

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, September 11, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6ztOdtIjM4>

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hoskins, Kanwischer (remotely), Kunkel, Wagle. Absent: Ayers, Brockmann, Rivera. Also present: Brian Strusz, Bernadette Brustkern, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Heather Larson, Deborah Dayman and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS: President Wagle shared the following statement in honor of Patriot's Day: *On this solemn day of September 11th, we pause to remember and honor the lives lost, the heroes who emerged, and the resilience of a nation. May their memory continue to inspire unity, compassion, and unwavering commitment to peace and freedom. Moreover, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a more inclusive and compassionate society. We will never forget.* A moment of silence followed.

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 and Superintendent Strusz extended condolences to the family of Jayne Moritz, Pleasant Valley High School student who passed away on Sunday evening.

Superintendent Strusz recognized Eric Crawford, former PVHS teacher who is retiring as girls tennis coach after 28 years. He congratulated Liz Moritz upon the announcement of her retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 38 years in the profession and 24 years of service to Pleasant Valley students.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The September 11, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the August 28, 2023 Regular Meeting.

● PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Elizabeth Moritz, Science teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 38 years of service - 24 in PVCSD.

CLASSIFIED: Erin Asche, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective September 16, 2023. Sharon Gilmore, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective September 1, 2023. Barrett Lindmark is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 5, 2023. Probation period is waived as Barrett is a current district employee. Mindy Mahalla-Huhn, Paraeducator at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will have 1.25 hours per day added to her contract day effective August 29, 2023. Nicole Mayo, Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary will have .75 hours per day added to her contract effective September 6, 2023. Connie Miller, Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective August 16, 2023. Kalissa Smiddy, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective September 16, 2023. Courtney Sweitzer, Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, will have 2.25 hours added to her contract effective September 12, 2023. Valerie Wilson, Special Education Paraeducator at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will have 30 minutes per day added to her contract effective August 29, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Brooke Boldt is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 5, 2023. Rose Chenoweth Rockstroh is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting September 8, 2023. Brooke Haycraft is recommended for probationary employment as a Preschool Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary starting September 8, 2023. Beatrice Kamadjeu is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting 9/12/2023. Isaac Kaufman is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting September 25, 2023. Kelli Prunty is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting September 16, 2023. Desmond White is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 18, 2023.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

ADD:

Janene Murphy PVHS CTE Collaborative Lead

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:

Jeremy Bowling PVJH Assistant Wrestling

DROP:

Eric Crawford PVHS Girls Assistant Tennis

SALARY ADVANCEMENTS: The following staff members have earned extra credits since their contracts were issued and should advance on the salary scale for the 2023-24 school year:

Kellie Backes, Kate Beausoleil, Courtney Bielis, Pam Boens, Leah Boore, Angela Brand, Kateeya Brown, Rita Brown, Katie Calcott, Brianna Call, Christy Cline, Jackson Culp, Hailey Duwa, Philip George, Kelsey Gillham, Madi Glatz, Jacob Grafenberg, Nicole Guldenstein, Jennifer Hanson, Teresa Harrington, Shannon Harty, Erin Hofer, Grant Housman, Tobias Jessen, Brent Keemle, Alissa Kirsch, Sarah Kraklio, Jason Landa, Jacob Larsen, Rachel Mann, Betsy Mansfield, Erin Merrill, Abby Meuser, Heidi Meyer, Amy Miller, Erica Miller, Janene Murphy, Grace Nielsen, Jennifer Notton, Collette Rhoades, Jake Ridenour, Sara Russell, Meghan Ruth, Scott Schoville, Heather Seibel, Jackie Shea, Carrie Srsic Skillin, Grant Stewart, Lyra VanLanduyt, Erin Woods, Alexander Yank, Joe Youngbauer.

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: The following open enrollments IN have been approved starting the 2023-24 school year: From Davenport - ONE grade 3 continuation. DENIED: From Bettendorf - ONE grade 10 due to lack of space.

- COOPERATIVE TEACHING AGREEMENT: Indiana University.

