

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, October 9, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

Streaming link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feC0gCTae8w>

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, Bernadette 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 revised. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1) (j) of the open meetings law to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the School District would have to pay or lower the price the District would receive for the property. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. 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 Brockmann thanked everyone involved with the homecoming festivities - the events require a great deal of work, planning and time by students, staff and PTA parents - and it was a great celebration of our students and the district.

She also reminded the board that the Student Hunger Drive is underway. Watch the weekly enews and high school student announcements for details of special events being held throughout the drive. Go [here](#) for a link for cash donations or use the QR code, below. Cash donations will be credited to the district.



Director Rivera thanked district 6th grade teachers and elementary science teachers for the 6th grade science camp experience. She acknowledged the planning which such a significant event requires so that every detail is covered and the students are adequately looked after.

Director Kunkel also shared her congratulations for the week long Homecoming celebration, including the daily themes, the parade, and the dunk tank which featured Mr. Hiatt!

Doug Kanwischer also commended teachers and staff for the 6th grade science campout, and noted that the fierce competition for chaperone spots by high school students speaks to the meaningfulness of the event to students well beyond their 6th grade year.

Mr. Clingingsmith referred the board to the general fund bill approval listing and explained the reason for the negative amount. The amount is the result of a reversal for payment of computer hardware (Chrome books, laptops, projectors etc.) originally paid via the General Fund but is most appropriately paid for out of the PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy). Tonight's approval of bills reflects that reversal.

Mr. Hiatt also highlighted the 6th grade campout and thanked the 6th grade parents who made donations to offset the cost of the event (state law prohibits the district from charging students a fee to cover the costs). Many memories were made centered on student learning and he commended the commitment by teachers, nurses, student volunteers and students.

Mrs. Brustkern shared the following:

- PVHS Librarian Cari McDonald and English teacher Jenni Levora presented *Teach Critical Thinking and Media Literacy* at the Iowa Council of Teachers of English.
- The College Board announced that Pleasant Valley High School has been named to the Advanced Placement Program (AP) 2023 School Honor Roll, earning Bronze distinction. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access.
AP Testing
 - Shows a commitment to increasing college-going culture,
 - provides opportunities for students to earn college credit
 - maximizes college readiness.
 - From the PVHS Class of 2023, 40% took at least one AP exam during high school, 34% scored a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 8% took five or more AP exams!
- Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team who were MAC Champs, 3rd at districts, and 5th at State.

Superintendent Strusz shared an email he received from a Wisconsin family who crossed paths with 6th grade campout students at Maquoketa Caves who commended the PV students' behavior and friendliness.

He also shared a security camera update. The Vulnerability Assessment has been completed by a team of outside consultants and an individual consultant has been assigned to the district. A report was completed for every building. The application will be submitted as soon as the district receives additional guidance and approval. At this time, 77% of building cameras are digital. This grant will allow all cameras to be upgraded to digital allowing enhanced capabilities.

President Wagle read the following statement: *As members of this community, it's crucial that we recognize the significance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. This observance allows us to honor and respect the rich history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. By officially recognizing this day, we demonstrate our commitment to promoting inclusivity, understanding, and respect for the Indigenous communities that have shaped our world. Let's take this opportunity to foster education and awareness about the experiences and challenges faced by Indigenous peoples, and work towards a more inclusive and equitable future for all.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

The October 9, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**

CLASSIFIED: Courtney Brankovic, Administrative Assistant - Attendance at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2023. Swathi Inturi, Food Service Worker at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2023. Leah Johannes, Administrative Assistant / High School Registrar, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2023. Dawn Knutson, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary has submitted notice of her resignation effective October 4, 2023. Connie Miller is recommended for regular employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting October 9, 2023. Probationary employment is waived as Ms. Miller is a former employee of the district. Erika Sorenson, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective October 20, 2023. Jamie Stubblefield, Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, will have a change in letter of assignment from 4.75 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day starting October 4, 2023. Kelly Wood, Special Education / General Education Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary, will have a change in letter of assignment from 2 hours per day to 4.25 hours per day starting October 3, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Colleen Parrick is recommended for probationary employment as a Paraeducator - Lunch Room Monitor at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting October 16, 2023.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:

Matthew Miller

PVHS Assistant Wrestling Coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** One Open Enrollment IN request from Bettendorf (grade 10) has been denied due to space constraints.

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 Kunkel that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$(21,414.01) in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$100,377.40 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kanwischer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$6,240.40 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$39,069.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera 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 Kunkel, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,916,259.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Rivera that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,370,840.43 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6554 through 6557 be issued in the total amount of \$18,541.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES - SECOND READING: During the September 25 meeting, the Board held the initial readings of Board Policy updates to select series 500 and series 600 policies, as necessitated by state legislative action. The required second reading occurred this evening.

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 Form 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 H	Health Services
604.2R	Health Services Regulation
605.2	K-12 Assessment & Survey Program

Additionally, at the September 25 meeting the Board suggested further revision to policy 104.R and held the required third reading for new policy 422, first presented at the September 9 meeting.

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

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the Board approve updates to Board Policy as presented.
 Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none.
 Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 21.5(1)(j): The board entered closed session at 6:48 p.m. to discuss the potential purchase of real estate. No motions were made during closed session and the closed session concluded at 7:18 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The board returned to open session at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT: For some time, the administration and board have been exploring opportunities for the purchase of land for a future 7th elementary school. After some negotiation, the District is proposing to move forward on a real estate purchase agreement with R. & R. Investments to purchase approximately 15.8 acres of real property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Forest Grove Road and Wells Ferry Road in Bettendorf, Iowa at the price of \$60,000 per acre. The exact purchase price will be determined after each party approves a final survey. The district will be depositing \$15,000 earnest money.

In addition to the purchase price, the District will share the cost of power line relocation with Mid American Energy.

It is the intention of R. & R. Investments to build homes on the property surrounding the school site.

The anticipated cost of land acquisition has been budgeted, so borrowing will not be required to pay for the land purchase.

This acquisition along with possible expansion opportunities to Bridgeview or Cody will allow for growth potential across the district as the need arises in the future.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with R. & R. Investments to purchase approximately 15.8 acres of land at the corner of Wells Ferry Road and Forest Grove Road, Bettendorf, Iowa for the approximate price of \$948,000 and giving the Superintendent the authority to finalize the various open dates. Roll call vote. Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Future dates were discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

October 23, 2023
November 13, 2023

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR
GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. **The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at <http://www.pleasval.org>.** Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian's name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

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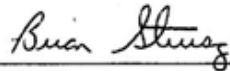
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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