

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, September 25, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

Streaming link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1lvBxLgu3o>

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA REVISION: Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that an agenda item be added to discuss objections to school board election nomination papers for director district 6. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the agenda be approved as revised. 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.

President Wagle shared his thanks with the PTAs who worked very hard to organize and host fall festivals in the elementary schools - the Bridgeview Bonanza, Forest Grove Frenzy, Hopewell Harvest and the Pleasant View Fall Fest. (Cody and Riverdale Heights hold their festivals at other times during the year.)

Superintendent Strusz shared the condolences of the Board and the District with the family of Keith Osborn, Riverdale Principal from 1973 - 1988 and Pleasant View Principal from 1988 - 2002, who passed away last week. He also expressed sympathy to Leland Zenk, Director of Operations, and family upon the passing upon Leland's father.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS AND COMMENDED STUDENTS: Director of Secondary Education Mrs. Brustkern introduced the following PVHS seniors who have been named 2024 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: Jenna Boekhoff, Jack Cabay, Luke Eckman, Cole Halupnik, Achinteya Jayaram, Nathan Musal and Tyler Nels.

Fewer than 1% of high school students nationwide who take the preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and meet other program requirements are named semifinalists. Finalists will be named in February 2023.

The following National Merit Commended Students were also recognized: Vamsi Challa, Samantha Kruse, Margil Sanchez Carmona and Johnathon Ziebelbein.

The Board congratulated these students upon this outstanding achievement and President Wagle shared the following: To all our National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Students: Your dedication and intellectual prowess have brought you to this remarkable achievement. As you advance in this prestigious competition, remember to stay true to your passion for learning, maintain your curiosity, and continue pushing the boundaries of knowledge. Embrace the challenges ahead with confidence and resilience, for they will only further shape your bright future. Keep nurturing your love for education, and know that your potential knows no bounds. Congratulations, and may your journey ahead be filled with continued success and personal growth.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The September 25, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**

CERTIFIED: Theresa Staley, 3rd grade teacher at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 27 years of service to the District.

CLASSIFIED: Kristy Anderson is recommended for regular employment as a part time Custodian at Hopewell Elementary starting October 1, 2023. Probationary period is waived as she has served as a substitute custodian in the building. Nicole Mayo, Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective October 4, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Alexandra Santiago is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 18, 2023.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:

Andrew Piotter PVHS Head Girls Soccer Coach

DROP:

Andrew Piotter PVHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** The following open enrollments IN have been approved starting the 2023-24 school year: From Bettendorf: Two grade 8 and one grade 11 (continuations). From Davenport: One K, one grade 4 and one grade 10 (continuations).

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockman that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$177,029.35 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 \$78,509.46 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Rivera that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$981.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$32,862.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,474.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$6,932.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6551 through 6553 be issued in the total amount of \$10,168.98 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,542.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES - SECOND READING: The Iowa Association of School Boards has suggested specific board policy revisions to comply with current federal and state legislation. At the September 11 meeting, 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. At the September 11 meeting, the board held the first reading of policies of the following policies, and tonight the board further reviewed updates to 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.

The Board suggested further revision to 104.R, so that policy will not be approved this evening and policy 422 is a new policy which requires three readings so both will be brought back to the board at the October 9 meeting.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that the Board approve updates to Board Policy as presented (with the exception of Policies 104.R and 422. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN DEVELOPMENT: Kyle Sandage from FRK architects and engineers was present to update the board on the Pleasant Valley High School schematic design phase and the beginning design development process. Highlights of the project include 28 additional classrooms, expansion of the cafeteria and food serving area, the addition of new locker rooms and a concession stand, upgraded fire safety equipment and parking lot redesign and repair.

The project is entering the final document preparation phase (Construction Documents) and a December bid date is anticipated. Target date for completion is the start of the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Kunkel that the Board approve the Design Development process for Pleasant Valley High School. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2022-23 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: Mr. Hiatt and Mrs. Brustkern reviewed highlights from the 2022-23 Annual Progress Report, which has been posted to the [district website](#).

The following highlights were noted:

- 2001-02 enrollment = 3,119; 2011-12 enrollment = 3,959, 2021-22 enrollment = 5,423; 2022-23 enrollment = 5,505.
- 781 faculty and staff served our students.
- Daily attendance rate is 95.20%
- The 2021-22 graduation rate was 93.5% as compared to the state rate of 89.7%. The District continues to work diligently to reach a 100% graduation rate.
- The 2022-23 average elementary class size is 23 (maximum class size per level: kindergarten=22, grades 1-3 = 24; grades 4-6 = 25)
- In 2023, the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation awarded 133 scholarships totalling \$139,600.
- 2022 Composite ACT score = 24.9
- 403 students took 617 advanced placement (AP) tests; 85.6% earned a score of 3,4 or 5.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that the Board accept the 2022-23 Annual Progress Report as discussed. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES: The Board held the initial readings of Board Policy updates to select series 500 and series 600 policies, as necessitated by state legislative action. A second reading and approval will occur at the October 9th board meeting.

