

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Monday, May 22, 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, Wagle. Absent - Hoskins, Rivera. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Clingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Mike Zimmer, Deborah Dayman, D'Anne Kroemer and others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers 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.

Comments received from the public may be viewed on the streaming link, above.

Director Kunkel congratulated members of the Girls Golf team, who are leaving for the state competition on Wednesday. The varsity golfers are ranked #1 in the state. 24 girls compete on the team. She thanked the coaches for building and leading such a strong program, congratulated the athletes and wished them good luck at state.

Director Kanwischer congratulated the Girls track & field team for their successes at the state meet. (Final results will be shared with the board by Mr. Zimmer at the conclusion of the spring sports season.)

Superintendent Strusz congratulated the class of 2023 and reminded the board that commencement will be held Sunday, May 28th at 3:30 at the Vibrant Arena. He thanked everyone who will contribute to making the day special for our seniors and their families.

Mr. Zimmer shared results of the State of Iowa Spring Journalism Awards:

- Four IHSPA Scholars in Makenna Leiby, Shobini Iyer, Sumika Thapa and Olivia Rogers.
- Iowa Emerging Journalist (only ten are awarded) in Junior Ayah Alsheikha, and another was a finalist (Jae Jepsen).
- Shobini Iyer received 2nd place Iowa Journalist of the Year.
- Celia Brown received 2nd place Iowa Designer of the Year.
- Drake Hanson received 4th place Iowa Photographer of the Year.

- 20 first place awards in various journalism categories--writing, designing, photography, social media, videography, podcasting.
- Our news site earned first place **News Site** in Iowa.
- 24 second place awards for various journalism categories.
- 14 third place awards for various journalism categories.
- 20 honorable mentions for various journalism categories.
- Received the most awards of any school in Iowa.
- 2023 Distinguished Site from School Newspapers Online (There are 50 schools nationally and only three in Iowa).
- Finalist for News Team of the Year for 2023 (and will find out in October who won).

Congratulations to the Spring 2023 Personal Finance course students who achieved a 27/30 or a 90% pass rate to receive 3hrs of business credit from the University of Northern Iowa. The credit is recognized by nearly every college in the country.

**RECOGNITION:** Mr. Rob Cain and Mr. Karl Kreiling of the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347 were present to introduce this year’s Fifth Grade Flag Essay winners. Each building winner is recognized at their school’s flag ceremony. District winner Haven O’Brian read her essay for the board. The board congratulated the students. Mr. Strusz thanked the American Legion members for their participation in flag ceremonies at home football games, the homecoming parade and commencement ceremonies.

Student	Parents	School	Teacher
Reina Burds	Bart & Stacy Burds	Bridgeview	Angela Spartz
Zeke Swanson	Eric & Whitney Swanson	Cody	Amber Duncan
Claire Mikeck	Will & Daniele Mineck	Forest Grove	Grace Nielsen
Haven O’Brian	Christian & Quinn O’Brian	Hopewell	Christy Cline
Ada Yoder	Ryan & Kristina Yoder	Pleasant View	Leesa Haeffner
Chase Pennekamp	Kevin & Kelly Pennekamp	Riverdale Heights	Rebecca Yerington

The American Legion Buffalo Bill Post# 347 with The American Legion Women’s Auxiliary will host Memorial Day Services. Events commence at LeClaire’s Glendale Cemetery on Monday, May 30th at 10:15 a.m. The placing of a wreath at the Cemetery’s Flag Memorial will be followed by events at the Bridgeview Elementary School Gymnasium at 11:00. LeClaire Mayor Dennis Gerard will deliver the welcoming speech followed by guest speaker Brian Strusz, Superintendent of Pleasant Valley Community School District. Music will be provided by the PVHS band. Join our community in honoring those who have served.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The May 22, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

