

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, May 8, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

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Audio for the first ten minutes of the meeting is available [here](#)

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Hoskins, 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 Kunkel highlighted 4th grade participation in Junior Achievement’s *BizTown*, and thanked teachers as well as volunteer interviewers for their efforts.

Director Hoskins and Director Ayers thanked the Riverdale Heights PTA for a delicious meal served prior to the board meeting in celebration of School Board Appreciation Month.

On behalf of the entire district, Mr. Hiatt congratulated Riverdale Heights Principal [Jennifer Richardson](#) upon being named a finalist for the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) 2023 Elementary Principal of the Year award.

Mr. Strusz thanked the Riverdale Heights PTA for honoring the board this evening. He shared his appreciation with board members for their time and dedication to students, budget oversight, and planning. He distributed a certificate of appreciation to each board member in recognition of their board service.



Dr. Wagle congratulated the Spartan Spotlighters cast and crew on their phenomenal inaugural performance. Actors and mentors presented the *Wizard of Oz* on two nights - to very full houses and very enthusiastic audiences. He also thanked Director Christina Myatt for expanding theater opportunities to all students in the district.

He also thanked the Riverdale Heights PTA for the wonderful meal and PTA officers and members across the district for the work they do on behalf of students.

Also recognized was the PVJH performance of James and the Giant Peach. The actors, crew and directors produced yet another terrific show in the Spartan Theatre. Many thanks to directors Isabel Conner and Lisa Pence for their leadership, as well as to high school students who served in assistant director and tech capacities.

Mr. Zimmer Congratulated all the students who performed at the IHSMA State Large Group Music Festival:

Instrumental Band

- Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble received Division I superior ratings.
- Symphonic Band and Concert Band received Division II excellent ratings.
- Congratulations to the Wind Symphony for receiving 119 of a total of 120 possible points, a new PV Band record.

Instrumental Orchestra

- Full Orchestra and String Orchestra received Division I superior ratings

Vocal Music

- The Treble Choir, Treble Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Bass Choir, and Treble Chamber Choir received Division I superior ratings, and several perfect scores.
- The Concert Choir received a Division II excellent rating.

RECOGNITION:

The Pleasant Valley Junior High and High School robotics teams were present to display and demonstrate their robots and share their experiences from the recent world competition in Houston. Of approximately 30,000 teams worldwide, 108 teams from a number of countries competed at the festival. Iowa was represented by 8 teams at the festival, and 2 of those teams were from Pleasant Valley CSD.

The junior high team, *The Interdimensional Business Pigeons*, include Jesse Brand, Lily Lang, James Lang, Veronika Lang, Lucy Petrocelli, Derek Onions, Isaac Dyer and Grant DeVore. The team is coached by Mike Brand and Jeremy Lang.

In attendance from the high school team, *No Limit*, were Dallin Cline, Carter Cockrell, Ainsley Hindman, Atharv Neema, Campbell Clarendon, Gabe Anderson, Mark Resig, Will Rages, Jonathon Hawkes and Ryan Barnes. Other team members include Bethany Cannon, Katherine Moore, Lili Guicho, Jacob Stevens, Ameya Taralkar, Jackson Klingaman, Jaren McGruder and James Cabbage. The team is coached by high school faculty members Grant Housman and Jason Franzenburg.

The board congratulated the teams for their success, for helping expand opportunities for PV students, and thanked the coaches for their many hours devoted to the teams.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The May 8, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Rachel Davidshofer, Second Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Mary Emory is recommended for employment as a Second Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Meredith Gorman is recommended for employment as a Third Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Derek Hopson is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2023-24 school year. Emily Krist is recommended for employment as a Counselor at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2023-24 school year. Heather Larson is recommended for employment as the Communications Director starting June 5, 2023. Amy Showers is recommended for employment as a Second Grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Hope Staker, Third Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ryan Swedean is recommended for employment as the Instrumental Music Instructor at Forest Grove Elementary and Hopewell Elementary starting the 2023-24 school year. Valerie Tucker, Professional School Counselor at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ashley Willits is recommended for employment as an Art Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School and Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2023-24 school year.

CERTIFIED: (information only)

Jennifer Goetz, Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has accepted the Math Interventionist/FLEX position at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2023-24 school year. Michael Hawley has been appointed Principal at Pleasant Valley High School starting July 1, 2023.

CLASSIFIED:

Grace Auliff, part-time Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting May 16, 2023. Lindsay Coulter, Special Education Paraeducator at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Jessica Oliver, General/Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Johanna Pridemore, Administrative Assistant - Activities at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting June 1, 2023. Neeraja Sakhamuri, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting May 16, 2023. Erika Sorenson, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective April 28, 2023. Jose Tovar, part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting May 16, 2023. Manette Trevino, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting May 1, 2023. Chelsea Wells, Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Gena Williams, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Travis Witt, Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of his resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Swathi Inturi is recommended for employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant View Elementary starting May 9, 2023. Katlyn Miller is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Bridgeview and Cody Elementaries starting May 9, 2023.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

Add:	Zach Miller	PVJH Instructional Coach
	Brent Keemle	PVHS Building Lead
	Erin Klage	PVHS Building Lead
	Neal Green	PVHS Special Education Lead
	Kateeya Brown	BV Instructional Strategist - grade 3
	Bailie Baker	BV Co-Grade Level Lead - PreK
	Andy Fermoyle	CO Co-Instructional Strategist - grade 3
	Theresa Staley	CO Co- Instructional Strategist - grade 3
	Katie Calcott	BV Co-Collaborative Supporter
	Linda Heiselman	BV Co-Collaborative Supporter
	Michaela Conover	HW Co-Grade Level Lead - PreK
	Courtney Bielis	HW Instructional Strategist - grade 6
	Matt Gauss	PLV Instructional Strategist - grade 6
	Melissa Cotton	RDH Instructional Strategist - grade 1

