

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, April 10, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

[Pleasant Valley Community School District School Board Meeting - April 10, 2023](#)

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Brockmann, 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 hiring 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 - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. 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 complimented the students and music teachers at Riverdale Heights on a tremendous spring program.

Superintendent Strusz shared the condolences of the Board with the family of Jolene Mullins who taught in the district, primarily at Bridgeview Elementary, for 30 years. Jolene passed away March 23, 2023.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Hiatt introduced Pleasant View Elementary ELP teacher Rebecca Van Blaricome, who introduced Kennon Kies, Jovin Binto, Tate Runkle, Dylan Rieger, Bryce Rieger and Kolsyn Green - winners in the Stock Market Game's *Investwrite Essay Competition* sponsored by the SIFMA Foundation. Kennon's essay was awarded first place in the state of Iowa. The SIFMA Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to helping students grades 4-12 learn about the global capital markets and the importance of saving and investing. The students analyze an investment scenario and recommend portfolio allocations targeting short and long-term financial goals. The essay competition serves as a culminating activity each year for those who compete in The Stock Market Game program.

Mr. Hiatt reminded the board that a great deal of end of year data collection will take place this month and next. He encouraged students to FINISH STRONG on every assessment and encouraged parents to ensure students come to school well rested and ready for testing.

Mr. Zimmer shared the following student recognition:

All-State Jazz Choir Congratulations to the *Leading Tones* for going to the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships for the 15th year in a row! The group finished as state runners-up. Congratulations to Leah Mendelin, Celia Vondracek, Owen McCredie, Tommy Glennon, and Bryce Vining who were selected to the All-State Jazz Choir.

Finance Club Congratulations to Nathan Musal, Achinteya Jayaram, and Kyle Almgren for top honors in the National Economics Challenge within the State of Iowa.

Future Business Leaders of America Club PV had a very successful run at FBLA's State Leadership Conference in Coralville on April 1, 2023. 21 students attended, taking advantage of numerous business seminars, networking opportunities, and exposure to local businesses and colleges. Of our 21 students, 14 qualified for the National Leadership Conference in June by placing 4th or higher in their category, including Nathan Musal, James Thiel, Atharv Neema, Joe Parker, Shivam Patel, Alex Van Utrecht, Grant Jaques, Nikhil Namahamgari, Rithwick Lakshmanan, Sai Reetham Gubba, Aditya Satya Narayan, Jasmine Thompson and Michael Bender.

Ethics Club Congratulations to the PV Ethics Bowl team for finishing 10th at the national tournament this past weekend in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robotics Club Congratulations to the *No Limit Robotics* Team for winning the Rookie Inspiration Award. *No Limit* will represent PV at the World Championships in Houston TX.

Quad City Arts High School Art Invitational Quad City Arts announced this year's winners. From PVHS, Alyssa Powell, "Living Lands and Waters Best Use of Recycled Materials"; Anabelle Petersen, "Keith Bonsetter Memorial Award for Creative Use of Paper"; Kate Dougherty, "Carlo Centore and Zimmerman Honda Award for Mastery of Technique"; Nya Tarpein "Cutting Edge Award for Originality".

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Cale Claussen received the Iowa FFA Degree and is now working towards the FFA American Degree. The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest rank that can be conferred upon active members by the Iowa FFA Association. Those to receive the degree were selected for nomination by the State Committee according to provisions in the Iowa FFA Constitution. Only 5% of Iowa FFA participants earn this degree.

Congressional App Challenge The U.S. House of Representatives hosted the district-wide Congressional App Challenges for middle school and high school students, encouraging them to learn to code and inspiring them to pursue careers in computer science. Over 9000 student submitted applications were received from across the country and each House District selected a winner. Iowa House District 2 Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks' office was proud to select PVHS student Brett Rippchen as the winner for his App submission. Brett has been invited to attend the awards ceremony in Washington D.C. on April 17-18, 2023.

