

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, November 27, 2023; 6:00 P.M.

Streaming link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3QzOy7reig>

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Brockmann, Hoskins, Kanwischer (remotely), Kunkel, Rivera, Wagle. Absent: none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Bernadette Brustkern, Mike Clingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Heather Larson, 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.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work diligently to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikhil Wagle, serving as President of the Pleasant Valley Board of Education do hereby proclaim the observance of American Education Week.

Comments from the public can be heard on the District YouTube page; link above.

Director Kunkel complemented the PV Sparkles dance team upon their very joyful Festival of Trees performance.

Director of Secondary Curriculum Bernadette Brustkern shared the following accomplishments:

Spartan Cheer Team State Competition

- Cheer team - 4th Place Stunt Team
- Cheer team - 6th Place Cheer/Dance

Spartan Drama

Over 40 students attended the Iowa Thespyan Festival at UNI. Students performed for judges and earned the following placements and qualifiers:

Iowa Thespy Awards

- Elly Huhn placed 2nd in her center for Solo Musical Theatre
- Kailee McCaw placed 2nd in her center for Solo Musical Theatre
- Pratia Khatri placed 3rd in her center for Costume Construction
- Ryan Pottratz placed 1st in his center for Stage Management

National Thespy Qualifiers

- Elly Huhn - Solo Musical Theatre
- Kailee McCaw - Solo Musical Theatre

SCRA

The Pleasant Valley Community School District has received two grants from the Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA). These funds, derived from the Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf's gaming receipts, reflect SCRA's ongoing educational and community development support.

The PVHS Robotics Program consists of 3 FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) robotics teams. This program has demonstrated remarkable achievements, including qualifying for the World Championships and winning the Rookie Inspiration Award. SCRA has awarded the program \$19,971 to fund the purchase of a new trailer, tool storage, and essential robot parts, facilitating sustained growth and success in STEM education. In the words of Jason Franzenburg, Industrial Technology Teacher, "This grant will help us to sustain our robotics programming well into the future, providing our students with numerous opportunities to explore STEM careers."

The PVHS Theater department was awarded a \$15,000 grant to revitalize the stage with new masonite flooring and updated curtains. Christina Myatt, Director of Theatre and Speech, expressed her excitement: "The new flooring and curtains will elevate the space for our theater productions and for all who use the space!"

We sincerely thank SCRA for its support, which will significantly enhance opportunities for our Pleasant Valley Community School District students.

Spartan Assembly Honor Council and Student Hunger Drive - Spartan Assembly Advisor Kristy Karr, along with Spartan Assembly members, were present to describe their selection to the Honor Council and Hunger Drive Activities.

The Honor Council program of the Iowa Association of Student Councils (IASC) is designed to recognize Student Councils who present evidence of having an effective and progressive council organization. High schools must receive a minimum number of points (80) in order to be recognized by the Iowa Student Council Leadership Conference and to receive an award designating the council as "Honor Council". An Honor Council application/portfolio was completed by 2022-23 Spartan Assembly seniors and submitted for review by a panel of judges consisting of IASC board members. Projects highlighted in the portfolio included the Student Hunger Drive, blood drives, flag set up and take down on national holidays, elementary open houses, first day of school activities fair, homecoming parade, carnival assembly and t-shirts, clothing drive, hygiene drive, spirit weeks, holiday fundraisers, litter clean up, and Prom events in cooperation with the social committee. (assembly, spirit week and dance) Each project / activity was described in detail in the application/portfolio.

Ishika Desai was chosen to be an Iowa Association of Student Council Leadership officer. Her selection is an honor not only to her but to the PVHS Spartan Assembly.

Spartan Assembly students shared news of the Student Hunger Drive. 92,475 pounds of food was collected, compared to 86,000 pounds last year. 11,498 pounds of that amount was gathered by elementary students and 4,046 pounds by junior high students. Only PVCSD reported participation from all buildings. \$37,000 in cash was raised. Each dollar represents 1.5 pounds of food. The largest collection event was the first annual pickleball tournament, which raised \$8,000. The event will be expanded next summer since potential competitors had to be turned away. Students thanked teachers, students and the entire community for their help in minimizing food insecurity in our greater community through support of special events including *pack the truck* at the PV/Bettendorf football game, donations received at grocery store entrances, *trick or treat for cans* as well as department and building competitions.

Thanks also to the district maintenance staff for helping pallet, load and transport the food, and to Argo Moving and Storage for delivering the food to the Riverbend Food Bank.

