisa Lammers, Thomas Lovejoy, Catherine Lyon, Elizabeth Mansfield, Zachary Marotta, Ann Martin, Melissa Miller, Lindsay Moore, Katharine Mulfinger, Janene Murphy, Christopher Peterson, Patricia Reeser, Jake Ridenour, Katie Rokusek, Kathryn Schilling, Stacey Schmiederer, Emily Schwind, Claire Slifka, Megan Smith, Leslie Spiller, Elizabeth Thomas, Margaret Thompson, Bailey Trondson, Jessica Werderman, Janel Worlein, Tina Young.

CLASSIFIED: Bill Brasche is recommended for employment as a Special Education Driver effective the 2021-22 school year. No probationary period is required as he served in a similar capacity in past years. Kelly Fiscus, Pleasant View Elementary Aide, will have a contract extension of 25 minutes per day effective August 27, 2021. Allison Lawson, Pleasant Valley Junior High Food Service Worker, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting September 16, 2021. Melissa Leisher, Hopewell Elementary Head Building Administrative Assistant, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting September 16, 2021.
Travis Witt, Pleasant Valley Junior High Special Education Aide, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting September 16, 2021.

CLASSIFIED (for information only): Eric Dilley is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 26, 2021. Amanda Duncan is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 8, 2021. Matthew Hughes is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 13, 2021. Jessica Pessman is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 30, 2021.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

DROPS: Karl Stubben  PVHS Assistant Boys Tennis

● OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2021-22 - three students IN from Bettendorf, two students IN from Davenport

● Morningside College Cooperative Teaching Agreement

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 $475,132.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $78,613.54 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,594.74 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $50,618.26 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $8,500.88 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $285,465.02 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants 6275 through 6282 be issued in the total amount of $34,954.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,958.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK - VISITORS: At the August 23 meeting, the Board discussed updates to parent/student handbooks to provide universal visitor guidelines.

The updated guidelines will focus on visitors who are coming to buildings for the following reasons:

- Individual Parent Teacher Conference
- Visiting a classroom
- Eating lunch with your child
- Student visitors
- Parent volunteers
- Classroom parties or other special events

Proposed Updated For All Handbooks:

Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit the school at any time and should feel free to do so.

If a parent/guardian-teacher conference is desired, an appointment should be made. At the elementary level an appointment can be scheduled by contacting the teacher. At the secondary level the student’s counselor will coordinate the scheduling of the parent/guardian-teacher conference before school, after school or possibly during the teacher’s preparation time.

If a parent/guardian classroom visit is desired, in order to maintain instructional focus, security for all students, to avoid conflict with scheduled events and the disruption of educational activities (such as district or statewide testing), the administration requires that all parent/guardian visits be approved by the Principal (or designee) in advance. The Principal (or designee) and parent/guardian will be provided designated seating in the classroom to allow their child and all others to remain focused on their learning. If questions arise during the visit, the parent/guardian and Principal (or designee) may have a discussion after the visit or via follow up email. A subsequent meeting with the teacher may be arranged so the school day may proceed as scheduled. At the elementary level, visits are limited to one hour and at the secondary level to one class period. We ask that children or others do not accompany the parent/guardian during the visit in order to minimize disruption for all students.

If you wish to eat lunch with your child, please contact the main office prior to arriving to ensure seating arrangements can be made and to confirm the lunch schedule for that day.

Generally, student visitors are not allowed. Children who are not regularly enrolled are asked not to visit unless accompanied by their parent/guardian. This rule also applies to friends who attend other schools in the area. These visits are restricted to lunch and/or recess time unless otherwise arranged with the Principal (or designee).

Classroom visits immediately before holidays or during the last week of school are discouraged.

Approved visitors must secure a visitor’s pass from the Main Office upon arrival and the visitor must wear and display the pass at all times.

Exceptions to this practice will occur when volunteer opportunities or special events (i.e. concerts, Grandparents/VIP Day, room celebrations) are scheduled ahead of time. Volunteer opportunities and
event details will be communicated by the building principal, classroom teacher or other designee.


**FOOD SERVICE COOPERATIVE TEACHING AGREEMENT:** At the May 24, 2021 meeting, the Board approved an extension of the Kohl Wholesale Distributor bid. In 2017, six area districts (Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf, North Scott, Central Dewitt, Durant and Camanche) formed the Eastern Iowa School Food Cooperative in order to obtain preferential quantity pricing and Kohl has won the bid for several years. This year, due to a critical labor shortage, Kohl has been unable to meet delivery schedules and has left the District with an unreliable food supply.

Director of Food Service Andrea Mahler recommends leaving the Eastern Iowa School Food Cooperative and joining the AEA (Area Education Agency) Food Purchasing Cooperative as the food supplier. The primary supplier for the AEA Purchasing Cooperative has been able to meet delivery demands at other schools in the cooperative. The District’s legal counsel reviewed the proposed change.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the termination of the Kohl contract and approve participation in the AEA (Area Education Agency) Food Purchasing Cooperative. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES:** Kathi Corbett, Durham Davenport CSD General Manager and Jennifer Andres, Durham Regional Manager were present to address transportation challenges.

Topics addressed:

- The implementation of weekly meetings between Kathi Corbett, Jennifer Andres, dispatcher Stacy Bolio, Director of Operations Leland Zenk and Brian Strusz
- Messaging parents when a bus is running late
- Kathi Corbett’s support role in Pleasant Valley
- Additional afternoon administrative support at Durham School Services
- The sharing of drivers between Pleasant Valley and Davenport CSD
- Processes in place to hire drivers for both Pleasant Valley and Davenport CSD

Issues which continue to be addressed:

- The overall shortage of bus drivers state-wide
- Increasing the regular route drivers and the substitute driver pool
- Appropriate driver coverage of activity events at all levels

No Required Motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the purchase or selling of real estate and future impacts. No motions were made during Executive Session and Executive Session concluded at 8:25 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:

September 27, 2021  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
October 11, 2021  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - Executive Session
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, September 13, 2021

Executive session was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by President Wagle.


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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 rescinds the 2021-22 application deadline for Davenport Community School District residents)

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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