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Kunkel, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$498,314.65 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$70,556.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,680.68 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$51,884.96 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Hoskins that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$12,270.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that Capital Project Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$843,697.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Hoskins that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$320,915.51 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that Internal Service Fund warrants 6547 through 6550 be issued in the total amount of \$12,611.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$685.10 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Brockmann arrived at 6:11 p.m.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) INSTRUCTIONAL TEAM: Director of Student Services Jill Kenyon introduced English Language Learner Coordinator Jamie Homb and *English as a Second Language* (ESL) teachers Brittane Andrews and Carolyn Blake. The team introduced the goals of our English Language Learners program and the services the district provides in addition to an update on the history and development of the program.

The program's mission is *To help all students in our district who come from diverse language backgrounds learn and become proficient in English, share their culture and background with others, and feel comfortable, accepted and supported within our schools as a Pleasant Valley Spartan.*

The program was launched 13 years ago as a pull-out program serving a handful of students to the current program which serves 130 students representing 33 languages. Current service models include

Pull-Out - The ESL teacher provides focused, individualized instruction in a small group or one-on-one setting.

Push-In - The ESL teacher takes on a collaborative approach with the classroom teacher to support the student in the general education environment.

Co-Teaching - The ESL teacher co-plans with the classroom teacher to provide both the content and language objectives, as well as intertwines effective language supports for all students.

ESL Class (high school) - The ESL teacher supports language learners at the secondary level with their content area assignments as well as targeted language instruction.

Three level of services are provided:

High intermediate: strong language skills; need assistance on background knowledge, figurative language and idiomatic expressions, and inferencing; push in to classrooms or monitoring progress through online platforms

Intermediate: student transitioning from newcomer needs; behind on skill level compared to grade level peers; able to function in general education classroom (may at times struggle with multi-step directions); seen 2-3 times a week in small groups; working on academic skills beyond basic vocabulary acquisition; deficits in productive/ expressive language skills (writing/speaking); Language acquisition 5-7 years (depending on grade level and opportunities/usage of native language)

Emerging: High need ESL. Newcomer; seen 4-5 times a week; significant push in during core content areas; consistent collaboration with classroom teacher; aide or interpreter support; supporting family as cultural liaisons (explaining holidays, US school operations - lunch, recess, etc.); connecting with specials teachers and building staff to provide student information; Average 6-8 months transitioning from a level 3 newcomer to a level 2 student

No Required Motion

SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT: Director of Elementary Education Tony Hiatt provided the 2023 summer school summary report outlining the programs offered at each level, student participation and the final financial information.

The program is offered to elementary and junior high students requiring remediation - specifically in reading and writing - and is by invitation only based upon MAP assessments or teacher recommendation. Specials including Physical Education, music and robotics are also included in the curriculum. The program ran for ten days in July at Hopewell Elementary from 8:30 am - 11:00 am.

Student and faculty attendance improved over previous years. This improvement is attributed to the reduced program length.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that the Board accept the 2023 summer school report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW: The Iowa Association of School Boards has suggested specific board policy revisions to comply with current federal and state legislation. The board held the first reading of policies associated with our school nutrition program :

- 701.1 School Lunch Program
- 701.1R1 Notice of Nondiscrimination
- 701.1E1 Civil Rights Complaints Procedure
- 701.1E2 Civil Rights Complaint Form
- 701.2 Scope of Food Service Program
- 701.3 Financial Support
- 701.4 Eligibility for Free or Reduced Meal Prices

During the 2023 legislative session, a variety of legal topics were updated, resulting in adjustments to school board policies. The board will review the updates over the course of the September and October board meetings. Tonight the board had the first reading of the following policies:

- 104 Anti-Bullying / Anti-Harassment Policy
- 104.R Investigation Procedures
- 421 Professional Development
- 422 Required Professional Development for Employees
- 504.09 Child Abuse Reporting
- 601.2 School Calendar and School Day

Current [board policy](#) can be reviewed on the School Board page of the district website www.pleasval.org and proposed updates can be found in the [Supporting Information](#) files on the website.

These policies will be presented for a second reading at the September 25th board meeting.

No Required Motion

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

September 25, 2023
October 9, 2023

Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
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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](http://www.pleasval.org) page of the Pleasant Valley Community School District website www.pleasval.org.

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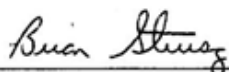
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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
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