

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, August 28, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjvXj7UV1yg>

*Previous to the start of the board meeting, the board and administrators toured new construction at PVJH, Forest Grove, Pleasant View and PVHS.*

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Absent: none. 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.

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

Director Kunkle thanked faculty and staff for a great start to the school year and congratulated the Class of '98 on their 25th class reunion, which will be celebrated next weekend.

Director Kanwischer thanked the Bettendorf High School Choir, who invited members of the Pleasant Valley High School Choir to join them in singing the National Anthem at the PV/Bettendorf football game last Friday evening.

Director Ayers thanked Leland Zenk, Brian Strusz and building administrators for the new construction tour.

Superintendent Strusz thanked PVJH social studies teacher Jennifer Broders for her 30 years of service to Pleasant Valley Junior High students. Mrs. Broders announced her retirement from teaching at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Superintendent Strusz announced that, for the seventh consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Pleasant Valley Community School District for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full

disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Chief Financial Officer Mike Clingingsmith thanked Mr. Strusz and the Board for their acknowledgement of the award and commended business office personnel: Lorrie Wakeland, District Accountant; Kelly Hatler, Payroll Specialist; Kim Meyer, Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper; Lisa Paper, recently retired Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper and Corie Gamble, Director of Food Service.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The August 28, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**

#### **CERTIFIED:**

Jennifer Broders, Social Studies Teacher at PV Junior High, has submitted notice of her retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 30 years of teaching; all in the District.

#### **CLASSIFIED:**

Eric Dilley, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of his resignation effective August 21, 2023. Dawn Dittmer, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective August 9, 2023. Lisa Kinzer, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective August 11, 2023 and is recommended for regular employment as a Part-Time Custodian at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 16, 2023. Probationary period is waived as she previously served as a summer Custodian and is a long time employee of the District. Lori Kleindolph, Special Education Paraeducator at PV High School, will have a change in letter of assignment from 5.75 hours per day to 8 hours per day starting August 23, 2023. Sara Mooney is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 23, 2023. Sue Nass, Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, will have a change in letter of assignment from 3 hours per day to 5.5 hours per day starting August 23, 2023, adding bus monitor duties.

Jack Pagett is recommended for regular employment as a part time Campus Monitor at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 23, 2023. Lily Porter, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective August 10, 2023. Deborah Ross, Academic Interventionist at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for permanent employment starting September 1, 2023. Alice Soots, Food Service Worker, has submitted notice of her resignation effective August 17, 2023. Lauren Stearman is recommended for employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Cody Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Probationary period is waived as she has worked as a substitute paraeducator in the building.

**CLASSIFIED: (information only)**

Grace Auliff, currently employed as a part time Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is recommended for probationary employment as Head Custodian at Bridgeview Elementary starting August 16, 2023.

Craig Belk is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting August 23, 2023. Daniela Corrent is recommended for probationary employment as an ESL (English as a Second Language) Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary starting August 23, 2023.

Logan Coudron is transferring from a Part-Time Custodian at Riverdale Heights to a Part-Time Custodian at Bridgeview Elementary effective September 15, 2023. Deepitha Kartheepan is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Dawn Knutson is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting August 22, 2023. Brennan Korczak is recommended for probationary employment as a part time Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 28, 2023.

Rebecca Kost is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Cody Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Kaylee Schwarz is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 23, 2023. Erika Sorenson is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting August 23, 2023. David Vasquez is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting August 25, 2023. Ryan Zeskey is recommended for probationary employment as a Study Hall Monitor at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting September 7, 2023.

**TEACHER LEADERSHIP:**

**ADD:**

Jose Lara	Year 1 Co-Mentor
Jill Skyles	Year 1 Co-Mentor
Betsy Mansfield	Music Collaborative Supporter

**DROP:**

Grant Housman	CTE Collaborative Lead
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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADD:**

Sarah Fox	PVHS Assistant Bowling Coach
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**DROP:**

Jose Lara	PVHS Head Softball Coach
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- OPEN ENROLLMENT: The following open enrollments IN have been approved starting the 2023-24 school year:

23-24	BETT	DAV	total
K		1	1
2		1	1
7		1	1
8	1	1	2
total	1	4	5

The following open enrollments have been denied due to lack of space: One grade 4, two grade 8, one grade 10, one grade 12.

- EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Memorandum Of Agreement for College Credit Courses for High School Students

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 Kanwischer that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$605,282.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$54,708.95 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 \$4,078.52 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$50,890.58 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Kunkel that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$7,411.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Rivera that Capital Project Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$7,470.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$39,862.63 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6542 through 6546 be issued in the total amount of \$27,971.79 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 \$1,244.05 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2023-24 ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** Superintendent Strusz provided an enrollment update to the Board. As we begin the 2023-24 school year, enrollment numbers will continue to fluctuate, especially between now and the October 1st count day. Preliminary numbers were shared as follows:

- Total Enrollment is up approximately 120 students.
- Approximate enrollment by level: K-6 = 3015; 7-8 = 918; 9-12 = 1693
- 13 of our 42 total grades in our six elementary buildings have two or fewer open seats
- 379 students are open enrolled IN to the district, and 326 are open enrolled OUT of the district
- 119 district students are homeschooled, a number comparable to the previous 3 years.

After count day, state reported enrollment numbers will be shared with the board.

No required motion.

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL UPDATE:** Superintendent Strusz described to the Board highlights of the first week of school including transportation and the district response to the high heat indexes on Wednesday and Thursday. He thanked students, staff, administration and parents for a strong start to the 23-24 school year.

No required motion.

**KINDERGARTEN SCREENING UPDATE:** The inaugural year of kindergarten screening has just been completed with the goals of improving District programming and supporting all kindergarten students during this important transition period. Screening priorities include:

- a. *Meet ALL learners where they are* (academically and behaviorally) as early as possible
- b. Beginning of year assessments are completed by Labor Day weekend instead of October
- c. "Just Right Learning" for all - ranging from intervention to extension - starts sooner
- d. Implementation of research-based practices for Kindergarten Ready Assessments (KRA)
- e. Position our teachers and other support staff to implement multi-tiered systems of support so ALL student needs are met and optimal growth occurs

Teachers and administrators constructed school-based teams and 359 kindergarten students were screened using the Brigance 5 year old screener. Screenings took place August 23-24. Class assignments and staggered start dates were posted to Infinite Campus Friday, August 25th and Meet & Greet was held August 28th. All kindergarten students will attend starting the Tuesday after Labor Day. Later in September the teacher and administrator team will reflect on the first year of this process taking into consideration parent, student, teacher and district perspectives so we can continue to refine the process.

No required motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## FUTURE DATES:

September 11, 2023

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

September 25, 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](#) page of the Pleasant Valley Community School District website [www.pleasval.org](http://www.pleasval.org).

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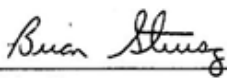
### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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