

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, October 23, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

Streaming link

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

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, Leland Zenk, Deborah Dayman and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers 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.

Director Brockmann complimented All-State vocalists (named later) and noted the hard work required to achieve that goal.

Director Rivera thanked the Riverdale Heights PTA for organizing the Trunk or Treat event held last Friday evening. She said the event was very well attended and the weather was perfect.

Director Kunkel congratulated the PVHS school yearbook staff, the Spartan Shield staff and advisor Maureen Dyer for state awards recently received, and complimented the PVJH Mock Trial event organized by Mr. Paul.

Director of Secondary Education Mrs. Brustkern highlighted the following Spartan successes:

University of Northern Iowa Hall of Excellence

Connie Shafar (retired Junior High Wellness Teacher) was inducted to the UNI Hall of Excellence.

- Connie retired at the end of the 2003 school year after 33 years of service at PV.
- She was head basketball and head softball for a number of years.
- She led the development of women’s sports at UNI and is considered one of the most impactful individuals in Iowa Sports history.
- She has been named to the QC Sports Hall of Fame and the UNI Sports Hall of Fame.

The award provides recognition of distinguished graduates in fields including physical education, kinesiology, public health, recreation, tourism and nonprofit leadership and the induction was held October 6 & 7 at the university.

All State Orchestra Audition Results

Congratulations to the orchestra students who auditioned. Six PV students and one alternate were accepted from PVHS:

Xin-Yan Chan, Violin I; Johann Deutmeyer, Violin I ; Kaushik Balaji, Violin II ; Avalon Anderson, Viola; Juha Kim, Viola; Jocelyn Bock, Cello . Alternate: Shalini Chadupatla, Violin.

Iowa Choral Directors Association Opus Honor Choir selection

Fifth through ninth grade students from across the state are eligible to audition for Opus Honor Choir. The choirs will perform at Iowa State University in November. We are proud to announce that 30 students and one alternate from PV were selected:

Ninth Grade Honor Choir:

*Alaysia Green, 1st yr
Andrew Worlton, 1st yr
Kaushik Balaji, Alternate*

Seventh-Eighth Treble:

*Annabelle Denain, 3rd yr
Varsha Satti, 2nd yr
Avery Sondgeroth, 2nd yr
Fatim Coulibaly, 1st yr*

Seventh-Eighth Bass:

*Benjamin Burman, 2nd yr
Andrew Hartsock, 2nd yr
Odacir Diaz-Rivera, 1st yr
Joseph Neumann, 1st yr
Dominik Stutenburg, 1st yr*

Fifth-Sixth Grade:

*Shraddha Balaji, 2nd yr
Elise Cabay, 2nd yr
Saiesha Pradhan, 2nd yr
Kinley Sederquist, 2nd yr
Theo Bell, 1st yr
Hadley Bishop, 1st yr
Rukmini Chandupatla, 1st yr
Grace Garnica, 1st yr
Peyton Imsland, 1st yr
Julia Kelly, 1st yr
Ava Lamar, 1st yr
Kate Layton, 1st yr
Sofie Malin, 1st yr
Sharanya Mohite, 1st yr
Haven O'Brian, 1st yr
Harrison Richards, 1st yr
Benjamin Rose, 1st yr
Charlotte Ruth, 1st yr
Reagan Valliere, 1st yr*

All-State Chorus Results

Congratulations to all the Pleasant Valley musicians who auditioned for All-State. We are proud to announce that eighteen students were selected:

12 - 1st year students:

- Rese Bailey, Bass
- Carly Berta, Soprano
- Bradley Drechney, Tenor
- Logan House, Bass
- Nathan Kuberski, Bass
- Avery Lehman, Alto
- Kailee McCaw, Alto
- Payton Paul, Soprano
- Roman Saddler, Bass
- Clare Tinsman, Soprano
- Estelle Treiber, Alto
- Celia Vondracek, Soprano

4 - 2nd year students:

- Elly Huhn, Soprano
- Alene Keppy, Alto
- Connor Schutte, Tenor
- Sydney Smith, Alto

2 - 3rd year students:

- Zack Guest, Tenor
- Mason Neil, Bass

Pleasant Valley's Meg Byrne Named Semifinalist for 2024 GRAMMY Music Educator Award

Meg Byrne, Director of Vocal Music, has been named a semifinalist for the 2024 GRAMMY Music Educator Award. This prestigious accolade is presented by the GRAMMY Museum® and The Recording Academy® and acknowledges current U.S. music teachers from kindergarten through college in both public and private institutions. The GRAMMY Music Educator Award shines a light on educators who have made profound impacts in the field, emphasizing the importance of music education in schools.

- Of 2,000 nominations from 50 states, only 25 music educators were chosen as semifinalists.
- In December, 10 finalists will be announced.
- The winner of the award will then be recognized during GRAMMY® Week 2024,.

The winner will also receive a \$10,000 honorarium. The nine finalists will receive \$1,000 honorarium, with the 15 semifinalists receiving a \$500 honorarium. All 25 will receive a matching grant for their school's music program.

Meg Byrne has served as the Director of Vocal Music at Pleasant Valley High School for 29 years. She directs the Chamber Choir, Treble Chamber Choir, the a cappella jazz choir the Leading Tones, and teaches AP Music Theory. During her time at Pleasant Valley, the Chamber Choir has been invited to sing in concert with multiple collegiate ensembles, the Nova Singers, the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, and was selected as one of the outstanding high school ensembles to perform at the Iowa Choral Showcase. Congratulations Mrs. Byrne!

