PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, December 14, 2020; 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenel Nels, Molly Brockmann, Jean Dickson, Nikhil Wagle, Jodi Hoskins, Brent Ayers, Tina Anderson. Absent – none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Darren Erickson, Chris Welch, Beth Marsoun, Marlise Bosman, Abby Meuser and Erin Merrill.

The meeting was live streamed, recorded, and may be viewed on the district YouTube page:
PVCSD Board Meeting December 14, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson 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 Nels congratulated the Platinum Dance Team for the recognition they earned at the state competition - State Champion in Pom and Runner Up in Jazz. Six dancers placed in the top ten in the individual competition.

Secretary Dayman shared the condolences of the Board and the District with the family of Madelyn Tournquist. Mrs. Tournquist served as school nurse at Pleasant View Elementary for 22 years and retired in 1988.

Superintendent Strusz expressed gratitude to Mary Beth Kunau, Pleasant View fourth grade teacher, who has announced her retirement at the end of the 2020-21 school year after serving 21 years in the district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The December 14, 2020 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the November 30, 2020 Regular Meeting

- PERSONNEL:
  CERTIFIED: Mary Beth Kunau, fourth grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her request for retirement effective the end of the 2020-21 school year after 21 years in the District.

CLASSIFIED: Lara Jepsen, Preschool Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective December 16, 2020. Nicole Mayo is recommended for regular employment as a special education and general education aide at Cody Elementary starting December 16, 2020. (probationary period waived / previous district employee) Margaret Peeters, Educational Aide at Cody Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective December 16, 2020. Haley Sheerin, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective January 1, 2021. Kaitlin Sherer, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective December 16, 2020. Gary Shreeves, part time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary, has completed his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective December 16, 2020. Jessica White, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights, has submitted her resignation effective December 22, 2020.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Rusty VanWetzinga	PVHS Wrestling (additional .5)

- EARLY GRADUATION PETITIONS: The following students have submitted petition for early graduation; counselors and administrators have reviewed the requests. This is provided as information only as the request cannot be denied if graduation requirements are met. Clarissa Brown and Jacob Claussen.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Nels that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $401,282.46 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $29,501.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,604.35 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 $13,461.96 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $943,360.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $10,498.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $286,073.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants 6173 through 6178 be issued in the total amount of $39,435.13 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 $8,637.58 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2021-22 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - *COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS*: Mr. Zimmer summarized proposed College and Career Readiness requirements and new PVHS course offerings as initially presented at the November 30 meeting.

A new graduation requirement is the 0.5 unit College and Career Ready Seminar which will be presented over the course of the student's high school career. The credit will be fulfilled at 0.125 credit per year. The primary goal is to provide more thorough academic and post-secondary planning and address organization, study skills and matters of social-emotional/behavioral health.

Proposed new courses for the 2021-22 school year:

Career and Technical Education:

- Basic Automotive Electricity/Electronics
- Automotive Electrical I

English:

- Accelerated Learning Program Writing
- Composition I

Due to declining enrollment, Mr. Zimmer informed the Board that the District will phase Japanese out over a three year period.

- 2021-22 - Japanese I and V will be discontinued and Japanese will no longer be included in the 7th grade world language orientation rotation
- 2022-23 - Japanese II will be discontinued
- 2023-24 - Japanese IV will be offered for the final time

French, Spanish and American Sign Language will continue to be offered to students, and the district will explore interest in and feasibility of offering an additional world language.

Motion by Dickson, second by Nels that the Board approve the additional graduation requirement *College and Career Readiness* - a 0.5 credit course which will be presented over the course of the student's high school career. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve changes to the high school course of study as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY UPDATES: Construction is on schedule at Forest Grove Elementary and it is anticipated the building will open to students in the fall of the 2021-22. Chris Welch, Hopewell Elementary Principal and future Forest Grove Elementary principal shared with the Board progress on staff hiring and furniture, fixtures and library book acquisition. At this time current district teachers who have expressed an interest in a Forest Grove position are being interviewed. Roughly half the faculty will be current district faculty and the others will be teachers new to the district.

Mr. Strusz displayed a Forest Grove Elementary boundary map. On January 22, 2018 the Board approved Forest Grove Elementary boundaries as follows: *South of Interstate 80; east of Middle Road; north of 53rd Street (with an imaginary line extending east to Criswell); west of Criswell*. Those boundaries stand with slight clarification due to recent housing growth: Settlers Pointe Circle is assigned to Forest Grove, and the areas contiguous to Criswell on the west *and east* side which are north of 53rd Street line are assigned to Forest Grove (including the Field's Edge subdivision). The interactive district attendance map on the district website now reflects Forest Grove boundaries.

All students residing within the Forest Grove Elementary boundaries will be assigned to Forest Grove for the 2021-22 school year with the following exceptions:

- 2021-22 6th graders will be allowed to attend 6th grade at their current building if they should so choose.
- Siblings of students receiving special education services in a building other than their neighborhood building will be allowed to attend the building where the sibling receives special services.

Additional information will be shared with Forest Grove families after the first of the year.

No required motion.