Jen Krier	RDH Instructional Strategist - kindergarten
Amy Miller	RDH Instructional Strategist - grade 3
Carrie Skillin	RDH Instructional Strategist - grade 2

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Add:	Alton Barber	PVHS Head Bowling Coach
	Erica Miller	PVJH Assistant Volleyball Coach
	Marissa Robertson	PVHS Head Freshman Volleyball Coach

Drop:	Alton Barber	PVHS Assistant Bowling Coach
	Zach Miller	PVHS Spartan Assembly Co-Advisor

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2023/24 - One grade 5 and one grade 6 IN from Bettendorf (continuation) 2023-24 - One grade 1, one grade 2, one grade 3 and one grade 4 IN from Davenport (continuation).
- COOPERATIVE TEACHING AGREEMENTS - Luther College and Augustana College.

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$488,436.77 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Rivera that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$140,203.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$8,656.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$67,230.65 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$785,919.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,263.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$360.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6502 through 6506 be issued in the total amount of \$517,513.68 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 \$7,674.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brockmann joined the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

UPDATE - PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH AND FOREST GROVE BUILDING EXPANSIONS: Tom Wollan from the district's architectural firm frk engineers + architects and Leland Zenk, District Director of Operations, were present to provide an update on current building expansion projects underway at Pleasant Valley Junior High and Forest Grove Elementary. The projects are progressing on schedule. Forest Grove is being expanded to a full four section building, and additional classroom space, office space and a cafeteria expansion are underway at the Junior High.

No required motion.

SERVICE LEARNING UPDATE: Christiana Myatt provided an overview of Service Learning, a graduation requirement for all high school students. Starting in 2022-23, Service Learning at the junior and senior level is a structured project with a singular focus.

- 40 hour passion project based on a theme
- Choose a topic to focus on- healthcare, homelessness, animals, arts, etc. (1 hour)
- Research/design project (2 hours)
 - why?
 - issue?
 - where will you go?
- 35 hours at nonprofit organizations
- Reflection- Panel interview (2 hours)

Three high school students described their service learning projects for the board.

Tyler Nels worked with the Quad City Marathon organization and assisted in pre-race planning and preparation as well as post-race tear down and clean up for a number local races in addition to the Quad City Marathon. Tyler plans to expand his service to Sneakers 4 Good, an organization that collects and redistributes shoes worldwide.

Arissa Khan assisted college students in their research of the Blanding's Turtle at Nahant Marsh. Nahant participates in the Iowa/Illinois/Nebraska STEM partnership for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, designed to increase minority representation in the STEM field. She participated in data collection and collaboration with a focus on conservation. She expects to apply her experience to her future studies in astrobiology.

Emily Goodpaster's project, Medical First Aid Kits for Ukraine, was inspired by her family ties to Ukraine and to honor friends lost in the war. She raised funds in a number of ways including joining with her mother to teach Pysanka workshops - traditional Ukraine Easter egg decorating. Emily raised \$14,000 and assembled 292 first aid kits which were shipped to Ukraine via Poland.

No required motion.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT: Brian Strusz and Leland Zenk presented plans to expand the baseball/softball parking lot scheduled to begin at the conclusion of the baseball and softball seasons. Roughly 50 spaces will be added to the existing lot at an anticipated cost of \$250,000 - \$300,000.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the board approve schematic documents and cost projections for the Pleasant Valley High School baseball/softball parking lot expansion. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING ADDITION: Planning meetings for the next phase of PVHS expansion and renovation have been underway between with frk architects + engineers, administrators and district stakeholders. Tom Wollan from frk shared the conceptual design presentation. The first phase of work will include additional classrooms as well as cafeteria expansion in order to accommodate the number of high school students anticipated by the 2025-26 school year (extrapolated from current elementary enrollment and based upon results of the *Iowa School Finance Information Services* enrollment forecast created for the district last fall). The classrooms will be built to the south of the theater, extending south and wrapping around the current southwest wing. The cafeteria will be expanded north of the current cafeteria.

Schematic design is anticipated to begin in May 2023, bidding in December 2023, with construction starting winter 2024 and occupancy the 2025-26 school year.

No required motion.

2022-23 CERTIFIED BUDGET AMENDMENT PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the proposed budget amendment for 2022-23 and requested approval to amend the current 2022-23 budget as presented. This routine procedure amends the budget to reflect spending of miscellaneous income received during the year, which was not included in the original certified budget for the year, and reflects spending in all district fund balances to a zero balance at the end of the fiscal year. The amended budget reflects the maximum expenditures the district could incur and pay during the fiscal year. This practice is only a safety procedure to ensure the district does not violate state law. It does not reflect a plan to spend the additional money.

Dr. Wagle convened the public hearing at 8:16 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing concluded at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that the Board amend the 2022-23 budget as was adopted on April 11, 2022 by changing estimates of expenditures as presented in the notice of public hearing for amendment of current budget for 2022-23. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

May 22, 2023
June 12, 2023

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

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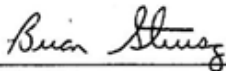
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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.



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