CALL TO ORDER: President Wagle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that the Board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes - Hoskins, Ayers, Rivera, Brockmann, Wagle. Nays - none. 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.

Superintendent Strusz shared the condolences of the board of education and the district with the families and friends of former Pleasant Valley High School Band Director Dr. Charles DCamp and former Pleasant Valley Junior High School Math teacher Mr. Gordon Muller.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Zimmer shared the following student recognition:

Iowa High School Ethics State Champions: The 2023 Iowa Ethics Bowl state tournament sponsored by the Department of Ethics at Iowa State University occurred Friday, January 27. After three preliminary rounds of competition, the championship round featured the two PV teams, making any of the 13 PV students who competed on either team eligible to represent PV at the regional round against Nebraska, to be held remotely on Wednesday, February 15. The national tournament will be held in April at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Athletics:
Boys Swimming:
MAC Champions, District Champions, IHSAA 5th place finish, highest since 2008. 6 new school records.

Boys and Girls Basketball and Boys Wrestling are entering post-season play.

Girls Wrestling:
Mr. Zimmer introduced the Inaugural Pleasant Valley High School Girls Wrestling Team, Head Coach Tom Isaacson and Assistant Coach Josh Meyrer. 11 wrestlers are on the team. Season accomplishments
include Saber Invite Team Champions, 2 State Qualifiers (Caitlin Reiter - 115 & Abigail Meyrer - 120) and 1 State Champion - Abigail Meyrer (120).

Comments from the team included an appreciation of the sense of community among the team and the fact that a wrestling match can be the highest of the highs and lowest of the lows since the athlete is alone on the mat and the outcome depends upon that individual.

A goal of the team is to add more participants next year so that every weight class is filled by two athletes and wrestlers can compete during practice with athletes in their own weight class. If someone is wrestling at every weight, the team will never have to forfeit points.

The board congratulated the athletes for a successful first season and thanked the coaches for their efforts.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The February 13, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.

- **PERSONNEL:**

**CERTIFIED:**

David Baxter, Vocal Music Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. Brittany Kent, Forest Grove Elementary Reading Specialist currently on a one year leave of absence, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Alex Maloney, Preschool Teacher currently on a two year leave of absence, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Carrie Moberg, Pleasant View Elementary teacher currently on a two year leave of absence, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Anne Stanislawski, Fifth Grade Teacher at Cody Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

**CERTIFIED: (information only)**

Lisa Bradley, Kindergarten teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will transfer to a First Grade classroom at Riverdale Heights starting the 2023-24 school year. Alysha Brintnall, Fourth Grade Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary, will transfer to a Second Grade classroom at Riverdale Heights starting the 2023-24 school year. Elizabeth Burgmeier, First grade teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will transfer to a kindergarten classroom at Riverdale Heights starting the 2023-24 school year. Emma Crandal, Third Grade Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary, will transfer to a Kindergarten classroom at Pleasant View starting the 2023-24 school year.
CLASSIFIED:

Sherry Blanse, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted her resignation effective January 13, 2023. Avery Carroll, part time Custodian at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting February 16, 2023. Sheri Dvorak, Paraprofessional at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has transitioned to Administrative Assistant / Paraprofessional at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting February 1, 2023. Probationary period is waived since she is a current district employee. Kenneth Kalahan, part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has resigned effective February 6, 2023. Rachel Kalahan, part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has resigned effective February 7, 2023. Kimberly Meyer, currently Activities Office Administrative Assistant at Pleasant Valley High School, has been appointed District Bookkeeper at the Belmont Administration Office starting March 1, 2023. Probationary Period is waived as she is a current district employee. Jacqueline Millerschone, Paraprofessional at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted her resignation effective February 8, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Jack Kobylski is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting February 2, 2023. Neeraja Sakhamuri is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting February 14, 2023. Khushbu Singh is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting February 1, 2023.

OPEN ENROLLMENT:

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2022-23 IN from Bettendorf - one grade 9 student. 2023-24 IN from Bettendorf - one grade 4, one grade 7, one grade 9 and one grade 11 (all continuations).

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $433,120.73 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 $119,919.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $12,401.86 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $31,643.30 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,384.92 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $96,088.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $33.87 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants 6470 through 6476 be issued in the total amount of $83,808.15 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $3,825.98 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE: Dawn Taghon, formerly building administrative assistant at Pleasant Valley High School, accepted a newly created position at Belmont Administrative Center last summer. She is the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services and the Medicaid processor for the district. She described for the board the Medicaid reimbursement process for special education students who receive Medicaid assistance. Medicaid, also referred to as Title XIX, is a partnership between federal and state governments to provide health care coverage for individuals with limited income and/or disabilities. A special education student’s IEP (Individualized Education Plan) details which services are Medicaid reimbursable and the district bills for those services (such as nursing services, aid time, transportation). The funds received are applied to the special education deficit.

