PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, October 28, 2019; 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Christina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman and others.

President Wagle was connected telephonically, and Vice President Hoskins presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Vice President Hoskins 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.

Mrs. Nels Congratulated first quarter junior high athletes including girls volleyball, cheerleading, football and cross country. She noted that some 8th grade football players went undefeated in both their 7th and 8th grade seasons. 34 cross country athletes represented PVJH at the state meet, where both 7th grade girls and boys teams won 1st place.

She also congratulated senior Max Murphy who won the Boys Cross Country MAC Championship and freshman Gretchen Highberger for placing 3rd in the Girls MAC Cross Country race. Overall, varsity boys finished first, taking home their 9th straight MAC title and varsity girls placed second. Both JV teams placed first in the MAC. She thanked high school cross country athletes for attending junior high events and for participating in junior high practices leading up to postseason competition.

Mr. Strusz noted Linda Houston's request for early retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year, and thanked her for 33 years of service to the district. He congratulated Beth Campbell, selected as ITEC (Iowa Technology & Education Connection) Outstanding Educator.

Dr. Wagle thanked administrators, teachers, staff, students and families upon Pleasant Valley Community School District's recognition by MSN as the top district in Iowa.

Mr. Zimmer recognized IHSMA All-State musicians. Musicians selected for All-State represent the top 1.5% of all Iowa musicians and will perform along with the 600 member choir, 275 member band, and 164 member orchestra on November 23rd at Iowa State University.

Band: Lindsay Davison (Bass Clarinet), Aditya Desai (Flute, 3rd year), Racahel Heine (Clarinet), Sanjiv Iyer (Clarinet, 2nd year), Nicolas Kamp (Euphonium), Katie Lee (Clarinet), Sam McGrath (Bass Clarinet, 3rd year), Dilan Nair (Percussion), Amulya Pillutla (Clarinet, 2nd year), Ani Pradeep (Clarinet), Cassandra Smith (Horn, 2nd year), Miranda Miller (Horn) (alternate). This year's 11 students selected to the Iowa All-State Band represents the most in school history!

Orchestra: Lee Kim (Violin I), Dan Kim (Violin I, 2nd year), Chirstina Li (Violin II, 3rd year), Thi Phan (Violin II), Madison Brady (Cello), Connor Miller (Bass, 3rd year).

Choir: Erika Holmberg, Morgan McCartney, Caroline Sierk, Ebby Barber, Lydia Cox, Anna Myatt, Grace Welveart, Cody Connors, Jon Conway, Ben Curran, Gabe Johnson, Logan Croll, Ethan Kilcoin, Parker Paulson, and Nolan Yoerger, 1st year.; Grace Almgren, Rachel Lyon, Maegan Neil, Taze Wilson, and Bradley Hamilton, 2nd year.; John Mendelin and Rece Vining, 3rd year.

Mr. Zimmer recognized the Boys Cross Country team who won the team District Championship by defeating #1 ranked Dubuque Hempstead with a tied score of 32 points. PV sixth runner Jack Meyers beat Hempstead's #6 runner to determine the team championship. #1 ranked PV Senior Max Murphy was the District Champion with a time of 15:50. The state meet will be held Saturday, November 2 in Fort Dodge.

Mr. Zimmer shared recognition received at the Iowa High School Press Association fall conference. PVHS was named 2019 All Iowa News Team. PV's John Mendelin won first place and Caitlin Crome won third place in the *On the Spot* news writing competition. The 2018-19 Valenian was awarded third place in the yearbook competition. Recently two additional student articles were published by SNO (Student Newspapers Online), bringing to eleven the number of PV articles picked up by the national student journalism site this year.

CONSENT AGENDA, October 28, 2019: Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The October 28, 2019 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the October 14, 2019 regular meeting.

- PERSONNEL:

CLASSIFIED: Michelle Garris is recommended for employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary starting October 29, 2019. Probationary period is waived as she is a former employee. Hunter Hendricksen, Special Education Aide at Hopewell, has submitted her resignation effective November 4, 2019. Linda Houston, Pleasant Valley Junior High Building Secretary, has submitted her request for retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year after 33 years in the district. Jacinda White, Bridgeview Elementary Assistant Building Secretary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective October 16, 2019. Jacinda White, Educational Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 1, 2019.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Stacy Getting	PVHS Theater Accompanist

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $396,803.88 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Nels that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $52,283.65 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,144.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $54,652.88 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Nels that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $170,602.83 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 $17,332.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6010 through 6015 be issued in the total amount of $381,566.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Brockmann that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,511.92 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2019 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT: Dr. Lewis presented evaluative information from the 2019 summer school program. 198 elementary and 25 junior high students participated. 21 teachers, 4 service learning students as well as YMCA personnel staffed the program. Elementary students below grade level benchmarks in reading, and junior high students below benchmark in reading and/or math are 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 for ten days at PVJH. 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 $71,000.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the Board accept the 2019 summer school report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP STUDIES: Mr. Zimmer reviewed the results of the two most recent graduate follow-up studies: The Two Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2017 and the Six Year Follow- Up Study for the Class of 2013. Comparisons with data from previous years including trends, possible implications for change, and address observations, questions, and concerns were addressed. Of note: students appreciate the varied academic and extracurricular opportunities, AP and dual enrolled course options, and the overall rigor of the curriculum. 6-year surveys often reflect students' desire for more thorough personal financial education, although it was noted that relevant opportunities currently available aren't always utilized. The response rate was 19% for the 6-year survey and 29% for the 2-year survey. Because data collected is carefully analyzed and considered, the district is exploring options for increasing participation.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board accept the Graduate Follow-up study reports as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2018-19 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: Mr. Strusz reviewed with the Board the 2018-19 Annual Progress Report which will be posted on the district website. The report contains information submitted to the Iowa Department of Education including assessment results, school improvement goals and district highlights. Outstanding accomplishments of special note include:

- The graduation rate, 97.6 % , is 6.2% above the state average, and the dropout rate is less than 1%.
- The ACT composite score of 24.9 is 3.1 points higher than the state average, and 81.1% of 2018 graduates took the exam.
- 375 Advanced Placement tests were administered, and 84% of those exams yielded a score of 3, 4, or 5.

Mr. Strusz thanked Hannah Thomsen, Josh de la Bruere and Mike Clingingsmith for compiling the APR.

Motion by Nels, second by Anderson that the Board approve the Annual Progress Report document as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for September 2019. Through September, General Fund revenue totaled $6,115,211 and expenses totaled $6,470,336. The fund balance in the General Fund at September 30, 2019 was $6,698,881 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 Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the monthly financial reports for September as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 21.5(1) (i): The Board met in executive session from 7:07 – 7:51.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday, November 5, 2019	General and School Board Election
Monday, November 11, 2019	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 25, 2019	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLEASANT VALLEY, IOWA
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EXEMPT SESSION, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, October 28, 2019 7:07 P.M. C.D.T.

Exempt session was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice President Hoskins.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Christina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Deborah Dayman.

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The Board met in executive session from 7:07 – 7:51 for the purpose of superintendent evaluation. No motions were made during closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. **The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us.** Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian's name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

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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 / *schools / enrollment* or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org (563)332-5550.

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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

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