Girls Basketball PVHS Girls Basketball Team Class 5A 2023 State Basketball Champions team members were on hand to be recognized by the Board. The team defeated defending champions, the Johnston

Dragons, 59-56 to claim our first Girls Basketball state championship. The team finished the season with a perfect 26-0 record and #1 State Ranking.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The April 10, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Kirsten Adams, 4th grade Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Amanda Aldridge is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Cody Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Alton Barber is recommended for employment as a 3rd grade Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Miranda Copley, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Haegen Goodlow is recommended for employment as a 4th grade Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Rachel Hart, Spanish Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Abigail Miller is recommended for employment as a 4th grade Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Ann Peters, Art Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Megan Wachendorf is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Jennifer Zeglis, Forest Grove / Hopewell / Pleasant Valley Junior High Band Director, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

CERTIFIED: (information only) Emily Connell, 3rd grade Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has accepted the Forest Grove / Hopewell ESL (English as a Second Language) position starting the 2023-24 school year. Theresa Harrington, Instructional Coach at Pleasant View Elementary, has accepted the Reading Specialist position at Cody Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Glen Naber, FLEX At Risk Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has accepted the Pleasant Valley Junior High Physical Education position starting the 2023-24 school year. Patty Reeser, Professional School Counselor at Forest Grove / Pleasant Valley Junior High, has accepted the Forest Grove (only) Professional School Counselor position for the 2023-24 school year. Megan Sopher, Hopewell Elementary / Cody Elementary Reading Specialist, has accepted the Hopewell (only) Reading Specialist position starting the 2023-24 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Jacob Brees, Part-Time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of his resignation effective April 12, 2023. Lara Dague, Special Education Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective April 28, 2023. Jenny Logas, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective May 30, 2023. Beth Marsoun, Director of Communications / PVEF Secretary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective April 14, 2023. Gabi McClure, Academic Interventionist at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective April 14, 2023. Patti Richards, Riverdale

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$16,177.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$13,787.68 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 \$2,135.31 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that Internal Service Fund warrants 6490 through 6497 be issued in the total amount of \$577,024.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$9,474.48 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PROPOSED 2023-24 CERTIFIED BUDGET SUMMARY AND ESTABLISH DATE FOR 2023-24 CERTIFIED BUDGET HEARING: During the February, 2023 board meetings, the Board discussed and came to consensus regarding the 2023-24 district property tax levy. There will be no change to the district's property tax levy rate from the 2022-23 to the 2023-24 fiscal year (rounded to the nearest penny). Board authorization is required so the Chief Financial Officer can publish the proposed budget summary in the newspaper as required by law. The date and time of the public hearing and adoption of the certified budget for 2023-24 must be established .

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Hoskins that the Board direct the Chief Financial Officer to publish a proposed budget summary reflecting a tax levy rate not to exceed \$13.46044 per \$1,000 taxable valuation and to establish a date and time of April 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to hold the required public hearing and adopt the certified budget for 2023-24. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS (CCR) GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACADEMIC PLAN (DCAP): The College and Career Ready Seminar sequence is a Tier 1 delivery system to provide meaningful academic and post-secondary planning pursuant to House File 2392 and the Future Ready Iowa initiative. High School Counselors Ellie Thomas, Leslie Spiller, Valerie Tucker, Ellie Curtis and Scott Rice provided an introduction to the program.

Key Focus Areas by Grade:

Grade 9: Xello lessons, study skills, decision making

Grade 10: Career and Postsecondary Exploration, understanding GPA / credits

Grade 11: Postsecondary schools, financial aid, preparation for applications, test preparation

Grade 12: Preparation/submission of applications, financial aid/FAFSA, scholarship applications

ALL postsecondary options are explored (4 year college, 2 year with transition to 4 year college, certificate or associate's degree programs, military, apprenticeship/trades, Gap year and/or entering the workforce).

