PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, October 11, 2021; 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.

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

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

PVCSD Board of Education Meeting - October 11, 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann 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.

Director Kunkel arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Comments were received from members of the public and are included on the live stream recording (link above).

Director Brockmann reminded the Board that the Student Hunger Drive is underway. The goal is to collect 73,000 pounds of food.

In the 23 county service area of Riverbend Foodbank (2021):
● 115,750 people are food insecure—they don’t know where their next meal is coming from.
● 24,984,247 meals are being missed, not by choice.
● 1 in 7 adults are missing meals, not by choice.
● 1 in 4 children (35,060) are missing meals, not by choice.
● 63% of these people are choosing between medical care and food.
● 62% of these people are choosing between housing and food.
● 81% of these people choose the cheapest food available regardless of its nutritional value

Cash contributions may be made here:
(note PV on your remittance)
https://tinyurl.com/dvf84dev
Dr. Lewis thanked the elementary school PTAs for supporting Ballet Quad Cities performances in our six elementary schools last week to help kick off October’s National Bully Prevention Month. All Kindergarten - 6th grade students were audience members in a live or live-streamed performance of “Dorothy Goes to OZ: A Story of Friendship, Acceptance, and Teamwork!” Students in the gym were socially distanced to align with current COVID mitigation measures.

In days prior to the ballet, teachers engaged students in pre-performance learning opportunities to anticipate how, through the art of dance, a story is shared through movement and music rather than with words. “It was heartwarming to observe the faces of delighted children who so enjoyed the performance after having missed so much in these past couple of years!”

Mr. Zimmer introduced Head Coach Mike Romans and the PV Trap Team. The team includes approximately 85 athletes who perform exceptionally well at the local, state and national level. Special congratulations to Luke Ager, Robbie Curtis, Addy Wehrman, Michael Lemburg, Ben DeCoster and Camden Docherty for outstanding performance at every national level.

Coach Romans thanked the many parent volunteers who make it possible for a Pleasant Valley trap team to exist and compete at such an elite level. Iowa has the highest level of shooting sports participation in the nation, and the sport continues to grow. The Board thanked Coach Romans and congratulated team members.

Mr. Strusz shared the condolences of the Board and District with the family of Tim Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson was a champion of PV. As Communications Vice President at Alcoa, he provided professional and personal backing to the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation. He also brought his expertise to the School Advisory Committee, where he served for a number of years. Mr. Wilkinson passed away October 5, 2021.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The October 11, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting
• PERSONNEL:

CLASSIFIED:
Phil Pancrazio, District Network Administrator, has submitted notice of his retirement effective March 31, 2022 after 24 years of service to the District. Georgette Wheeler, Head Building Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2021.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)
Sharon Gilmore is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 4, 2021. Andrea Pancrazio is recommended for probationary employment as District Software and Data Specialist starting October 11, 2021. Aruna Tambe is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary starting October 18, 2021.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Dan Bischoff PVJH Head Boys Basketball Coach

DROPS: Chris Kohn PVJH Head Boys Basketball Coach
        Dan Bischoff PVJH Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

• OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2021-22 - Two students IN from Davenport; Three students IN from Bettendorf

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Kunkel that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $295,989.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $99,198.78 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,236.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $61,239.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,800.00 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 **$3,082.81** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of **$53,159.91** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6287 through 6292 be issued in the total amount of **$470,046.88** 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 **$1,277.10** in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MASKING UPDATE:** At the September 27 meeting, the Board ruled that further action regarding federal and state guidance to face coverings on public transportation, including school busses, would not be taken until the Board and Administration could more closely examine the situation in conjunction with guidance from the Iowa Department of Education.

No required motion - remains tabled.

**SERVICE LEARNING UPDATES:** Service Learning Coordinator Christaina Myatt described to the Board updates to Service Learning as recommended by the Service Learning Advisory Board. The goal of Service Learning is to offer students an experience which teaches them more about themselves, shows the value of giving back to the community, and offers the opportunity to experience different facets of our community as they explore future career paths. The learning should be meaningful, tied to 21st Century Learning Skills (creativity, collaboration, communication, information literacy, media literacy, technology literacy, flexibility, leadership, initiative, productivity and social skills), and the project should be tied to a passion.

**9/10th Grade Project:** 30 hours including one hour of service learning **attitudes inventory**, 28 project hours and a one hour reflection project. Students will choose different organizations based upon career interests and focus on skills.

**11/12th Grade Project:** 40 hours at one or two organizations. Students will spend one hour defining their focus and preparing a thesis, and two hours researching and designing the project. 35 project hours of service will be followed by two hours dedicated to final reflection and either a panel interview or participation in the service learning fair. Students will seek feedback from the organization.

Hours required have not been adjusted; only the focus of those hours has been revised.

Motion by Anderson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve Service Learning updates as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**2021 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Dr. Lewis presented evaluative information from the 2021 summer school program. 246 elementary and 20 junior high students participated. 26 teachers, 5 service learning students at the K-5 level and 1 at the Junior High level staffed the program. Elementary students below grade level benchmarks in reading, and junior high students below benchmark in reading and/or math
were recommended for the program. Elementary students met from 8:30 - 11:00 at Hopewell Elementary for fourteen days, and Junior high students met from 8:00 - noon at PVJH for ten days. At the elementary level, daily intercessions in Robotics, PE, Science and Music were offered as well. District-provided transportation was available from each elementary building to the summer school site, the program was free of charge to all students and total cost to the district was $79,500.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board accept the 2021 summer school report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**ELEMENTARY LITERACY INSTRUCTION:** Dr. Lewis provided an overview of the K-3 Fundations program and highlighted literacy intervention support we provide for small groups and individual students. Through whole-group core instruction, all K-3 students receive a systematic and sequential program in critical foundational skills, emphasizing the components of reading including phonemic awareness, phonics, high frequency word study, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, handwriting, and spelling. Since the early implementation of this program in the 2017-18 school year, the district has been monitoring students’ steady growth in early literacy skills. The Board viewed slides and video highlighting student participation.

No required motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:46.

**FUTURE DATES:**

- October 25, 2021: Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- November 8, 2021: Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- November 2, 2021: School Board Elections 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (details follow)

November 2nd Election Information:

The polling places for PV Schools in Districts 1,2 and 7 are:

- B41 - Bettendorf Public Works 4403 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf
- B42 - St John Vianney Church 4097 18th St, Bettendorf
- B52 - Surrey Heights Fire Station 5002 Crow Creek Rd, Bettendorf
- LC1 - First Presbyterian Church 200 S 12th St, LeClaire IA
- LC2 - LeClaire Fire Station 201 N 15th St, LeClaire IA
- LCT - Our Lady of the River Catholic Church 28200 226th Pl, LeClaire IA
- PV - Trinity Lutheran Church 18137 Criswell St, Pleasant Valley IA

Polls are open 7:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m. Precinct information can be found on voter registration cards, or by consulting the Scott County Auditor website - Precinct Finder page:  
https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/auditor/precinct-finder
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, but the March 1st deadline will apply for the 2022-23 school year)

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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