

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, July 17, 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, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Rivera, Wagle. Absent: Kunkel. 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 Hoskins, second by Kanwischer that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Kunkel joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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 or heard on the audio link, above.

Director Kanwischer congratulated the Girls Softball team on their first tournament win over Waukee Northwest.

Dr. Wagle welcomed the District's new Director of Secondary Education Bernie Brustkern.

Superintendent Strusz recognized the retirement of Pleasant Valley High School math teacher Julie Spelhaug, who will retire upon the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year after 32 years of service.

Condolences of the board were shared with the family of Dave Wolfe, who served 55 years in education; 14 years as a math teacher at Pleasant Valley High School

CONSENT AGENDA:

The July 17, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting, including two closed sessions.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Anthony Frakes, Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of his resignation effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Sarah Greim is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary effective the 2023-24 school year. Julie Spelhaug, Math Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her retirement at the end of the 2023-2024 school year after 32 years’ service to the district.

CLASSIFIED:

William Hicock, Part-Time Custodian at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of his resignation effective June 30, 2023. Maria Iftikhar, Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Anne Johnson, Accompanist at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. Kathy Naslund, Preschool Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Tamara Corbin is recommended for probationary employment as a Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary School effective the start of the 2023-24 school year. Anna Dana is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High School effective the start of the 2023-24 school year. Zoe Dolezal is recommended for probationary employment as a Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary School effective the start of the 2023-24 school year. Holly Meinke is recommended for probationary employment as a Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary School effective the start of the 2023-24 school year. Kristin Neumann is recommended for probationary employment as a General/Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary School effective the start of the 2023-24 school year. Kelly Wood is recommended for probationary employment as a Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary School effective the start of the 2023-24 school year.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

ADD: Chelsea St. Claire, Mentoring
DROP: Debora Claussen, Mentoring

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:

Preston	Blair	JH Boys Assistant Basketball Coach
Preston	Blair	JH Assistant Football Coach
Preston	Blair	JH Assistant Track Coach
Eric	Crawford	Assistant Girls Tennis Coach
Jamey	Fah	.5 Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach
Jamey	Fah	JH Assistant Football Coach

Justin	Fah	Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach
Christopher	Foster	Band Assistant
Christopher	Foster	Drum Line
Stephen	Hillman	Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Kaz	Johnson	Assistant Girls Track Coach
Sean	Kingery	Head Girls Golf Coach
Adam	Kueny	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Mitchell	Lawson	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Alyssa	LeMay	Assistant Cheerleading
Tina	Matheson	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Michael	Nedelcoff	Head Boys Golf Coach
John	Patton	Assistant Girls Swimming Coach
Lisa	Pence	Costumer
Lisa	Pence	JH Assistant Director of Theatre
Ryan	Pillow	Head Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach
Andrew	Piotter	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
April	Rauch	Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach
Brigham	Shamrell	Technical Co-Director of Theatre
Madison	Strusz	Dance Team Assistant Advisor
Matthew	Thoene	Assistant Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach
Justin	Thompson	JH Asst Wrestling Coach
Jessica	VanDyke	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Rishi	Wagle	Lighting & Sound Designer
Wayne	Ward	Head Boys Soccer Coach
Kenny	Wheeler	Head Girls Track Coach
Stacey	Zapolski	Head Boys Swimming Coach
Stacey	Zapolski	JH Assistant Swimming Coach

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

23-24	BETT	DAV	NS	total
K	1	2		3
4	1	1		2
6	1	1		2
9	4	4	1	9
10	2	1		3
11	1	2		3
12	1			1
total	11	11	1	23

Denied: One 10th grader from Bettendorf and one 11th grader from Davenport due to insufficient classroom space.

- 2023-24 ROCK VALLEY PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT FOR STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING SERVICES
- NORTH SCOTT / PLEASANT VALLEY COOPERATIVE SWIM AGREEMENTS - 2023-24 boys and girls

As his son is included on the extra-curricular personnel listing, Dr. Wagle recused himself from that portion of the vote.

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$764,003.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,835.71 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,713.96 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$38,382.26 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Hoskins that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,105,766.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$141.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kanwischer that Internal Service Fund warrants 6524 through 6529 be issued in the total amount of \$105,807.73 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 \$769.18 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT OUTCOMES AUDIT REPORT: Dr. Ladrina Wilson was present at the June 12, 2023 board meeting to present information she gathered from the qualitative and quantitative Student Outcomes Audit Report. The report included areas of distinction, areas of opportunity and recommendations. After the presentation, board members requested additional time to review the findings prior to board approval.

Superintendent Strusz explained that the suggested recommendations would be considered. Some recommendations have been implemented, others are under consideration and others will be potentially reconsidered at a future date. Mr. Strusz highlighted three focus areas:

1. The District will provide a safe environment for all individuals.
2. The District will provide a supportive learning environment for all students.
3. The District will broaden its reach in the search for high quality teachers so the diversity in our student population is represented in our faculty and staff population.

He concluded by explaining that the audit is a snapshot in time and not a final conclusion. The District will continue work on the focus areas indefinitely. Comments received from the public may be viewed on the streaming link, above.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that the board acknowledge receipt of the Student Outcomes Audit Report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS: Bids were received for the PVHS Baseball / Softball Parking Lot expansion project on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 2:00 at Belmont Administration Center. Three bids were received:

Langman Construction \$337,875
Miller Trucking & Excavating \$352,635
Valley Construction \$335,924

This project was discussed in detail at two previous meetings, and details of project timing were presented. President Wagle opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:51 and acceptance of the low bid was requested.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the board accept the low bid of \$335,924.00 from Valley Construction for the Pleasant Valley High School Baseball/Softball Parking Lot Expansion Project. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: To meet the needs created by enrollment growth, the District is currently in the schematic design phase for a new southwest addition and renovations to the high school. The plan is for Phase I of this project to be complete for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. John Darveau and Kyle Sandage from frk Architects +Engineers were present to describe the project, initial drawings and the anticipated timeline. The initial plan includes 22 additional classrooms, 5 science labs, office space, a conference room, restrooms, theater storage, cafeteria expansion as well as concession space, locker rooms and restrooms adjacent to the stadium in the lower level of the addition.

Further development of the plan will take place with administrative, teacher and student groups and project bids are scheduled to be received in December 2023.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the board approve schematic documents and cost projections for Phase I of the Pleasant Valley High School addition and renovation project with the stipulation that the architect continues to work to keep the project cost in alignment with the District's budget. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2023 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’s top priorities will be finalized during the August 14th board meeting. To assist in the process, local legislators have been invited to attend our August 14th board meeting to provide a 2023 legislative update and a preview of the 2024 session.

Tentative 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.

The Board’s representative to the delegate assembly (held the day before the IASB state convention - Wednesday, November 15th) must also be selected.

No required motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

August 14, 2023	Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
August 23, 2023	First day of school
August 28, 2023	Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.

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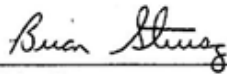
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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.



Brian Strusz
Superintendent