Counselors work with students during class time and individually to work through the plan.

No required Motion

Director Kunkel arrived at 6:56 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS : Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for February 2023. Through February, General Fund revenue totaled \$37,986,374 and expenses totaled \$33,869,568. The fund balance in the General Fund on February 28, 2023 was \$16,059,667. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, and Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that the board accept the monthly financial reports for February, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2023-24 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL (PVEA) CONTRACT APPROVAL: On March 22nd, the District and the Pleasant Valley Education Association (PVEA) reached agreement based upon a 3.79% total package increase (\$925 increase on the salary index base).

Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the 2023-24 Certified Employees contract wage and benefits package agreement with PVEA as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2023-24 CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATIVE WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGES APPROVAL: Meet and Confer sessions for Classified employees were held live and via Google Meet April 4th, 5th and 6th. Four sessions were offered. All classified and administrative employee groups received a 3.79% total package increase.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Rivera that the Board approve the 2023-24 Classified Employees and Administrative Employees wage and benefits packages as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2023-24 CUSTODIAL (PVCA) CONTRACT APPROVAL: On April 5th, the District met with the Pleasant Valley Custodial Association (PVCA) and Lynette Claeys, the ISEA representative for our teachers and representative for our custodians who are members of the PVCA. A 3.79% total package increase agreement was reached with PVCA.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kunkel that the Board approve the 2023-24 Custodial contract wage and benefits package agreement with PVCA as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY OF AN OPEN ENROLLED OUT STUDENT: On April 4, 2023 Superintendent Brian Strusz and the Pleasant Valley School Board received a letter from Davenport Community School District informing the district that the Davenport Community School District has waived the 90 school day athletic eligibility waiting period for Mary Catherine Townsend. The Townsend family moved into the Pleasant Valley School District in December of 2021, but the student maintained enrollment in the Davenport Community School District under the open enrollment continuation law until the start of the current semester, when she enrolled at Pleasant Valley High School. The student is a member of the

junior varsity soccer team, and *should the opportunity arise*, would like to be allowed to play on the varsity team.

Iowa Code 36.15(3) General transfer rule states that a student who transfers from a school in one member or associate member school to another member or associate member school shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletics for a period of 90 consecutive school days, as defined in rule 281—12.1(256), exclusive of summer enrollment, unless one of the exceptions listed in paragraph 36.15(3)“a” applies. The period of ineligibility applies only to varsity level contests and competitions.

A number of exceptions may be considered; none of which apply in this particular situation. However, the board of directors of both districts may agree to waive the ineligibility period.

The board made note of the fact that the student is a district resident and Davenport had given approval.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that the board waive the 90 school day period of ineligibility from varsity sports as is directed under Iowa Code 281 - 36.15 (3 & 4) for district enrolled student, Mary Catherine Townsend, so that she may have the opportunity to compete at the varsity level at Pleasant Valley High School effective immediately. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY SERIES 409.1, 409.2 and 409.3: The Board held the first reading of the following policies:

Board Policy 409.1 Early Retirement - Teachers

Board Policy 409.2 Early Retirement - Administrators

Board Policy 409.3 Early Retirement - Classified Personnel

The revisions reflect changes to policy agreed upon during most current contract negotiations including changes to eligibility criteria and payout provisions. A second reading will occur on April 24th and policies will be recommended for board approval at that time.

No required motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: The Board entered Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. During the week of March 27, 2023, interviews were conducted for the District’s next Director of Secondary Education as Mr. Mike Zimmer will retire at the close of the 2022-23 school year. As part of the interview process, the school board met and asked questions of the recommended candidate. (Note that the candidate has made a written request to the board secretary that their hiring be considered in closed session.) No motions were made during Executive Session, and the board returned to open session at 8:44 p.m.

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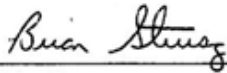
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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 Strusz
Superintendent