

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, November 13, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

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*Streaming link*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMZLyz-2iXA>

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Hoskins, 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 congratulated Pleasant Valley High School Spartan Assembly and students from all grades who participated in the 37th annual Student Hunger Drive. More than **92,000 pounds** of food was collected by Pleasant Valley students. Once again, Pleasant Valley was named Division A Championships in the friendly hunger drive competition! In total, 17 school districts donated grocery items equating to 818,468 meals. Sincere thanks to students, advisors, faculty and district drivers for collecting, organizing and delivering the food to the Riverbend Food Bank.

Mrs. Brockmann also congratulated high school swimmers for a successful season.

Director Kunkel thanked elementary PTAs and teachers for fun-filled Halloween parades and parties.

Director of Secondary Education Bernadette Brustkern congratulated students accepted into the Iowa All-State Band. Nine students and one alternate were selected. Two students were selected as the top overall musician on their instrument and will perform with the All-State orchestra.

Vamsi Challa (Clarinet, 2nd year), Madyline Fox (Bassoon, 3rd year), Achinteya Jayaram (Bass Clarinet 2nd year), Lauren Lundie (Clarinet, 1st year), Katelyn Morris (Clarinet, 3rd year), Aditya Narayan (Clarinet, 2nd year), Jun Oh (Flute, 3rd year, selected for orchestra), Sophia Pomykala (Clarinet, 1st year), Tanya Rastogi (Flute, 2nd year), Victoria Rice (Horn, 2nd year, selected for orchestra) and Landon Wiese (1st alternate, Percussion).

All-State musicians represent the top 1.5% of all Iowa musicians and will perform at the 77th Annual All-State Music Festival along with the 600 member choir, 275 member band, and 225 member orchestra on November 18, 2023 at Iowa State University. The concert will be broadcast on Iowa Public Television on Thanksgiving evening.

Competition Cheer participated in the Iowa State Cheer Championships last weekend. 4A Cheer/Dance and 4A Group Stunt Group Stunt received 4th place and a beautiful trophy for the case. Cheer/Dance received 6th place and were just 0.65 points away from another beautiful trophy for the case.

President Wagle congratulated actors, cast, crew, orchestra and director Christina Myatt for the outstanding fall musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. The performances, sets, props and costumes were engaging and very professional.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

The November 13, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

### CLASSIFIED:

Angelica Bideaux, Food Service Worker at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Angelica was initially hired at Bridgeview and Cody, now will be exclusively at Bridgeview. Sharon Casillas, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Tamara Corbin, General Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Daniela Corrent, ESL Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Anna Dana, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Zoe Dolezal, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Jacqueline Drudge, Food Service Worker, is recommended for a move from Bridgeview (3.0 hours) to Pleasant Valley Junior High (5.75 hours). Linda Fullmer, Food Service Worker at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective December 1, 2023. Deepitha Kartheepan, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Brennan Korczak, part time Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Rebecca Kost, Special Education Paraeducator at Cody Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for employment starting November 16, 2023. Charoo Kumra, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Emily Mauro, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective October 31, 2023. Holly Meincke, General Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023.

Kristin Neumann, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Angel Robinson, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Kaylee Schwarz, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Sarah Schwarz, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective November 11, 2023. Veronica Sheckler, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is recommended for an increase in contract time from 5.0 to 5.75 per day. Anjana Sunilkumar, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Manette Trevino, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of her resignation effective November 10, 2023. David Vasquez, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023. Kelly Wood, General / Special Education Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2023.

**CLASSIFIED: (information only)**

Allison Brown is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting November 16, 2023. Pravathi Namuduri is recommended for probationary employment as General Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting October 25, 2023. Alexandra Santiago, probationary Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School (3 hrs/day), is now assigned to Pleasant Valley Junior High (5 hrs/day). Caitlin Simon is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting November 27, 2023. Dana Steinhart, Food Service Worker has transferred from Pleasant Valley Junior High to Pleasant Valley High School effective October 31, 2023. Alison Young is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting November 14, 2023.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

ADD:

Cassidy Peterson  
Trent Rubley

PVJH Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
PVHS Head Softball Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Approved: One grade 1 IN from DeWitt. Denied: One grade 7 IN from DeWitt.

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

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Hoskins, second by Kunkel that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$582,782.01 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 \$160,891.90 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$29,718.30 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 \$112,912.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Hoskins that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$13,810.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$774,093.43 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins second by Ayers that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$141,046.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Rivera that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$304.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6560 through 6563 be issued in the total amount of \$35,982.73 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 \$1,836.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** The board had an initial look at the tentative 2024-25 school calendar. The structure is consistent with this year's calendar. The calendar has been initially presented to IBPS (Interest Based Problem Solving) members, PTA presidents and administrators. The required public hearing and approval is anticipated to occur at the December 18th, 2023 meeting.

Key 2024-25 dates:

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| First Day of School:    | August 23, 2024  |
| Fall Break:             | October 25,28 (No school)                                  |
| Thanksgiving:           | November 27, 28, 29 (No School)                            |
| Winter Break:           | December 23 - January 3 (school resumes January 6)         |
| Martin Luther King Day: | January 20 (No school)                                     |
| Presidents Day Weekend: | February 14,17 (No school/Feb 14th tentative snow make up) |
| Spring Break:           | March 17-21 (No school)                                    |
| No School:              | April 18   |
| Memorial Day:           | May 26 (No school)   |
| Last Day of School:     | June 6, 2025   |

No required motion.

**FALL 2023 DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY REPORT:** Director of Technology Kevin Pennekamp provided an update to the Board about changes and concerns related to technology in the district. He discussed eRates (technology funding received from the Federal Communications Commission) and noted that 2023 funds were applied to an improved PVHS Core Switch/UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply), Administration Building UPS, and 3 year access point licenses. Future allocations include School Closet Switches and equipment to serve the Forest Grove and Junior High additions.

Cyber security was also discussed and he described recent actions taken to increase district-wide security. He noted that cyber security is a challenge requiring constant attention and funding.

No required motion.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATES - APPROPRIATE INTERNET USE:** Director of Technology Kevin Pennekamp presented updates to Board Policy 603.13 and 603.13(R) - Internet - Appropriate Use and the accompanying regulation (603.13 R) . The content of the policies remains the same, but the presentation is brought into line with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) recommended policies. Current [board policy](#) can be reviewed on the School Board page of the district website [www.pleasval.org](http://www.pleasval.org) and proposed updates can be found in the [Supporting Information](#) files on the website.

Of note: Students may only use their district email address within the *pleasval.org* domain, unless special permission is given (i.e., an EICC domain as high school students take classes at Scott Community College). Student cell phone policy will be presented only in the high school handbook.

These policies will be presented for a second reading and motion for approval at the November 27th board meeting.

No Required Motion.

**BOARD POLICY REVIEW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:** In preparation for the Iowa Department of Education Desk Audit, the district must review and update various board policies as outlined by the Iowa Department of Education. The board reviewed and updated policies 401, 406 and 501.1 during this first meeting and will approve the updated policies during the Monday, November 27th board meeting.

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

No Required Motion.

Future dates were discussed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

#### **FUTURE DATES:**

November 27, 2023

December 18, 2023

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

Regular School Board Meeting; 5:30 p.m.  
(early start due to PVHS concert)

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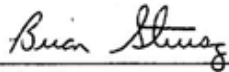
**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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.



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Brian Strusz  
Superintendent