

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, January 22, 2024; 6:00 P.M.

Streaming link

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer 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 extended thanks to the Maintenance Crew, Custodial Staff and Mr. Zenk for their long hours of snow removal. He also encouraged board members to familiarize themselves with SF #2011, which would implement open enrollment filing deadlines. He highlighted the STEAM event (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) to be held at St. Ambrose February 20, 2024. Further information will be included in the weekly Enews.

Director Wheeler congratulated the many students who participated in the PTA sponsored *Reflections* event held at Pleasant Valley High School. This year's theme - *I am hopeful because...*

Superintendent Strusz introduced Boy Scout Colin Terrell and his mother Kate Terrell. Colin was present to observe the meeting in satisfaction of the citizen badge requirements. He echoed Mr. Smith's thanks to the Maintenance crew and extended that thanks to our bus drivers who have carefully delivered children in spite of unfavorable road conditions.

Mr. Strusz also shared with the board a packet outlining AEA services - particularly media, technology and management services. Director Kanwischer asked what the financial impact might be to the district. CFO Mr. Clingingsmith reported that last year, special education services included in AEA flowthrough funds surpassed \$2.3 million while non-special education services also included in AEA flowthrough funds were \$546,520. Director Kanwischer highlighted cybersecurity and firewall services provided by the AEA and noted that subcontracting those services would come at great cost to the district. Mr. Hiatt noted that subcontracting for consulting services we currently receive from the AEA would also be a tremendous

expense. A more comprehensive list of AEA programs and services can be found [here](#) (Developed by the AEA and IASB).

Dr. Wagle asked that everyone please contact their legislators regarding education issues.

Director of Secondary Education Bernadette Brustkern shared the following recognition:

- Caitlin Schoville, Physical Education and Health Instructor at Pleasant Valley Junior High, was selected as the Central District Middle School PE Teacher of the Year. (The US is divided into 5 districts and the Central District includes MN, ND, SD, WY, CO, IA, MO, KS, NE) She and three other teachers from across the country are now finalists for National Middle School PE Teacher of the Year. The winner will be announced during a conference in March.
- University of Northern Iowa Personal Finance Exam: 78 juniors and seniors are currently enrolled in Personal Finance and 57 opted to take the exam - our highest percentage participation rate to date. 88% passed the exam, 80% was the average score and 25% received a 90% or higher. The \$100 exam fee was reimbursed by the Iowa Insurance Division if the student passed the exam and wrote a 100 word essay.
- Congratulations to PVHS Ethics Bowl teams who placed first, second, and third at the state tournament at Iowa State. This is the third consecutive year that PV has been named state champions. The National High School Ethics Bowl has been in existence for 11 years. The purpose is to provide a forum to encourage students to discuss controversial issues in a respectful and thoughtful forum that encourages careful attention to the ethical dimensions of those controversial issues. Lynne Lundberg is the Ethics Bowl Teams advisor.

Mrs. Brustkern introduced Maureen Dyer, PVHS Publication and Journalism teacher and *Spartan Shield* staff members Jae Jepsen, Sophia Foad, Grace Ludwig, Prerna Vanga and Laura Chen. In October, PVHS students attended The Iowa High School Press Association conference at the University of Iowa and the IHSPA named the *Spartan Shield* the 2023 Class C News Team of the Year and the *Valenian*, the PVHS Yearbook the 2023 Yearbook of the Year. The *Spartan Shield* staff just learned that the *Shield* is a 2024 SNO (School Newspapers Online) Distinguished Site - one of just sixteen in the country to earn that distinction. The Board congratulated the students for their outstanding writing and multiple awards.

Director Kunkel arrived at 6:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The January 22, 2024 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Heather Schloemer is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Rebecca Dicus.

CERTIFIED: (information only)

Lindsey Prunty, Special Education Teacher, is recommended for an internal transfer from Forest Grove Elementary to Hopewell Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year.

CLASSIFIED:

Sumar Marrar is recommended for a transfer to a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting January 17, 2024. Probationary period is waived as she is a current food service worker. Sravanthi Namurduri, General/Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting February 1, 2024.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Elizabeth Burnham is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary starting January 30, 2024. Jacqueline Hinnant is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting January 22, 2024. Ashley Palmer is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School starting January 19, 2024.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

DROP

Jeremy Bowling	JH Assistant Wrestling Coach
Trent Rubley	Head Softball Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One grade 4 IN from Davenport (new), One grade 5 IN from Davenport (continuation), one grade 9 IN from Davenport (continuation).

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$189,608.05 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Smith that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$89,074.42 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kanwischer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,037.80 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Wheeler that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$9,326.68 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Smith that Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$17,187.85 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6572 to 6573 be issued in the total amount of \$13,734.50 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$489.84 in payment of invoices presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BIDS - PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: At the December 18, 2023 meeting, Tom Wollan from frk architects + engineers presented a high school construction document update for the new southwest addition and renovations. Bids for this project were received January 18, 2024 from three contractors. Tricon General Construction, Inc., Bruce Builders and Estes Construction. Bruce Builders submitted the low base bid of \$22,995,000.

Director of Operations Leland Zenk, Mr. Clingingsmith and Mr. Strusz shared information, drawings and answered questions from the board. The project includes twenty-two new classrooms with five new science labs, conference and resource space, additional theater storage, a 5,500 square foot cafeteria expansion, kitchen extension, new restrooms, and realignment of corridors. Below the main level addition, storage, locker rooms, concession space and restrooms will be included. Fire alarm systems will be updated throughout the building, a sprinkler system added to the theater and the west parking lot will be rebuilt.

President Wagle opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Kanwischer that the board accept the low bid from Bruce Builders for \$22,995,000 for the Pleasant Valley High School Expansion and Renovation project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wagle, Smith, Wheeler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES: Upon Recommendation from the Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) in response to legislative changes, our current board policy 502.1, *Student Conduct*, requires adjustments to meet House File 604. The update to Board policy 502.1 requires an initial and second reading and will be brought to the board for approval February 12.

Six board policies have been released by IASB since our review of the 800 series and are a required part of the State School Safety Improvement Program application process.

The proposed policies to be added are:

<i>808.01</i>	<i>Purchasing - Bidding</i>
<i>808.01R1</i>	<i>Purchasing - Bidding - Suspension and Debarment of Vendors and Contractors Procedure</i>
<i>808.01R2</i>	<i>Purchasing - Bidding - Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts</i>
<i>808.02</i>	<i>Expenditures for a Public Purpose</i>
<i>809.01</i>	<i>Internal Controls</i>
<i>809.R1</i>	<i>Internal Controls - Procedures</i>

The new 800 series policies require an initial and two additional readings and will be brought before the board for approval on February 26th.

No required motion.

DECEMBER MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for December 2023. Through December, General Fund revenue totaled \$30,324,006 and expenses totaled \$24,314,168. The fund balance in the General Fund at December 31, 2023 was \$18,154,699. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, Activity Funds reports and quarterly reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, February 12, 2024; **5:30 p.m.** - Board of Education meeting (winter band concert)
Monday, February 26, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Board of Education meeting

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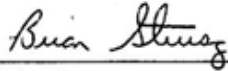
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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