CALL TO ORDER: President Wagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Absent -Anderson, Hoskins. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Deborah Dayman, Mike Peakin, Leland Zenk and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer 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.

Director Kunkel welcomed Mrs. Jill Kenyon, Director of Student Services and Mr. Tony Hiatt, Director of Elementary Education to the board table. She thanked the Pleasant Valley High School Band, cheer squad and Platinum dance team for their participation in the City of Bettendorf’s 4th of July parade.

Mr. Hiatt and Mrs. Kenyon shared their thanks for the opportunity to serve in their new roles in the district.

Superintendent Strusz welcomed Mr. Hiatt and Mrs. Kenyon, and remarked that both had spent their first weeks meeting with district principals and directors.

President Wagle thanked the administrators for devoting their time to the work of the district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The July 18, 2022 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting.
CERTIFIED: Jessica Kohs is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2022-23 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Gloria Gravert is transferring from Cody Food Service to Pleasant Valley Junior High Food Service with an increase in hours from 3.75 to 5.75 hours per day effective the start of the 2022-23 school year. Rachel Kalahan, part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting July 16, 2022. Amy Kernan, Special Education Paraeducator at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Ludwig, Special Education Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Kelly McViey is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Cody Elementary starting the 2022-23 school year. Clay Meddy, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Melissa Peters, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Kairee Schurke, Food Service worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Kaitlin Sherer, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Yvonne Smith is recommended for employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting the 2022-23 school year. Probationary period is waived due to past service as a substitute aide in the district. Alexandra Stevens, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Allison Willett, Hopewell Elementary Kitchen Supervisor, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Kara Courtney is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2022-23 school year. Sheila Dixon is transferring from Pleasant View Special Education Paraeducator to Cody Special Education Paraeducator effective the start of the 2022-23 school year. Nicole McDonald is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary starting the 2022-23 school year. Courtney Sweitzer is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2022-23 school year.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

ADDS: Tina Young 2022-23 Elementary Reading Mentor
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADDS:**

**Pleasant Valley High School:** Stephen Hillman, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach; Holly Hoelting, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach; Ryan Pillow, Head Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach; Patrick Meyer, Bowling Coach; Megan Ramirez, Head Cheerleading Coach; Madison Strusz, Dance Team Assistant Advisor; Michael Nedelcoff, Head Boys Golf Coach; Sean Kingery, Assistant Girls Golf Coach; Christopher Foster, Band Assistant and Drum Line, Adam Kueny, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach; Wayne Ward, Head Boys Soccer Coach; Edward Knupp, Head Girls Soccer Coach; Tina Matheson, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach; Jessica VanDyke, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach; Stacey Zapolski, Head Boys Swimming Coach; Robert Miecznikowski, Head Girls Swimming Coach; John Patton, Assistant Girls Swimming Coach; Eric Crawford, Assistant Girls Tennis Coach; Kevin Peterson, Head Girls Tennis Coach; Kaz Johnson, Assistant Girls Track Coach; Kenny Wheeler; Head Girls Track Coach; April Rauch, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach; Justin Fah, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Matthew Miller, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach; Lisa Pence, Costumer and Assistant Co-Director of Theater; Marcia Renaud, Accompanist - Theater; Brigham Shamrell, Technical Co-Director of Theater; Rishi Wagle, Lighting & Sound Designer.

**Pleasant Valley Junior High:** Preston Blair, Boys Assistant Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach and Track Coach; Jeremy Bowling, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Jamey Fah, Assistant Football Coach; Paul Meyers, Assistant Football Coach; Justin Thompson, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Stacey Zapolski, Assistant Swimming Coach.

**Pleasant Valley Education Foundation:** Heather Hagemann, Events Coordinator.

**DROPS:**

Gabby Meyer PVJH assistant volleyball coach
Jennifer Wikan PVJH cheerleading coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** IN from Bettendorf - four kindergarten, one grade 2, one grade 3, one grade 6, one grade 8.