504.02A	Administration of Medication to Students
504.02AE1	Authorization - Asthma, Airway Constriction, or Respiratory Distress Medication Self-Administration Consent Form
504.02AE2	Parental Authorization and Release From for the Administration of Medication or Special Health Services to Students
504.02AE3	Parental Authorization and Release Form for Independent Self Carry and Administration of Prescribed Medication or Independent Delivery of Health Services by the Student
504.02AE4	Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of Voluntary School Stock of Over-The-Counter Medication to Students
504.02B	Special Health Care Procedures

504.02BE1	Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of a Voluntary School Supply of Stock Medication for Life Threatening Incidents
504.02C	Stock Prescription Medication Supply
509.1	Student Disclosure of Identity
509.1E1	Report of Student Disclosure of Identity
509.1E2	Request to Update Student Identity
602.11	School Library
602.13	Health Education
602.13R	Human Growth and Development Student Excuse Form
603.08	Instructional Materials Procedures
603.08A	Use of Information Resources
603.08E1	Instructions to the Reconsideration Committee
603.08E2	Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Request Form
603.08E3	Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional or Library Materials
603.08E4	Request to Prohibit a Student From Checking out Specific Library Materials
603.08AE5	Request to Prohibit a Student From Accessing Specific Instructional Materials
603.08R1	Instructional Materials Procedures (Selection)
603.08R2	Objection to Instructional and Library Materials - Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation
604.2	Health Services
604.2R	Health Services Regulation
605.2	K-12 Assessment & Survey Program

SBRC (SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE) REQUEST FOR MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR THE 2022-23 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT:

The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) for the amount of the District’s special education deficit for the 2022-23 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. The state also requires the Board authorize a request to the SBRC in order to receive supplemental aid. Supplemental aid is a distribution of the positive special education balances of other districts in the state to districts which have special education deficits. This supplemental aid is prorated based on the amount of a district’s special education deficit. These requests to the SBRC are standard procedure every year the district has a special education deficit. Following is the District’s special education deficit for each of the past ten years (rounded to the nearest dollar):

2011-12 = \$ 581,361	2017-18 = \$ 608,135
2012-13 = \$ 417,266	2018-19 = \$ 816,465
2013-14 = \$ 694,098	2019-20 = \$ 1,339,494
2014-15 = \$ 565,235	2020-21 = \$767,750
2015-16 = \$ 452,265	2021-22 = \$1,356,328
2016-17 = \$ 590,802	2022-23 = \$929,440

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for modified supplemental amount in the amount of the district’s final 2022-23 special education deficit of \$929,440.25 (or the amount determined by the Iowa Department of Education after review) and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the district’s final

2022-23 special education deficit of \$929,440.25 (or the amount determined by the Iowa Department of Education after review). Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

SBRC REQUEST FOR MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT FOR EXCESS LEP (LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY) COSTS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR: The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for modified supplemental amount (additional spending authority) for the amount of the District's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) deficit for the 2022-23 school year in order for the District to receive the additional spending authority. We have calculated the District's 2022-23 LEP deficit to be \$142,467.18

Motion by Rivera, second by Kunkel that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for modified supplemental amount for excess LEP (Limited English Proficiency) costs for serving English language learners in a Limited English Instructional Program during the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$142,467.18 (or the amount determined by the Iowa Department of Education after review). Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION - OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS: Nomination Petitions for the November 7, 2023 school board elections were due Thursday, September 21 at 5:00. The candidate withdrawal deadline / candidate objection deadline is Tuesday, September 26 at 5:00. Three individuals filed objections to the nomination packet of Tracey Rivera, candidate for director district 6 and current incumbent. The objections related to signatures from outside of the director district on her nomination filing and signatures on the back side of the original petition and not on a separate petition page. State law requires the objections be considered by a 3 person panel consisting of the board president or vice president if the president is not available, the board secretary and another board member selected by ballot by the board. The board selected Kathryn Kunkel to serve as the third person on the review panel. The special meeting of the panel was scheduled for Wednesday, September 27; 8:00 a.m. at the Belmont administration center.

(NOTE: Because of the concerns brought forward, Director Tracey Rivera withdrew her Affidavit of Candidacy and Nomination Petition prior to the September 26; 5:00 p.m. deadline so the meeting of the three person panel to determine the sufficiency of the nomination petition was canceled.)

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

October 9, 2023
October 23, 2023

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

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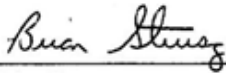
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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