

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, November 25, 2019; 5:30 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Christina Anderson. Absent – Brent Ayers. Also present: Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingsmith, Deborah Dayman, and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann 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 Anderson thanked the District for the opportunity to attend the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) annual convention on November 21st. Directors Nels, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson and President Wagle also attended the convention along with Superintendent Strusz and High School Principal Erickson. Other Board Members echoed her appreciation, noting that information and ideas acquired will be brought to the board table as relevant.

President Wagle commended Pleasant Valley High School students involved in the Iowa All-State Music Festival November 23rd in Ames. He reminded the Board that Iowa Public Television will rebroadcast the concert in its entirety on Thanksgiving evening starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Strusz thanked board members who attended the IASB convention for setting aside time to attend and for their commitment to extending their learning so they might more effectively serve District students.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Strusz introduced Zach Miller, PVHS science teacher who along with colleagues Barb Pischke and Nicole Lenius advised and supported Spartan Assembly students during this year's **Student Hunger Drive**. Pleasant Valley High School won the area-wide competition, collecting 65,625 pounds of food (8,000 pounds more than last year) and \$20,001 in cash donations. This equates to 131,000 meals for Quad Citizens. Spartan Assembly was represented by members Ramya Sobramaniam, Jack Williams, Ingrid Hofmann, Ahmed Baig, Aabha Joshi and Margaret Huang were present to share their Hunger Drive experiences. In addition to collecting food, the students planned activities (*Fill the Truck* at the PB/Bettendorf football game, powder puff football, skits, trivia night and more) worked with junior high

and elementary students to collect donations, volunteered at the mobile food pantry, reached out to local businesses for support, wrote scholarship essays, worked on publicity - all in addition to collecting donations at the entrances of local grocery stores. Many thanks to the students, as well as all district residents who contributed to the Hunger Drive. A special thanks to district maintenance personnel who did a great deal of loading and hauling of canned goods! We are grateful for the generosity of PV students and families.

Director Ayers arrived at 5:49 p.m.

Mr. Strusz also congratulated the Pleasant Valley **Volleyball team** who competed in the Iowa High School State Volleyball Tournament and successfully made it through the first round of play to the semi-final match.

CONSENT AGENDA, November 25, 2019: Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The November 25, 2019 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the November 11, 2019 regular meeting and Executive session.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Abby Dalen, Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has resigned her position effective November 29, 2019.

CLASSIFIED: Abby Dalen is recommended for employment as Academic Interventionist at Pleasant Valley Junior High effective December 2, 2019. Christian Erickson, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2019. Connie Miller, Special Education/Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2019. Sharon Ofori, Preschool Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2019. Kandy Pogue, Preschool Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2019. Hannah Thomsen, Communications Director/Foundation Secretary has submitted her resignation effective November 29, 2019.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Zachary Chaplain	Theater Technical co-Director
	Erin Klage	Theater Technical co-Director

DROPS: Bill Myatt Theater Technical Director
Sankari Kandasamy Robotics Coordinator/Coach PVHS, PVJH, Elementaries

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One IN from Davenport; one denied from Bettendorf, one denied from Davenport.
- EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS: Idiel Lopez Davila has submitted petition for early graduation. Graduation requirements have been met; counselors and administrators have approved the request.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting of the outgoing Board adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING / ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: The meeting of the incoming Board of Education was called to order at 6:03 p.m. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Christina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingensmith, Deborah Dayman, and others.

Superintendent Strusz administered the oath of office to each newly elected board member and presented a Certificate of Election.

Final canvass of votes:

Director District #1	Jenel Nels	113 votes
Director District #3	Nikhil Wagle	172 votes
Director District #4	Molly Brockmann	268 votes
Director District #5	Jodi Hoskins	136 votes
Director District #6	Christina Anderson	98 votes

The Board unanimously re-elected Nikhil Wagle to serve as Board President and Jodi Hoskins as Board Vice President.

ANNUAL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA approved by the newly seated Board:

APPOINTMENT of Cindy Lewis, District Child Abuse Investigator, Darren Erickson as alternate, and Jim Sweeney as Outside Investigator. This is an annual re-appointment.

ANNUAL MEETING:

1. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at Blackhawk Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.

2. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at First Central State Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
3. President Wagle administered the Oath of Office to Board Secretary Deborah Dayman and the Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Board Treasurer Kelly Hatler on the morning of November 26, 2019. The Treasurer and Board Secretary are bonded in the amount of \$10,000 as per code of Iowa, Section 291.2.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Annual Meeting Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Hoskins exited the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$363,477.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$41,811.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,485.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$43,416.40 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 \$13,613.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,574,962.59 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 \$19,430.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants 6020 through 6024 be issued in the total amount of \$379,488.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$863.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2020-21 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Strusz provided the first overview of new courses proposed for the 2020-21 school year:

Applied Sciences:

- Automotive Shop Safety: personal and shop safety procedures, general safety rules, OSHA regulation and Right to Know.
- Automotive Suspension and Steering: Specific skills needed for the development of competencies required for an entry-level suspension and steering specialist.
- Automotive Brake Systems and Service: Disc and drum brakes, power and conventional braking systems and emergency braking systems, as well as use of measuring tools, brake lathes and antilock brake system scan tools so student is qualified as an entry-level brake specialist.

Social Studies:

- Advanced Placement United States History: Two semester honors course designed as an introductory college-level history class covering American history 1491- present. Students will be prepared for the AP United States History test.

World Language:

- Deaf Studies: Introduction to the American Deaf experience, including linguistics, sociology, audiology and psychology; historical views of deafness and deaf education and contributions of deaf people in America.
- Social Aspects of Deaf Culture: Examining various cultural aspects of the deaf culture; presents the interrelationship of language and culture along with a study of socialization, norms, and values.

Final review and approval will take place at the December 16, 2019 board meeting.

No required motion.

UPDATED BOARD POLICY 507: Board Policy 507 requires revision to align with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of this policy or Title I, Part A is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high quality education and to close educational achievement gaps while ensuring parents and family are actively engaged. Title I, Part A provides financial assistance to preschool and Transition to Kindergarten program to help guarantee that all children meet challenging state academic standards. The policy includes a compact to be signed by the parent or guardian agreeing to commit to regular attendance, healthy lifestyle, daily reading and close communication with teachers and staff.

Revisions to existing board policy require a first reading and approval at a subsequent meeting.

No required motion.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN: District Chief Financial Officer Mike Clingingsmith, Director of Operations Leland Zenk, and Superintendent Strusz reviewed with the Board the initial draft of the updated Five Year Capital Projects Plan. Significant projects include:

- Forest Grove Elementary - projected to open as a two-section building for the 2021-22 school year.
- Classroom modernization at all buildings
- Pool bulkhead construction PVHS
- Outdoor Education Center feasibility study in conjunction with Scott Community College
- Field turf refurbishment PVHS
- A & B gym floor resurfacing PVJH
- Restroom upgrades PVHS
- Parking lot redesign and repair PVJH
- Reroof specific areas at PVHS, Pleasant View, Bridgeview

Approval of the Five Year Capital Projects Plan will appear on a future agenda.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for October 2019. Through October, General Fund revenue totaled \$16,681,115 and expenses totaled \$10,898,961. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2019 was \$12,836,160. 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 Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the monthly financial reports for October as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, December 16, 2019

Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 13, 2020

Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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 / district / new student enrollment/open enrollment info](http://www.pleasval.org/district/newstudentenrollment/openenrollmentinfo) or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org (563)332-5550.

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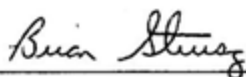
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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
Superintendent