- **Employee Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** At the June 27 board meeting, the board moved that should the district reimbursement rate be lower than the state of Iowa reimbursement rate, the district will reimburse at the state rate. Effective July 1 the state increased the reimbursement rate to $0.50 per mile, which is greater than the district matrix rate of $0.47 per mile, so the district recommends increasing the reimbursement rate to $0.50 per mile.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $803,644.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,579.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,002.07 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $67,883.09 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 $58,195.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,500.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $104,358.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that Internal Service Fund warrants 6389 through 6398 be issued in the total amount of $1,004,464.01 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 $84.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: As discussed during the June 27th school board meeting, the Iowa Association of School Boards(IASB) has established August 12 as the deadline for submission of legislative priorities for the 2023 session. The board will set a goal of finalizing their top two or three priorities during the August 8th board meeting.

Possible 2023 Priorities:
- Funding priority (similar to 2022): The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports protecting K-12 funding from future cuts and maintaining PK-12 public school funding as a top priority allowing districts to plan responsibly and budget for the future.
- Early Childhood: The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports continued funding to ensure that all 4 and 5-year-olds have access to the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program.
- Expanding Educational Opportunities: The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports various educational opportunities outside of public school but not at the loss of public school funding at the state or local level.

The board also discussed adding two additional priorities addressing the teacher and paraprofessional shortage and mental health. Mr. Strusz will draft verbiage for review at the August 8th meeting.

A representative to the delegate assembly (held the day before the IASB state convention - this year
Wednesday, November 16th) must also be selected prior to August 12.

No required motion.

**PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH and FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION PROCESS:** Tom Wollan and Kyle Sandage from FRK architects + engineers attended virtually to update the board on the Junior High schematic design phase and the beginning design development process. Sixteen additional classrooms, office, restroom and storage spaces are planned as well as renovation of existing office space, certain classrooms and the building’s exterior.

Superintendent Strusz provided an enrollment update. The district is experiencing unprecedented growth, particularly at the elementary level. In recent years elementary enrollment has grown by 75-90 students year-to-year. So far this summer, elementary enrollment is up roughly 150 students.

District growth is accelerating the scheduled build out of Forest Grove Elementary. The building, designed to be a four section building, opened as a two section building in August 2022. Twelve additional classrooms, restrooms and a commons area will be added so that Forest Grove is a full four section building.

The architect recommends that the junior high and the Forest Grove expansion projects be bid as one project to maximize efficiency and minimize cost. It is anticipated that bids will be received in November 2022 and the buildings will be ready for students at the start of the 2024-25 school year.

FRK provided an opinion of probable cost for the combined project of $16.7 million dollars.

District CFO Mike Clingingsmith reviewed with the board financing options, including borrowing against future statewide penny sales tax receipts (*Secure an Advanced Vision for Education* 1-cent tax), future PPEL receipts, and General Obligation bonds.

A link to the architect’s presentation is [here](#).


**TEACHER AND PARAEDUCATOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP (TPRA):** Mr. Zimmer provided an update on the grant funded TPRA program that Pleasant Valley has been awarded in collaboration with other AEA9 school districts. As part of the one-year, statewide $9 million dollar program, Pleasant Valley has been allocated 6 student-paraeducator and 6 paraeducator-teacher positions. Candidates were selected based upon a screening rubric which included consideration of years employed by the district, commitment to a high need content area, references, transcript review and agreement to the terms and conditions of the registered apprenticeship. Successful candidates will be eligible for tuition reimbursement and begin their apprenticeship this fall.

No Required Motion
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for May 2022. Through May, General Fund revenue totaled $56,665,594 and expenses totaled $47,863,767. The fund balance in the General Fund at May 31, 2022 was $20,139,343. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kanwischer that the board accept the monthly financial reports for May, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

August 8, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
August 22, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

JULY 2022

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