Spartan Assembly members include Benjamin Allaman, Ayah Alsheikha, Zoya Assadi, Annalise Baird, Vella Batdorf, Olivia Beam, Siddhi Bharadwaj, Andres Bravo Farza, Sam Brockmann, Makayla Bush, Anna Carr, Alaina Carslake, Katelyn Chen, Alika Cho, Grace Danielson, Ishika Desai, Lauren Durick, Anshika Gandra, Henry Gannaway, Kathryn Hass, Elise Hiatt, Gabriella Howell, Grant Jaquess, Jae Japsen, Jaydon Kachapilly, Alene Keppy, Juha Kim, Annabelle Knaack, Abigail Kunkel, Luna Marinolich, Kailee McCaw, Madeline Millage, Katelyn Morris, Nathan Musal, Ava Neitzel, Lucinda Patel, Kendall Putnam, Alejandra Rodriguez Santiago, Roman Saddler, Margil Sanchez Carmona, Ella Sherrick, Bennett Teitle, Rajan Vaidya, and Arnada VanDerSchaaf.

The board and administrators congratulated and thanked the students for their tremendous efforts.

IASB State Convention Update - Kathryn Kunkel, Molly Brockmann, Mr. Hiatt and Mr. Strusz attended the Iowa Association of School Boards State Convention last week. Mrs. Kunkel represented our district at the Delegate Assembly. Convention highlights were shared with the board.

Board Member Recognition - President Wagle recognized board members whose terms of service have come to an end - Tracey Rivera, who has served since November 2022 and Jodi Hoskins, board member since November 2015. He thanked Mrs. Rivera for her willingness to step in when the board faced an

unanticipated vacancy, and noted that her perspective as a teacher was very valuable. He recalled Mrs. Hoskins' years of service as Vice President as well as her attention to detail and thorough questions and stated that her legacy will support future great work in the district. Mr. Strusz thanked Mrs. Rivera and Mrs. Hoskins, recognizing the great deal of work they contributed and decisions they made for kids.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The November 27, 2023 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CLASSIFIED:

Rose Chenoweth-Rockstroh, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2023. Brooke Haycraft, Preschool Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 16, 2023. Beatrice Kamadjeu, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2023. Isaac Kaufman, part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 16, 2023. Alexandra Santiago, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2023. Camille Schoeberl, Food Service Worker, has submitted her resignation effective November 15, 2023. Sharyl Stein, Food Service Worker, has submitted her resignation effective December 7, 2023. Ryan Zeskey, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2023.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Beth Williams is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting December 4, 2023.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:	Kenneth Novak	PVHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
	David Barber	Robotics Sponsor
	Theresa Barber	Robotics Sponsor

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Denied: One grade 9 IN from Bettendorf due to lack of space.
- ABSTRACT OF ELECTION: The Abstract of Election received from the Scott County Auditor’s Office for the November 7, 2023 election was presented for approval although a recount in District 6 is underway.
- JUNE 30, 2023 BANK DEPOSITORY STATEMENTS: June 30, 2023 bank balances are as follows:

Bank	Account	Bank Balance
BHBT	General Fund Account	\$600,000.00
BHBT	Direct Deposit Reserve	\$43,980,736.34
BHBT	PPEL Loan Reserve	\$240,921.37
FCSB	Insurance Account	\$3,672,890.68

- APPOINTMENT OF CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATOR, ALTERNATE AND OUTSIDE INVESTIGATOR: Tony Hiatt, District Child Abuse Investigator, Jill Kenyon, Alternate, and Chuck Hauman, Outside Investigator.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF THE RETIRING BOARD OF EDUCATION 6:36 p.m.

SEATING OF THE NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION 6:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer (remotely), Kunkel, Wagle, Smith and Wheeler. Absent: none. Also present: Brian Strusz, Bernadette Brustkern, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Heather Larson, Deborah Dayman and others.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Oath of Office was administered to returning board members Nikhil Wagle and Molly Brockmann and to newly elected board members Adrienne Wheeler and Jameson Smith.

Dr. Nikhil Wagle was elected President of the Board of Education. Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer (remotely), Kunkel, Wagle, and Wheeler cast votes for Wagle. Smith’s vote was cast for Kunkel.

Ms. Molly Brockmann was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Board of Education.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Board Secretary to President Wagle and by President Wagle to Vice President Brockmann.

Kelly Hatler is appointed Treasurer and Deborah Dayman appointed Secretary of the Board of Education, Pleasant Valley Community School District; each for a one year term beginning December 1, 2023. The Secretary and Treasurer are bonded in the amount of \$10,000 as per Code of Iowa, Section 291.2.

President Wagle administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Dayman and Ms. Dayman administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Hatler on the morning of November 28, 2023.

