

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, January 8, 2024; 6:00 P.M.

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*Streaming link*

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Smith, Kanwischer (remotely), Brockmann, Wheeler, Ayers, Kunkel, Wagle. Also present: Brian Strusz, Bernadette Brustkern, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Heather Larson, Kevin Pennekamp, Deborah Dayman and others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann 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 Smith congratulated PVHS wrestlers Carter Siebel and Caden Ervin for achieving 100 varsity wins! He also congratulated wrestler Abigail Meyrer who is one of fifteen Iowa athletes nominated for the Ms. Dan Gable Wrestler of the Year.

On behalf of the District, Superintendent Strusz shared sympathy and concern with the community of Perry, Iowa.

Superintendent Strusz recognized the following teachers who have recently announced their retirement at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year.

- Becky Larson, 5th grade teacher at Bridgeview Elementary. 26 years in teaching, 25 in the District.
- Glen Naber, Wellness teacher and formerly FLEX Resource teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High. 35 years in teaching, 30 in the District.

He also recognized Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt who is retiring after 25 years' service to Scott County as a Sheriff's Deputy. Chief Deputy Schmidt served as the District's first Student Resource Officer and helped establish the SRO program in Scott County.

Director of Secondary Curriculum Bernie Brustkern recognized the following students selected to participate in the SEIBA (Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association) Honor Band:

- Pleasant Valley High School Students - Addison Bailey (Horn), Ian Benge (Percussion), Reese Benge (Flute), Vee Donart (Clarinet), Ethan Freckleton (Bass Clarinet), Bea Goodman (Flute), Becca Hahm (Clarinet), Olivia Heick (Flute), Oliver Kremer (Alto Sax), Samantha Kruse (Horn), Tiffany Ku (Flute), Asia Leight (Flute), Amelia Noguera (Clarinet), Madeline O'Malley (Clarinet), Ethan Peterson (Trumpet), Jude Reyes (Trumpet), Isaiah Ryan (Clarinet), Sydney Smith (Bassoon), Sherry Tang (Trombone), Landon Weise (Percussion), and Vincent Zheng (Percussion). Ellie Kulig (Oboe) (alternate) and Nowal Sareini (Flute) (alternate)
  - Bennett Teitle (Trumpet) was accepted to the SEIBA Jazz Band!
- Pleasant Valley Junior High Students: Ky Green - Flute, Violet Holz - Flute, Varsha Kanathur - Flute, Katie Kanzaki - Trumpet, Elise Lechtenberg - Tuba, Rachel McCaulley - Flute, Nitya Nallu - Clarinet, Jack O'Malley - Percussion, Molly Smith - Trombone (IBA Alt), Addy Anderson - Flute (IBA), Rowan Bestold - Percussion, Zimri Dynes - Oboe, Oliver Harbke - Clarinet (IBA), Maddox Kies - Clarinet, Jack Kresowik - Horn, Priya Kubalsky - Bassoon, Sadie Morales - Bassoon (IBA), Ojas Patel - Clarinet, Lucy Petrocelli - Clarinet, Peyton Rexroth - Flute, Avery Sondgeroth - Flute. (*IBA* indicates musician is an 8th grader who was selected as 1st chair in SEIBA so is also appointed to the Iowa Bandmasters Association 8th grade honor band - a state-wide honor for the musician)

Mrs. Brustkern introduced members of the Platinum Dance Team and coaches Katie Rokusek, Maddy Strusz and Sammy Faucz. The Board shared their congratulations with the team upon winning double state titles in Class 14 Pom and Class 7 Jazz and to Maci Quam for placing 2nd in class 11 solos.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

The January 8, 2024 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

### CERTIFIED:

Ann Berger, English Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Becky Larson, 5th Grade Teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of her retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 26 years in education; 25 in the Pleasant Valley Community School District. Glen Naber, Wellness and Health Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted notice of his retirement at the end of the 2023-24 school year after 35 years in education; 30 in the Pleasant Valley Community School District. Tony Runkle is recommended for employment as a long term substitute PE / Wellness Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting January 3, 2024 and ending June 4, 2024. Jane Sexton, 1st Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

### CLASSIFIED:

Lori Birkel, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary is recommended for a transfer to the Library Assistant/Technology Aide position effective January 8, 2024. Liz Chapman, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective December 21, 2023. Daniela Corrent, ESL Paraeducator at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective January 8, 2024. Elizabeth Lindmark, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting January 16, 2024.

Brooke Miller, Special Education Paraeducator at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting January 16, 2024.  
Colleen Parrick, General Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting January 16, 2024.

**CLASSIFIED: (information only)**

Babita Mishra is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting January 16, 2024. Shelley Scheckel is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting January 3, 2024. Vera Voigt is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Forest Grove Elementary starting January 3, 2024.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADD:**

Meredith Gorman

PVJH Assistant Swim Coach (One Year Assignment)

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$158,834.76 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 \$52,641.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,451.88 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 \$24,970.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann second by Ayers that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$7,952.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Smith that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$46,354.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$165.51 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6569 through 6571 be issued in the total amount of \$17,441.14 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Smith that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$387.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL:** The board had an initial look at the 2024-25 school calendar on November 13, 2023. Since then the calendar has been discussed by the PVEA (Pleasant Valley Education Association) at Interest Based Problem Solving (IBPS) meetings, by PTA Presidents and by the administrative team. After a brief presentation by Superintendent Strusz, President Wagle opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

**Key 2024-25 dates:**

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

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the Board approve the hours-based 2024-25 calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Smith, Kanwischer, Brockmann, Wheeler, Ayers, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**CIPA PUBLIC HEARING:** The Pleasant Valley School Board held a public hearing for the purpose of receiving input from members of the public regarding the Districts’ CIPA policy (Children’s Internet Protection Act). Director of Technology Kevin Pennekamp introduced the motion and answered questions. District Board Policies 603.13 and 603.13(R) address district guidelines and procedures as set forth by Iowa Code 279.8 and Code of Federal Regulations 47 C.F.R. 54.520. The board approved these policies at the November 27, 2023 meeting. In response to questions raised by the Board, further clarification of these board policies will be considered at a later date.

President Wagle opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Pleasant Valley Community School District’s Children’s Internet Protection Act Policy (CIPA) as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Smith, Kanwischer, Brockmann, Wheeler, Ayers, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**2024-25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:** The board generally meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The following 2024-25 board meeting dates were proposed:

July 15, 2024	January 13 & 27, 2025
August 12 & 26	February 10 (5:30 start) & 24
September 9 & 23	March 24
October 14 & 28	April 14 & 28 (5:30 start)
November 11 & 25	May 12 & 27 (Tuesday)
December 16 (5:30 start)	June 9 & 23

Early starts to accommodate high school concerts may need to be adjusted as the year progresses.

Motion by Ayers, second by Wheeler that the Board approve the 2024-25 board meeting schedule as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Smith, Kanwischer, Brockmann, Wheeler, Ayers, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

January 22, 2024  
February 12, 2024

Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.  
Regular School Board Meeting; 5:30 p.m.

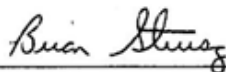
JULY 2023  
**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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