Journalism and Yearbook Awards

Several students attended The Iowa High School Press Association conference at the University of Iowa last week. IHSPA has named the Spartan Shield the 2023 Class C News Team of the Year and the PVHS Yearbook 2023 Yearbook of the Year. Maureen Dyer teaches journalism and is the Faculty Advisor. Congratulations to these students!

Cross Country

The 7th Grade Pleasant Valley Girls Cross Country Team, coached by Sarah Kraklio, earned the title of State Runner Up at the meet held in Ankeny on October 14th. PVJH runners finished second and Sarah Foad was the 7th grade girls individual state champion.

The 7th Grade Pleasant Valley Boys Cross Country Team has earned the title of State Champions.

Congratulations Spartans!

CONSENT AGENDA:

The October 23, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Debbie Claussen is recommended for a temporary contract to teach Family and Consumer Science at Pleasant Valley Junior High for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Claussen is a retired PVHS faculty member.

CLASSIFIED: Grace Auliff, Head Building Custodian at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 1, 2023. Brooke Boldt, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 1, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Elizabeth Lindmark is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting October 16, 2023. Brooke Miller is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary starting October 17, 2023. Rebecca Woods is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting October 18, 2023.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

ADD:

Debbie Claussen

PVJH Co-Mentor

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Approved: Grade 4 IN from Bettendorf, Grade 5 IN from Bettendorf, Grade 9 IN from North Scott (continuation). Denied: Grade 7 IN from Bettendorf due to lack of space.
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SIAC) 2023-24: Bailie Baker, Lane Bleeker, Grace Brand, Bernie Brustkern, Katelyn Chen, Eric Dippel, Tony Hiatt, Grant Jaques, Jason Jones, Ann Kardell, Angie Kendall, Jill Kenyon, Kathryn Kunkel, Heather Larson, Luna Martinolich, Mike Peakin, Kathiravan Rathinasamy, Sonica Riat, Jennifer Richardson, Stephanie Risius, Alejandra Rodriguez, Jeff Rose, Barbara Schadt, Alyse Schmidt, Lindsay Seamer, Brian Strusz, Bennett Teitle, Xavier Vesey and Kenny Wheeler.

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 Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$154,272.21 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$74,365.26 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Rivera that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$311.37 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 \$24,989.07 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Rivera that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$5,786.10 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6558 through 6559 be issued in the total amount of \$9,584.62 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 \$692.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PVJH ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #1: Expansion and renovation is underway at Pleasant Valley Junior High. The Family & Consumer Science area layout is being revised to allow better use of the space around the ovens. The original layout created tight work and teaching spaces. The revised layout incorporates extra hoods, allowing the ovens and the students to be more evenly spaced throughout the classroom. Installation of a new style of light commercial hood allows the redesign and meets commercial building codes.

Change Order #1 adds \$89,044.43 to the project cost.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the board approve Change Order #1, and add of \$89,044.43, to the Pleasant Valley Junior High Addition and Renovation Project for upgrades to the Family and Consumer Science space as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

SECONDARY LEARNING LABS: Director of Secondary Education Bernadette Brustkern introduced the board to Secondary Learning Labs. Learning Labs are an additional opportunity for 7-12 core area teachers to engage in embedded professional development outside of early out PD Wednesdays. The purpose of learning labs is to provide PLC teams the opportunity to refine their curriculum and instruction which will have a direct impact on teacher practice and student learning. Teachers will be working to establish a solid foundation rooted in a shared language and a deep understanding of a curriculum that is both guaranteed and viable. With this foundation in place, departments will be able to engage in vertical alignment work in the future.

No required motion.

2023-24 ENROLLMENT UPDATE: October 1 (Monday, October 2nd this year) is count day - the day districts determine student enrollment for the year - the enrollment numbers which are used in the Iowa

School Finance Formula calculation on which General Fund funding is determined. Mr. Strusz shared enrollment information from count day. Certified enrollment is down 18 students from last year. This year 375 students are open enrolled into PVCSD and 300 students are open enrolled out of the district. It was also noted that kindergarten enrollment is less than the last two years but more in line with previous years. 48 students who are enrolled in private schools were able to receive assistance from the state's new Education Savings Account program. 119 district students are homeschooled.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented monthly financial reports for June, July, August and September 2023. Generally, financial reports are reviewed monthly. However, June financials aren't made final until the auditors complete their field work in early September.

Through June, General fund revenue totaled \$64,985,649 and expenses totaled \$64,783,649. The fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2023 was \$12,144,860. June 30th is the final day of the district's fiscal year. Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed a summary of the key financial highlights of the 2022-23 fiscal year. He noted no areas of financial concern.

Through July, General fund revenue totaled \$473,053 and expenses totaled \$1,894,450. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2023 was 10,723,463.

Through August, General fund revenue totaled \$961,571 and expenses totaled \$3,451,487. The fund balance in the General Fund at August 31, 2023 was \$9,654,945.

Through September, General fund revenue totaled \$7,759,834 and expenses totaled \$8,143,209. The fund balance in the General Fund at September 30, 2023 was \$11,761,484.

Also presented for each of the months were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports for each month. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kanwischer that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for June, July, August and September 2023 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Future dates were discussed.

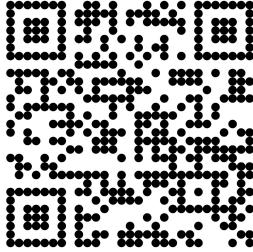
MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

November 13, 2023
November 27, 2023

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

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.



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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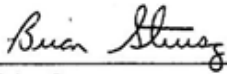
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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 the Director of Secondary Education, 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. The Director of Secondary Education's office is at Pleasant Valley Administration Center, 525 Belmont Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563) 332-5550.



Brian Strusz
Superintendent