

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, August 14, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer 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 Rivera shared news of the PV Astronomy Club's first observing night of the new school year. Together with the Quad Cities Astronomical Society, telescopes were set up behind PVJH for viewing stars, planets, galaxies, globular clusters and nebulae. And the rural setting of the Junior High provided the dark skies needed to view the Perseid Meteor Shower. Ms. Rivera said the event was an interesting and educational evening for the many students and families in attendance.

Director Kunkel reported that the Spartan Assembly Pickleball Scramble was a huge success and thanked the students for a successful and fun event. She also complimented the Spartan Marching Band for the Sounds of the Stadium performance Friday evening - an entertaining conclusion to 2023 Spartan Marching Band Camp. She noted that the new field turf looks great!

Director Kanwischer thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the New Teacher Breakfast held at the Bettendorf Family Museum and sponsored by Arconic.

Director Ayers also praised the Spartan Marching Band performance.

President Wagle also attended the New Teacher Breakfast and reported that Dr. Ladrina Wilson's keynote address was an inspiring start to the new school year.

Director of Secondary Education Bernie Brustkern highlighted summer sports successes. The Softball Team finished second in the class 5A state championship. The baseball team finished the season as MAC conference champions.

The board thanked Marie Feehan and friends, and district parents who pack numerous backpacks for use by students in our district and across the Quad Cities. Many thanks also to Genesis Health System for sharing with the district school supplies collected during their PACK THE BUS campaign.

Mr. Strusz shared with the board news of the resignation of Riverdale Heights Physical Education teacher and Head Softball Coach Jose Lara, who will be relocating with his family at the end of the calendar year. Coach Lara taught six years and coached nine years, including multiple trips to state and two state championships.

Mr. Strusz also introduced to the board Maury Betzel who is retiring after 39 years' service to elementary students as the Pleasant View Physical Education teacher. During that time, Mr. Betzel coached for many years at many levels and has officiated all over our area.

Mr. Betzel shared a *Jump Rope for Heart* update. Annually, elementary students gather pledges for the heart association and participate in a *Jump Rope for Heart* event in their buildings. Last school year, \$50,700 was raised by district students, bringing the total raised to \$732,420! At Pleasant View, 5th and 6th grade students also participate in *Hoops for Heart*. Many thanks to teachers, building administrative assistants and parents and especially to our elementary physical education staff who help organize and make the event a success year after year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The August 14, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Maury Betzel, Physical Education Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary, has announced his retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 39 years of service to the district.

Brook Laibly is recommended for employment as a Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Jose Lara, Physical Education Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has announced his resignation effective December 2023.

CLASSIFIED:

Lisa Cappaert, Administrative Assistant in the PVHS Counseling Office, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting August 16, 2023. Kiera Harris, Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Brenna Houghton, Part-Time Custodian at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective August 4, 2023. Mark House, Full-Time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting August 16, 2023. Anne Klimek, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Nicole Mayo is recommended for employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Probationary period is waived as she is a former district employee. Gail Paarmann-Nikulski is recommended for employment as a

Vocal Music Accompanist at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 23, 2023. Probationary period is waived as she is a current district employee. Jamie Stubblefield, Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, is recommended for an increase in contract time from 4.25 hours to 4.75 hours per day. Paul White is recommended for employment as the Head Building Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 1, 2023. Probationary period is waived as he is a current district employee.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Loretta Hoxie is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Charoo Kumra is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Angel Robinson is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Alice Soots is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 22, 2023. Courtney Sweitzer, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove, will transfer to Bridgeview Elementary as a Special Education Paraeducator for the 2023-24 school year.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

Add:

Janice Carter	Instructional Strategist and Year 1 Mentor
Neal Green	Experienced Mentor
Sara Russell	Experienced Mentor

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: The following open enrollments IN have been approved starting the 2023-24 school year:

23-24	BETT	DAV	NS	total
K	2	2		4
1	1			1
2	1	1		2
3	1			1
4	1		1	2
5	1			1
6	1			1
7, 8				0
9	2	(continuations)		2
10,11,12				0
total	10	3	1	14