**CERTIFIED:**

Rebecca Dicus is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Mallorie Hennefert is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Brianna Hillyer is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Brian McGurk, Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, has submitted notice of his resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Hollie Mitchell is recommended for employment as an Elementary Science Teacher at Cody Elementary effective the start of the 2023-24 school year. Joni Nelson is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Nicole Shea is recommended for employment as a Counselor at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Olivia Terronez is recommended for employment as a Spanish Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2023-24 school year. Alyssa VanSpeybroeck, Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

**CLASSIFIED:**

Kristina Decoster is recommended for employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2023-24 school year. Probationary period is waived as she is a former district employee. Kathy Naslund, Preschool Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting June 16, 2023. Megan Wold, Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

**CLASSIFIED: (information only)**

Katlyn Miller was previously recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Bridgeview and Cody Elementaries starting May 9, 2023. That offer has been rescinded. Deborah Ross is recommended for probationary employment as an Academic Interventionist starting May 16, 2023. Anjana Sunilkumar is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting August 23, 2023.

**TEACHER LEADERSHIP:**

**ADD:**

- Barb Schadt, Hopewell Elementary Collaborative Supporter

Year 1 Mentor

- Jen Umland & Hannah Guinn (Splitting the position and stipend)
- Janel Worlein
- Jose Lara
- Michelle Howes
- Zac Meseke
- Sarah Vice (serving as a mentor for two mentees)

- Amy Miller
- Melissa Lechtenberg
- Kelsey Gillham

Year 2 Mentor

- Meg Byrne
- Beth Runkle
- Lyra VanLanduyt
- Bailie Baker
- Monica Belby
- Aimee Peters
- Drew Anderson
- Ben Boore
- Steph Risius

Experienced Mentor

- Marci Hill
- Lynne Lundberg
- Traci Keppy
- Aimee Peters
- Jenny Wilson
- Katie Schroeder
- Bailie Baker
- Mallorie Ward
- Abby DeBaillie
- Katie Buchter

**DROP:**

- Brian McGurk, PVJH Social Studies Collaborative Lead

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADD:**

Bailey Connors  
 Jackson Culp  
 Brian Dayman  
 Brian Dayman  
 Madison Glatz  
 Joshua Meyrer  
 Trever Moore  
 Rishi Wagle

PVHS Theater Vocal Music Director  
 PVJH Head Girls Basketball Coach  
 PVHS Freshman Boys Basketball Coach  
 PVJH Assistant Football Coach  
 PVJH Head Track Coach  
 PVHS Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach  
 PVHS Spartan Assembly Co-Advisor  
 PVHS Theater Accompanist

**DROP:**

Jennifer Goetz  
 Paul Meyers  
 Maddie Reynolds

PVJH interim Girls Basketball Coach  
 PVJH Track Coach  
 PVJH interim Girls Basketball Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2023/24 - One grade 10 IN from Davenport (continuation).
- Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP (District Auditors) Arrangement Letter

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

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$363,945.14 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$69,690.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$19,427.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$16,539.30 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$18,310.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,079,125.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$9.59 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kanwischer that Internal Service Fund warrants 6507 through 6511 be issued in the total amount of \$514,485.23 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 \$22,629.01 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY OF AN OPEN ENROLLED OUT STUDENT:** On April 14, 2023 the Bettendorf Community School District Superintendent approved the Open Enrollment OUT application of Olivia Webber. Olivia transferred to Bettendorf High School April 25, 2023. Olivia's father, Ryan Webber, was recently appointed Head Girls Basketball Coach at Bettendorf High School and it is Olivia's desire to participate in varsity athletics at Bettendorf Community High School starting the 2023-24 season.

*The Open Enrollment Transfer Rule Iowa Code 36.15 (4) states...a student in grades 9 through 12 whose transfer of schools had occurred due to a request for open enrollment by the student's parent or guardian is ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletics during the first 90 school days of transfer except that a student may participate immediately if the student is entering grade 9 for the first time and did not participate in an interscholastic athletic competition for another school during the summer immediately following eighth grade. The period of ineligibility applies only to varsity level contests and competitions. ("Varsity" means the highest level of competition offered by one school or school district against the highest level of competition offered by an opposing school or school district.)...*

Of the exceptions listed in the Iowa Code, the exception that allows for this request to be considered is the exception which states that the board of directors of the district of residence and the board of directors of the receiving district may act individually to waive the ineligibility period.