The number of students receiving Medicaid reimbursable services has increased from 31 in 2019-20 to 51 today.

The administration and board thanked Lisa Paper, PVCSD Bookkeeper, who managed Medicaid reimbursement for a number of years and is retiring in April. Mrs. Taghon thanked Lisa for her service and the training she’s provided, and expressed appreciation to District Accountant Lorrie Wakeland for her guidance.

No required motion.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE: Jill Kenyon, Director of Student Services, provided a special education update and shared some of what she has learned since joining the Pleasant Valley Community School District in July.

- CPI Training - more teachers, aids and support staff than ever are trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI). Mrs. Kenyon, Riverdale Heights Elementary Dean of Students Liz Bornhoeft and Pleasant View Elementary Dean of Students Stacie Giesecke are now certified CPI trainers.
- An MBAEA audit reviewed teaching efficiencies and effectiveness, facilities usage and training requirements and opportunities.
- Procedural manual updates to accompany the MBAEA manual
- Reexamining Level III services, including when to move a child to a building to provide specialized services to support a child.
- Transition between grades PK/K, 6/7, 8/9.
- Communication with families

No required motion.
Director Kunkel arrived at 6:14 p.m.

**2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN BEGINNING OF YEAR SCHEDULE:** Tony Hiatt, Director of Elementary Education, and Kindergarten Lead Teachers Abby Brown and Elizabeth Stimmel have been studying and working collaboratively with kindergarten teachers and administrators to construct a kindergarten beginning of year model which will prioritize meeting all learners where they are academically and behaviorally as early in the school year as possible. With this goal in mind, beginning of year assessments will be completed by Labor Day Weekend so that “just right learning” for all, ranging from intervention to extension, starts sooner. Screenings, parent conferences, and a kindergarten-specific Meet & Greet event followed by staggered starts will occupy the kindergarten student’s first eight days of school. Further information will be made available at each kindergarten roundup session on May 26 and specific details will be communicated to parents of incoming kindergarten students as the school year approaches.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kunkel that the board approve the beginning of year kindergarten schedule as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Hoskins, Ayers, Kunkel, Rivera, Brockmann, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION:** The current fiscal year (2022-23) Pleasant Valley Community School District property tax levy rate is $13.46/$1,000 taxable valuation (rounded to the nearest penny).

Mr. Clingingsmith and Mr. Strusz are currently recommending no change in the levy rate for the upcoming 2023-24 fiscal year. Mr. Clingingsmith explained how the state’s residential rollback calculation error necessitates action by the state legislature before the district can finalize their 2023-24 property tax levy rate recommendation. It is anticipated that governmental bodies can expect less property tax funding than was originally anticipated due to the miscalculation of the residential vs. multi residential rollback.

The board will likely need to come to consensus regarding the 2023-24 levy rate at the February 27th board meeting so that deadlines for publication and certification of the budget can be met. The board will be asked to make a motion at the March 20, 2023 board meeting to set April 10th as the date to hold the Public Hearing. The budget will be published in the newspaper, as required by law, on March 30, 2023. Following a Public Hearing, the Board will be asked to make a motion to adopt the 2023-24 budget and property tax levy rates at the April 10th Board meeting.

No required motion.

**EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS:** The board entered Exempt Session at 7:29 p.m. No motions were made during Exempt Session, which concluded at 8:12 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:12 p.m. Future dates were discussed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**
February 27, 2023           Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
March 20, 2023             Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
Executive session was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by President Wagle.

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

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EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS: The board entered Exempt Session at 7:29 p.m. The Governor signed SF 192 which sets Supplemental State Aid (S.S.A.) for the 2023-24 fiscal year at 3.0%. Brian Strusz and Mike Clingingsmith walked through the staffing projections for 2023-24, discussed estimated health insurance premium increases and anticipated budgetary outcomes from the approved 3.0% S.S.A. No motions were made during Exempt Session, which concluded at 8:12 p.m.

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2023 Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation Golf Benefit
Monday, April 24th at Palmer Hills Golf Course

Golf with Us: Register for a traditional 18-hole round. The registration fee is $150 per golfer, and includes green fees, carts, a pork chop lunch, beverages and snacks. Register online at www.GetMeRegistered.com/PVEF. You will be able to sign up for your own tee time and pay by credit card, check or be invoiced.

Become a Hole Sponsor For $125, a sign with your name or the name of your business will be placed along the course. Sign up to be a hole sponsor online at www.GetMeRegistered.com/PVEF or contact Heather Hagemann directly at Hagemannheather@pleasval.org

Deadline for sponsorship is April 10th.
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