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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Hoskins, Rivera, Wagle. Absent - Kanwischer, Brockmann, Kunkel. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Mike Zimmer, Deborah Dayman and others. Directors Kunkel and Brockmann arrived immediately after the calling of the roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers 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.

Booker Bear celebrations were held in each of the elementary buildings during the last week of February / first week of March. 100% of first grade students successfully participated. Mr. Hiatt extended his appreciation to teachers, aides and principals and for helping reach the goal of full participation. Booker Bear is underwritten by Ascentra Credit Union and every student who reads ten books during the weeks leading up to the event receives a stuffed Booker Bear. Mr. Hiatt thanked Travis Kershaw and Barry Shaw from Ascentra Credit Union and Sharon Sarver from the Beendorf Public Library Foundation for their support of the reading program as well as board members who read in classrooms during Read Across America week.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Zimmer shared the following student recognition:

Individual Event Speech

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 8 events competed at the State Individual Events Competition. All eight received Division I ratings and two individuals were selected to perform at the All-State Festival on Monday, March 27, 2023:
Charles Budan, Acting - Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
Keira Bowman, Solo Musical Theatre - I'm Breaking Down from Falsettos by William Finn

Staff Recognition

Iowa Football Coaches Association (IFCA) recognized Pleasant Valley Head Football Coach Rusty VanWetzinga as 5A Regional Coach of the Year during their annual coaches clinic in Altoona on March 3-4, 2023.
Career & Technology Education

2022 Pleasant Valley High School Alumnus Clayton Shelton completed his U.S. Department of Labor High School CNC Set-up Programmer Milling and Turning Registered Apprenticeship with Arconic Manufacturing. He was present to share with the board his experiences as a student and apprentice. He is now a full time Arconic employee working toward earning his Journeyman card which will require 6400 hours of work as well as classroom time. He was able to accomplish a number of classroom requirements during his high school coursework at the Blong Technology Center. He shared with the board and administrators his ideas for continuing to build the program at the high school and expressed his appreciation for the opportunities provided to him. Mr. Strusz thanked Mr. Zimmer and Mrs. Mary Johnson, PVHS Career Coordinator, for their work in establishing these opportunities for our students.

Mr. Strusz shared the condolences of the board and district with the family of Mr. George Straetker, an accounting and economics teacher for the district for 35 years, and a substitute teacher for many years after his retirement. Mr. Straetker died March 13 at 92 years of age.

Mr. Strusz congratulated the PVHS girls basketball team upon winning the 4A state championship. The team will be guests at a future board meeting. He also recognized the boys basketball team for reaching the 4A state tournament. This is the first time in school history that both the boys and the girls basketball teams competed in the state championship tournament in the same year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The March 20, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

● MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting and Executive Session and the March 6, 2023 Special Meeting and Executive Session.

● PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Ashley Bodkin is recommended for employment as a 3rd grade Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Lucy Cockrell is recommended for employment as an English Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2023-24 school year. Bailey Connors is recommended for employment as a Vocal Music Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2023-24 school year. Joanna Coon is recommended for employment as a 1st grade Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Emma Hartz is recommended for employment as a Kindergarten Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Elizabeth Heesch is recommended for employment as a 2nd grade Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Katherine Locke is recommended for employment as a 3rd grade Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Angela Staber is recommended for employment as an English Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2023-24 school year.
CERTIFIED: (information only)

Shannon Harty, Special Education Teacher at Cody Elementary, will move to a 3rd grade classroom at Cody Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year.

CLASSIFIED:

Varsha Baharghare, ESL Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2023. Kristi DeCoster, Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective March 10, 2023. Mark Nightingale, part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School, has completed his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2023. Debbie Silverberg, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective March 6, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Lisa Cappaert is recommended for probationary employment as an Administrative Assistant in the Pleasant Valley High School Counseling Office starting March 22, 2023. Kathy Naslund is recommended for probationary employment as a Preschool Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary starting March 21, 2023. Patricia Richards is recommended for probationary employment as a General Education Paraeducator at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting March 20, 2023. Manette Trevino is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting March 21, 2023.

● OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2022-23 IN from Bettendorf: One grade 10 denied due to lack of space. 2022-23 IN from Davenport (continuations) - one grade 10, one grade 11.

● Cooperative Teaching Agreements: University of Northern Iowa and Indiana University

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel 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 $783,455.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kunkel that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $109,024.80 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 $836.87 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $21,463.96 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 $1,482.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $147,725.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $14,495.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kunkel that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $61,84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6484 through 6489 be issued in the total amount of $91,360.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $357.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP SYSTEM (TLS): Stephanie Seier, Pleasant Valley’s PK-12 Teacher Leadership Coordinator, shared with the board the evolution of the program, the various positions in place, and the progress being made toward TLS goals and district initiatives.

Why teacher leadership?

“To help students reach their potential.”- PV Instructional Coach

“It is only together that we can impact students in the greatest ways possible.”- PV Instructional Coach

“Teachers are our most powerful tool.”- PV Collaborative Lead

“We all deserve support.”- PV Instructional Coach

The Teacher Leadership and Compensation System (TLS) provides leadership opportunities to teachers, attracts and retains promising new teachers, and fosters greater collaboration for teachers to learn from each other. The overarching goal of TLS is to improve student learning by improving the instruction they receive each day, with our best teachers leading the effort. Over the past eight years of the program, Pleasant Valley has engaged 267 teachers in leadership positions. These teacher leaders have engaged in work that has directly advanced our district’s CSIP goals and supported our mission statement of “preparing students to succeed in a diverse, global society by providing superior quality opportunities in a safe environment for each student to become a lifelong learner and by continuously improving and customizing the educational experience.” Thanks to the dedication of the teacher leaders and the support from administrators, the future of TLS and its impact on student achievement is very promising.

No required motion.

2023-24 HIRING UPDATE: For the 2023-24 school year, the District is planning to hire 29 new staff members to join our Pleasant Valley team. At this time, the district is adding 13 new positions to support growth across the district, seven for retirements, and nine due to resignations. The Directors of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Director of Student Services provided a summary of the various new positions as well as an update on the hiring progress.

No required motion.
MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

April 10, 2023       Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
April 24, 2023       Regular School Board Meeting; 5:30 p.m.

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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 Strutz
Superintendent