After discussion among the board members, a motion was received.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann the board NOT waive the 90 school day period of ineligibility from varsity sports as is directed under Iowa Code 281 - 36.15 (4) for former district student Olivia Webber. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried. (Director Kanwischer recused himself from the vote.)

**FOOD SERVICE BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:** Director of Food Service Corie Gamble presented bid recommendations for the upcoming school year.

Bread Bid: Invitations for bread bids were mailed on April 3, 2023 and opened on May 9, 2023. Bid packets were sent to Pan O Gold, Hill & Valley and Bimbo Bakeries USA. Pan O Gold is the current bread vendor for the district and, while higher than last year, was the only bid submitted. Corie recommends Pan O Gold Baking Co be awarded the Bread Bid for the 2023-2024 school year.

Milk Bid: Invitations for milk bids were mailed to Anderson Erickson and Prairie Farms on March 30, 2023 and opened on May 3, 2023. Anderson Erickson and Prairie Farms both submitted bids. Anderson Erickson was the lowest overall bid by \$4,652. Anderson Erickson has been the milk vendor for the district for the last 2 years. Corie recommends Anderson Erickson be awarded the Milk Bid for the 2023-2024 school year.

Pizza Bid: Invitations for pizza bids were mailed on April 10, 2023 and opened on May 12, 2023. Little Caesars, Happy Joes, and Papa John's submitted bids with the lowest bid of \$7.50 per pizza and the highest with \$10.99 per pizza. As stated in the bid request, the district may choose not to use delivery pizza at all or may use more than one vendor for the 2023-24 school year. Corie recommends Little Caesar's and Papa John's be awarded the Pizza Bid for the 2023-2024 school year.

Beverage Bid: Invitations for beverage bids were mailed on March 28, 2023 and opened on May 2, 2023. Bids were sent to Pepsi and Coca-Cola. Pepsi and Coca-Cola both submitted bids. The Coke bid was the lowest overall bid by \$30,300. Corie recommends Coca-Cola for the 2023-2024 school year.

Distributor: This district has been successfully operating under the agreement and guidance of AEA Purchasing since September 2021. This has not only greatly improved our inventory and purchasing, but provided us with very knowledgeable consultants and customer service representatives. Corie recommends signing the AEA Purchasing Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Kunkel that the Board accept the bread products bid submitted by Pan O Gold Company for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the Board accept the low milk products bid submitted by Anderson Erickson for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

