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

Pleasant Valley Community School District School Board Meeting - September 26 2022

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Absent - none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Mike Zimmer, Deborah Dayman, Darren Erickson, Leland Zenk and others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Hoskins, 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.

The board heard comments from the public which are included on the livestream.

Director Brockmann thanked the students, families, teachers and administrators for their part in providing homecoming activities including the carnival, parade, the football games and the dance. The weekend was a great success.

Mr. Hiatt pointed out the celebratory aspects of homecoming including the student learning that takes place during the planning and hosting of an event of that magnitude.

Mr. Zimmer introduced Darren Erickson, PVHS Principal. Mr. Erickson introduced the following students:

**Margil Sanchez Carmona**, son of Malinali Carmona-Saracho and Margil Sanchez-Flores; honored by the College Board in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

**Joshua Thomas**, son of Marcus and Erina Thomas, honored by the College Board in the National African American Recognition Program.
The programs honor students’ academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT and/or AP exams.

**National Merit Semifinalists** for the 2021-22 school year were introduced:

- **Bruce Allin**, son of Brian and Maribeth Allin
- **Julianne Binto**, daughter of George Binto and Susan Mathai
- **Gretchen Highberger**, daughter of William and Michelle Highbarger
- **Shobini Iyer**, daughter of Subramaniam Natarajan and Sujata Srinivasan
- **Tejus Kanathur**, son of Navyan Kanathur and Seema Narve
- **Kushal Sai Maridu**, son of Kotaesware Rao and Gowthami Maridu
- **Khushi Mehta**, daughter of Nilesh and Falguni Mehta
- **Anagha Sudhindra**, daughter of Ravinda Sudhindra and Jayashree Karnam
- **Joshua Thomas**, son of Marcus and Erina Thomas

Fewer than 1% of high school students nationwide who take the preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and meet other program requirements are named semifinalists. Finalists will be named in February 2023.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The September 26, 2022 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES**: The approval of minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting
- **PERSONNEL**:

**CLASSIFIED:**

**Linda Fullmer** is recommended for regular employment as a food service worker for the breakfast shift at Cody Elementary starting September 26, 2022. **Amanda Hazlewood** is recommended for employment as a full-time second shift Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 16, 2022. Probationary period is waived as she is currently serving the district as a part-time custodian. **Anne Klimek** is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High School starting October 1, 2022. **Alisha Lovell** is recommended for regular employment as a full-time second shift Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 1, 2022. Probationary period is waived as she is currently serving the district as a part-time custodian. **Lori Schutte** is recommended for regular employment as a Kitchen Supervisor at Forest Grove Elementary starting October 1, 2022. **Kaitlyn Skaja**, Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted her resignation effective September 23, 2022. **Terri White** is recommended for regular employment as a part-time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 1, 2022. Probationary period is waived as she has served the district as a substitute custodian.
CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Madison Davis is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 21, 2022. Sydney Despeghel is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting September 21, 2022. Kenneth Kalahan is transferring from Pleasant View part-time Custodian to Pleasant Valley Junior High part-time Custodian effective October 1, 2022. Taylor Krieg is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 26, 2022. Madison Davis is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 21, 2022. Sue Nass is transferring from a Food Service Worker at Cody and Pleasant View Elementary to a Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 26, 2022. Mary Rohrer is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting September 19, 2022. Debra Silverberg is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting September 19, 2022. Farwa Tahir is transferring from Pleasant Valley High School Food Service Worker to Pleasant View Elementary Food Service Worker effective September 20, 2022. Gena Williams is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting September 20, 2022.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:
Laura Corcoran Riverdale Heights Accompanist
Veronica Cox PVHS Head Cheerleading Coach
Avery Kitchen PVJH Head Cheerleading Coach
Andrew Piotter PVHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Matt Thoene PVHS Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach

DROP:
Veronica Cox PVHS Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Bailey Trondson PVHS UNITE Club

OPEN ENROLLMENT: Approved IN from Bettendorf - one grade 3 and one grade 5.