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Retirements and new administrative hirings have necessitated the reappointment of various administrative responsibilities.
 - Level I Investigator - Bernie Brustkern
 - Equity Coordinator - Tony Hiatt
 - Homeless Coordinator - Jill Kenyon

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Kunkel that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,414,136.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$9,769.35 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 \$3,143.40 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$64,583.99 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 \$575,999.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Capital Project Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$802,809.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$152,688.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$644.28 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6530 through 6541 be issued in the total amount of \$90,336.73 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 \$1,797.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: The Iowa Association of School Boards(IASB) has established August 15 as the submission date for the 2024 of legislative priorities. The Board discussed possible priorities at the July 17 meeting and approved the top four priorities this evening. To assist in the process, local legislators were invited to attend this evening's meeting to provide a 2023 legislative update and a preview of the 2024 session. State Representative Gary Mohr and State Senators Christine Cournoyer and Scott Webster were in attendance.

2024 Priorities:

Priority #1: PK-12 School Funding

The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports protecting K-12 funding from future cuts and maintaining PK-12 public school funding as a top priority allowing districts to plan responsibly and budget for the future. For example:

- Supplemental State Aid - Determine a rate that supports the ability of local districts to meet parent and community expectations, provides a world class education to all students, and incorporates inflation or cost-of-living increases to minimize the impact on a district's general fund.
- Special Education - Explore state funding that is reflective of the actual costs and needs of students, including educational programming and healthcare
- Dropout/At Risk - Allow for an equalization across the state for all districts to generate prevention funds up to the allotted 5%.

Priority #2: Educational Opportunities

The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports various educational opportunities outside of public school but not at the loss of public school funding at the state or local level or having different expectations for accountability and transparency.

Priority #3: Educator/Staff Shortage and Quality Instruction

The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports maximum flexibility to hire and retain staff that will provide high quality instruction and support, including strategies that will broaden the reach of attracting new teachers to Iowa.

Priority #4: Mental Health

The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports funding and incentives to maintain or increase comprehensive school based mental health programs that include in-school access for all students along with comprehensive community mental health systems which offer preventative and treatment services.

Director Doug Kanwischer agreed to represent the Board at the delegate assembly, held the day before the IASB state convention - Wednesday, November 15th.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Rivera that the Board approve the 2024 Iowa Association of School Boards Legislative Action Priorities as presented and appoint Doug Kanwischer to act as the Board's representative to the delegate assembly. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEAL PRICES: Corie Gamble, Director of Food Service, presented to the board a recommendation that meal prices be raised \$0.10. This increase will help cover increased food costs while keeping prices in line with neighboring districts.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that the board approve a ten cent increase in meal prices as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM NEW TEACHER TRAINING: This year the Pleasant Valley Community School District is welcoming 43 new teachers. New teacher training was organized and facilitated by the Directors of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Student Services and Technology and by our Teacher Leader System Coordinator. Tony Hiatt, Bernie Brustkern and Jill Kenyon shared highlights from the week.

Day One: Tuesday, August 8th

- Introduction to Pleasant Valley - Our History, Our Focus and Our Future
- Professional Learning Communities and Interest Based Problem Solving in Pleasant Valley
- Human Resources - Ethics, Professional Expectations and Contract Items

Day Two: Wednesday, August 9th

- Teacher Leadership System in Pleasant Valley
- Technology Session
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments
- Special Education Training

Day Three: Thursday, August 10th

- Building Basics and Teacher Evaluations
- Mentor/Mentee - Time together

Day Four: Friday, August 11th

- New Teacher Breakfast (Hosted by the Bettendorf Family Museum and Sponsored by Arconic)
- Technology Training
- The Real Story: As told by students and staff from across Pleasant Valley
- Graduation, Reflections and Next Steps

No required motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

August 23, 2023

First day of school

August 28, 2023

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

September 11, 2023

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

School Board Elections - November 7, 2023

The school election is held during odd-numbered years in conjunction with regular city elections. Director District seats #3, #4, #5 and #6 will be voted upon. Additional information, required forms and a director district map is posted on the [School Board](http://www.pleasval.org) page of the Pleasant Valley Community School District website www.pleasval.org.

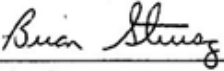
JULY 2023
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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