The following stands (voice vote - all ayes):

1. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at Blackhawk Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
2. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at First Central State Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
3. Appointment of Lane & Waterman as District Legal Counsel.
4. The Quad City Times shall be the newspaper of official publication.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$363,847.77 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 \$67,202.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$6,886.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$65,950.48 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$400.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$663,522.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel second by Ayers that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$229,503.47 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$155,700.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6564 through 6565 be issued in the total amount of \$8,779.72 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 \$2,895.82 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES - APPROPRIATE INTERNET USE: At the November 13 meeting, Director of Technology Kevin Pennekamp presented for the first reading updates to the following Board Policies:

- 601.13 Internet -Appropriate Use
- 603.13R(1) Internet - Appropriate Use - Regulation

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.

The policies were presented for a second reading and approval this evening.

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 in all student handbooks. (Not strictly in the high school handbook as indicated in the November 13 minutes.)

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the Board approve updates to Board Policy 603.13 and 603.13R(1) as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: On November 13, 2023, in preparation for the Iowa Department of Education Desk Audit, the Board held a first reading of updates to the following policies:

- 401.0 Licensed Employee Qualification, Recruitment and Selection
- 406.0 Licensed Employee Evaluation
- 501.1 Attendance Requirements

The policies were presented for a second reading and approval this evening.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that the Board approve updates to Board Policy 401, 406 and 501.1 as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

PROJECT SEARCH - STACIE KINTIGH: Project SEARCH is a collaborative effort of Pleasant Valley, North Scott, and Bettendorf School Districts and UnityPoint Health - Trinity, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Michelle's Vocational Placement, and the Mississippi Bend AEA to provide transition services and teach transferable work skills to young adults with intellectual disabilities and other barriers to employment. Director Stacie Kintigh was present to introduce the Board to the program.

Project SEARCH is an international endeavor with 700 programs in 48 states and ten countries. The definition of a successful outcome is competitive employment in an integrated setting for each Project SEARCH intern. The local program is a work immersion program based at UnityPoint Health - Trinity. Training is rigorous and expectations of parent/guardian support are significant. The leadership and employability skills curriculum includes Orientation and team building, workplace safety, technology, self-advocacy, maintaining employment, financial literacy, health and wellness, preparing for employment and communication skills.

Project SEARCH is another example of the District’s goal of serving the educational needs of all students.

No required motion.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS: Three new high school courses were presented for board consideration - English 105 - Composition I, AP Pre-Calculus and AP Microeconomics. A thorough description of each course, prerequisite and key learnings were discussed by PVHS Principal Mike Hawley and Director of Secondary Education Bernie Brustkern. The board had a thorough introduction this evening and the courses will be presented for approval at the December board meeting.

No required motion.

ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND PROJECT: During the past two years, the district has been exploring the possibility of upgrading elementary playgrounds to a poured in place rubber surface, allowing for an accessible and safe playground for all students. The project includes the replacement of some current playground equipment and the addition of various inclusive components. Due to the magnitude of the project, it is anticipated that the project will be completed during the summers of 2024 and 2025. The project design, schedule and initial drawings were presented. The following represents the anticipated schedule for Phase One:

Early December	RFQ (Request for Qualifications)
January 8th	Firms we want to select for RFP (Request for Proposal)
January 22nd	Final proposal to the board
February 1st	Order the equipment
June 1st	Site work begins
Mid July	Installation starts
Mid August	Installation completed

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the Board authorize the District to move forward with the Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals for the elementary playground project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2023-24 SBRC REQUEST FOR MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT (MSA) FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT OUT:

The board was asked to authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for modified supplemental amount (MSA) due to open enrollment OUT of the district.

The request will provide \$295,290 in MSA (additional spending authority) this year for the 38 resident students who are open enrolled out for 2023-24 who were not on the prior year’s certified enrollment headcount. The district is eligible for this MSA this year since certified enrollment decreased and we are not eligible for MSA for increased enrollment this year. It is almost always prudent to apply for additional spending authority from the state whenever the district qualifies.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the district’s administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$295,290 (or the amount determined by the Iowa Department of Education after review) for open enrolled out students who were

not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2023-24 SBRC REQUEST FOR MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT (MSA) FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) INSTRUCTION BEYOND FIVE YEARS: Seven students in the district have been receiving intermediate Limited English Proficient services (called ELL "English Language Learner" in our district) for more than five years. Because of this, the district can request the modified supplemental amount of \$11,367 from the SBRC.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$11,367 (or the amount determined by the Iowa Department of Education after review) related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2023 certified enrollment headcount. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for October 2023. Through October, General Fund revenue totaled \$20,218,282 and expenses totaled \$13,259,397. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2023 was \$19,103,745. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the monthly financial reports for October, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Future dates were discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

December 18, 2023

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

January 8, 2024

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

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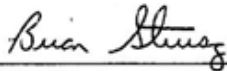
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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 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
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