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 $117,499.23 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $49,907.79 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 $1,648.95 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $25,344.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,296.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6421 through 6422 be issued in the total amount of $19,307.62 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 $3,509.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:** In preparation for the Department of Education desk audit, the district is updating the following board policies:

- 600 Statement of Guiding Principles
- 601.1 Type of School Organization
- 601.2 School Calendar
- 602.1 Basic Instructional Program
- 605.4 Graduation Requirements
- 605.5 Early Graduation

During this first reading, the board reviewed proposed updates to the policies. Updates will be presented for approval after the second reading on October 10, 2022.

No required motion.

**HIGH SCHOOL WEST CHILLER PROJECT:** Director of Operations Leland Zenk was present to share plans to replace the chiller located on the west side of the high school. The project will consist of two phases.
- Phase I: an early equipment phase for the design, selection, and bidding of the chiller for pre-purchase.
- Phase II: construction documents and construction phase services.

Summer 2023 installation is anticipated and the budget for the project is $425,000.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that the board approve moving forward with the Pleasant Valley High School west chiller replacement project as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.
**2021-22 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT:** Mr. Hiatt and Mr. Zimmer reviewed highlights from the 2021-22 Annual Progress Report, which has been posted to the district website.

The following highlights were noted:

- In 2021-22, the district employed 636 individuals; 393 certified teachers, of which 66% hold a masters degree.
- Daily attendance rate is 94.8%.
- The 2021-22 graduation rate was 94.6% as compared to the state rate of 90.2%. The District continues to work diligently to reach a 100% graduation rate.
- The 2021-22 average elementary class size is 22 (maximum class size per level: kindergarten=22, grades 1-3 = 24; grades 4-6 = 25).
- In 2022, the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation awarded 130 scholarships totalling $139,600.
- 2021-22 Composite ACT score = 25.2.
- 368 students took 486 advanced placement (AP) tests; 83% earned a score of 3, 4 or 5.

Board members requested information about the district Special Education Services, Edison Academy as well as high school service learning be added to the report if appropriate. The preliminary report has been posted to the website and will be updated when the additional information is compiled.


**SBRC REQUEST FOR MODIFIED ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2021-22 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT:** The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for modified allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the District’s special education deficit for the 2021-22 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. The state also requires the Board authorize a request to the SBRC in order to receive supplemental aid. Supplemental aid is a distribution of the positive special education balances of other districts in the state to districts which have special education deficits. This supplemental aid is prorated based on the amount of a district’s special education deficit. These requests to the SBRC are standard procedure every year the district has a special education deficit. Following is the District’s special education deficit for each of the past ten years:

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In recent fiscal years, the state has made it more difficult to classify a special education student at the higher levels of funding, which increases the special education deficit. The reality, however, is that students with complex needs continue to move into the district. The number of students served between count day of the previous year and the actual number of students served during the current year increased. For example, on count day 2020-21, 337 students were being served. 384 students were being
served on count day 2021-22, and by the end of June 2022, 418 students were being served.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for modified allowable growth in the amount of the district’s final 2021-22 special education deficit of $1,356,328.43 (or the amount determined by the DE after review) and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the district’s final 2021-22 special education deficit of $1,356,328.43 or the amount determined by the DE after review. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented monthly financial reports for June, July, and August 2022. Generally, financial reports are reviewed monthly. However, June financials aren’t made final until the auditors complete their field work in early September.

Through June, General fund revenue totaled $62,339,620 and expenses totaled $61,734,276. The fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2022 was $11,942,860. June 30th is the final day of the district’s fiscal year. Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed a summary of the key financial highlights of the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Through July, General fund revenue totaled $448,951 and expenses totaled $1,746,582. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2022 was 10,645,229.

Through August, General fund revenue totaled $966,269 and expenses totaled $3,215,297. The fund balance in the General Fund at August 31, 2022 was $9,693,832.

Also presented for each of the months were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports for each month.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for June, July and August 2022 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

BOARD VACANCY: Director Christina Anderson from Director District #6 shared notice of her resignation from the board after seven years’ service. She is relocating out of District #6. Official notice of the vacancy will be published as follows:

_The Board of Pleasant Valley Community School District has received the resignation of Director District #6 board member Christina Anderson effective October 10, 2022._

_Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6, the Pleasant Valley Community School District Board of Education publishes this notice of its intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Board._

_Eligible electors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacancy be filled by special election. Petitions must be received by the board secretary within 14 days after the publication of this notice. The petition must contain a minimum of 100 signatures of eligible voters from Director District #6._

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:
October 10, 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