NEW FLEET VEHICLE PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION: Director of Operations Leland Zenk presented a summary of bids received for the purchase of a 2021 Ford Transit van. Sexton Ford offered the low bid of $32,120 after trade-in of $5,000 on a 2008 Ford Expedition. The District purchased a 2020 Ford Transit in the summer and district personnel who have used the vehicle are pleased with its size and performance.

Motion by Anderson, second by Nels that the Board accept the low bid from Sexton Ford, Moline for a 2021 Ford Transit van for a total price of $32,120.00 Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

5 YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN: The Board previously examined the 5 Year Capital Projects Plan on October 26, 2020. Mr. Zenk, Mr. Clingingsmith and Mr. Strusz outlined key projects and informed the board of reprioritizations which could be forced by enrollment growth or unexpected projects.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the board approve the Updated Five-Year Capital Projects Plan as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT RESOLUTION: The Revenue Purpose Statement is a ballot measure that describes how school districts can spend penny sales tax (SAVE) funds that the State of Iowa has dedicated to public schools. The Board reviewed the Iowa Association of School Board's SAVE Revenue Guidance, the proposed resolution to approve the Revenue Purpose Statement which will appear on the January 11 agenda, a copy of the ballot and the public presentation slides. The school districts in Scott County are working together to present this ballot measure to voters simultaneously on March 2, 2021. The measure must pass by a simple majority in each district. Districts which are unable to pass the resolution on March 2 must wait six months before taking the resolution to voters a second time.

Mr. Strusz and Mr. Clingingsmith will make a number of public presentations explaining the resolution (dates to be announced), the approval of which *will not increase property tax*. The Revenue Purpose Statement simply defines how the SAVE revenue is to be used by the District. In the Pleasant Valley Community School District, uses will include building and renovating schools, furnishing and equipping buildings, purchasing property for future school sites, improving technology and safety infrastructure and paying down district indebtedness.

No required motion.

REVIEW OF 2019-20 AT-RISK DATA, 2020-21 BUDGET and 2021-22 AT-RISK DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM PROPOSAL: The Pleasant Valley Community School District provides a continuum of support to advance the academic achievement and overall development of all students. This support includes alternative educational opportunities for "at risk" programming. The Board reviewed the 2019-20 year end budget numbers and the new At-Risk/Dropout application and budget for the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Zimmer described for the Board how the services in the proposal are designed to be responsive to the needs of our students.

Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the Modified Supplemental Amount Application for risk services. The MSA for 2021-2022 is $976,397 as compared with $929,906 in 2020-21. Mr. Zimmer and Mr. Clingingsmith explained how the district is disadvantaged by the 2.6% cap that was put in place several years ago by the state and the impact that has on the general fund budget. Any required at-risk services in excess of the MSA are paid by the general fund.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application and the Request for Modified Supplemental Amount in the amount of $976,397 or as adjusted by the Iowa Department of Education. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2019-2020 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: Beth Marsoun, Director of Communications, shared with the Board highlights of the 2019-20 Annual Progress Report.

- 5244 students, 362 faculty, 254 staff
- Daily attendance = 96.37%
- Graduation rate = 96.7%
- Drop out rate = 0.82%
- General Fund salary and benefit expenditures = 79.3%
- Revenue Sources: 41% local, 57% state, 2% federal

The report contains highlights from the 2019-20 school year, assessment results including aggregate AP, ACT, ISASP and MAP scores, the annual school improvement goals that were submitted to the state, demographic information and financial highlights. The report is available in its entirety on the district website.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that the Board approve the 2019-20 Annual Progress Report document as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Nels, Brockmann, Dickson, Wagle, Hoskins, Ayers, Anderson. Nays - none. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION: Jenel Nels, board member from Director District #1, reported that her family has purchased a home outside of her director district, so she must resign her board position effective December 24, 2020. The Board accepted her resignation and thanked Mrs. Nels for two years of dedicated and careful service to the residents of Director District #1 and to all students in the District.

The Board has 30 days from the effective date of resignation to fill the seat. Unless the public petitions for a special election, the Board will interview candidates interested in filling the vacancy at the January 11, 2021 board meeting and will appoint an individual to fill the vacancy prior to January 22, 2021.

Interested candidates who reside in Director District #1 can request an application packet or obtain additional information from Deborah Dayman, Board Secretary daymandeborah@pleasval.org 563-332-5550 x 1018. Director District #1 boundaries are highlighted in green on the Director District Boundaries Map , also found on the Board of Education page on the district website.

No required motion.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dr. Wagle thanked teachers, staff and administrators for their very hard work under the difficult conditions created by the pandemic and congratulated them for achieving the goals of keeping everyone safe and keeping our schools open to provide quality learning for all students despite challenging COVID circumstances. He wished everyone a happy holiday and enjoyable winter break.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

January 11, 2021	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
January 28, 2021	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

(Meetings are conducted in adherence to all COVID-19 room capacity and social distancing requirements. Guests are welcome to participate remotely in the Belmont Administration Center's technology training room should room capacity be reached in the boardroom. Board Members and guests are required to wear masks.)

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* 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.

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