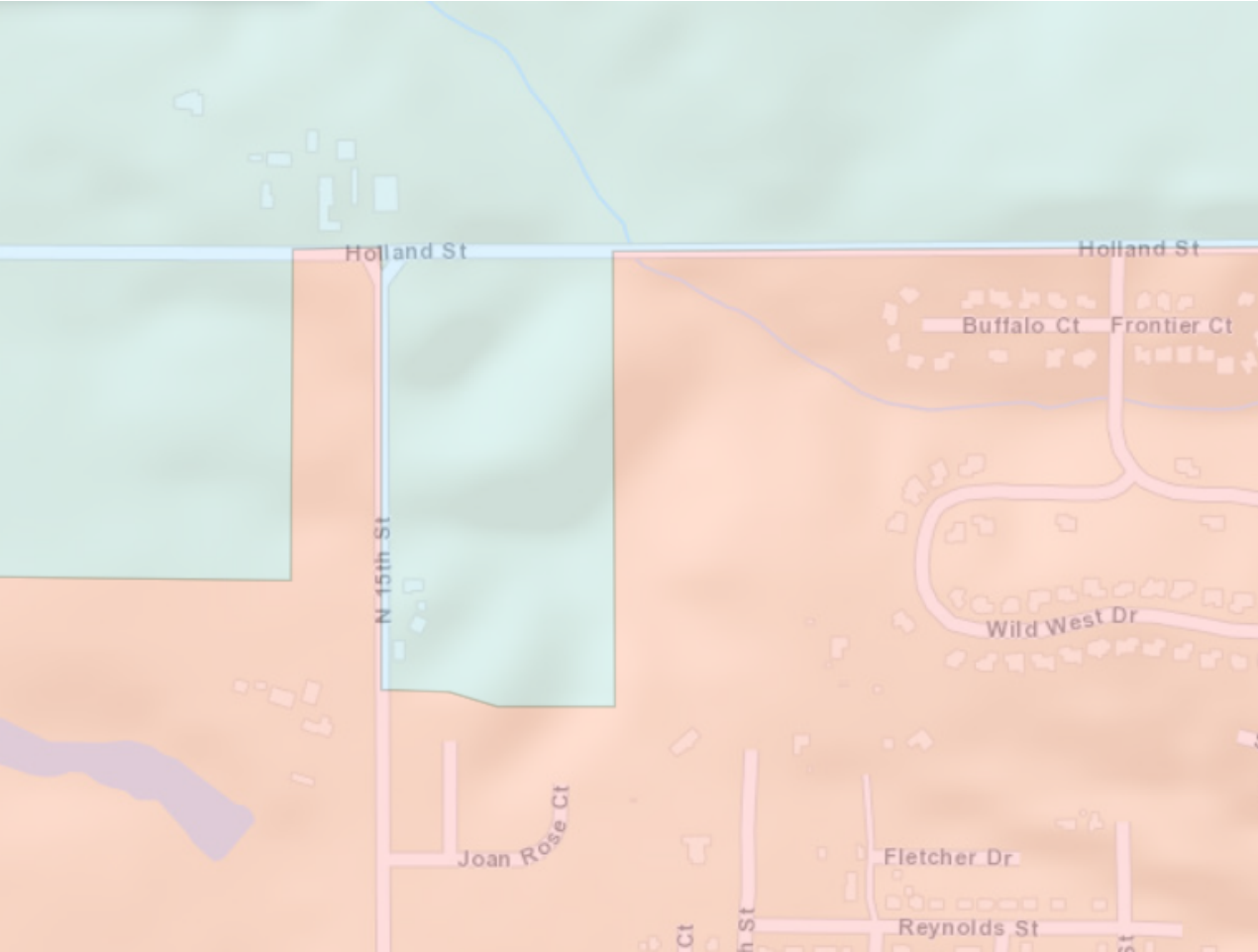
Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that the Board accept the low pizza bids submitted by Little Caesar's and Papa John's for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the Board award Coca-Cola the beverage bid for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that the Board accept the recommendation that the AEA Purchasing Agreement be extended through the 2023-24 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT - NORTH 15TH STREET, LECLAIRE:** Phase I of the new Johnson Farms subdivision is underway in LeClaire. Due to this new addition, the District is reviewing the current attendance boundaries in the area of the subdivision and along North 15th Street. This review will allow the District to plan for the 80 homes that are expected to be part of Phase I.

Discussed were new and existing homes on 15th Street North of Wisconsin Street to 306 15th Street would remain in the Bridgeview attendance area. Any homes north of 306 15th St to Holland St (Johnson Farms addition) would be in the Cody attendance area. In addition, any future homes behind the lots on 15th Street North of Wisconsin Street to 306 15th Street and west to 26th Street would be in the Cody attendance area.



Further discussion and a motion for approval will be presented at the June 12th meeting.

No required motion.

Director Rivera arrived at 7:03 p.m.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Clingensmith presented the monthly financial reports for April

2023. Through April, General Fund revenue totaled \$54,454,624 and expenses totaled \$44,993,278. The fund balance in the General Fund at April 30, 2023 was \$21,404,206. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

June 12, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.  
June 26, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.

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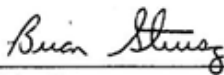
JULY 2022  
**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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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Brian Strusz  
Superintendent