

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, March 18, 2024; 6:00 P.M.

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[Pleasant Valley Community School District School Board Meeting March 18, 2024](#)

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel 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 complimented PVHS art students on their recent pottery display.

Director Kunkel shared the condolences of the board and district with Miss Joni Nelson, PVJH Science teacher, upon the sudden passing of her father. She also congratulated Halle Vice, PVCSD class of 2023. Halle will compete with the Marquette University Women’s basketball team in the NCAA tournament.

Superintendent Strusz shared the condolences of the board and district with the family of Paul Jones. Mr. Jones served the district for 24 years as a Physical Education, Drivers Ed and Multi-Occupations teacher.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The March 18, 2024 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.

- PERSONNEL:

**CERTIFIED:**

Michael Crane is recommended for employment as a Physical Education/Life Skills Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High effective the 2024-25 school year. Rachel Dolan, Kindergarten Teacher at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year after a one year Leave of Absence. Emma Hubner, Art Teacher at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. Brianna Opyd, Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of her resignation at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Joseph Redecker is recommended for employment as an Industrial Technology Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2024-25 school year. Laurie Smith, Intermediate Reading Specialist at Riverdale Heights Elementary School, has submitted notice of her resignation at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

**CERTIFIED: (information only)**

Carolyn Blake is recommended for employment as a Secondary ESL teacher effective the 2024-25 school year. Carolyn is currently a Language Arts/ESL teacher at PV Junior High. Haley Miller was recommended in error on the February 26 personnel listing for employment as a *Physical Education Teacher effective the 2024-25 school year - building to be determined*. She is actually recommended for employment as an elementary classroom teacher - building to be determined.

**CLASSIFIED:**

Scott Burmahl, Campus Monitor at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2024. Letisha Delgado, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2024. Stephanie Denboer is recommended for regular employment as Food Service Manager at Pleasant Valley High School starting March 18, 2024. Probationary period is waived as she is a current district employee. Michele Even is recommended for regular employment as Food Service Administrative Assistant starting August 1, 2024. Probationary period is waived as she is a current district employee. Sydney Freeman, Special Education Paraeducator at Cody Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2024. Jackie Hinnant, Food Service Worker at Pleasant View Elementary, is recommended for a contract increase from 3.5 to 5.75 hours per day effective March 18, 2024. Robin Olsen, Food Service Worker at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary employment and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2024. Shelley Scheckel, Food Service Worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2024. Vera Voigt, Food Service Worker at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary employment and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2024.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADD:**

Courtney Bielis	PVJH Head Girls Basketball Coach (24-25)
Joshua Meyrer	PVJH Head Girls Wrestling Coach (24-25)

**DROP:**

Marcus Cavanagh	PVJH Head Girls Basketball Coach
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- OPEN ENROLLMENT - One grade 5 IN from Davenport (new)

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

#### **EXPENSES APPROVED:**

General Fund: Motion by Kunkel second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,610,876.77 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Nutrition Fund: Motion by Ayers second by Wheeler that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$124,626.71 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund: Motion by Smith second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,605.58 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

High School Activity Fund: Motion by Brockmann second by Kanwischer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$45,128.36 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Management Fund: Motion by Kunkel second by Smith that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$43,007.00 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Capital Projects Fund: Motion by Kanwischer second by Brockmann that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$930,025.02 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PPEL (Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy) Fund: Motion by Smith second by Wheeler that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$31,298.86 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Internal Service Fund: Motion by Brockmann second by Kanwischer that Internal Service Fund warrants 6580 to 6581 be issued in the total amount of \$21,898.62 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Trust Fund: Motion by Ayers second by Wheeler that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$812.75 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**ESTABLISH NEW BOARD POLICY REGARDING SOLVENCY RATIO:** As part of the high school expansion and renovation project and borrowing against future SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) revenues, the District recommends adopting two board policies addressing the use of funds in keeping with the District's vision, mission and goals. Policies 810.01 and 810.01R1 outline how the district will engage the board in learning the financial needs, operations and requirements of the district as appropriate for the board's understanding of the district financial position. The policies were first presented to the board on February 12, 2024 and a second reading was held February 26. A final reading was held and a motion for approval presented this evening.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Ayers that the board approve the additions to board policy series 800 addressing the use of District funds as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**PLAYGROUND BIDS:** At the February 12, 2024 meeting, the Board approved the elementary playground project documents (plans and estimates) as presented by IMEG Engineering Consultants. This initial round of playground reconstruction will occur at Bridgeview, Pleasant View and Riverdale Heights Elementary buildings. The bid opening took place on Thursday, March 7th at 2:00 pm. After vetting seven companies and inviting three to bid, one bid was received from All American Concrete / Cunningham Recreation for \$1,372,000.00. The final bid came in below estimated cost and the district has full confidence in the successful bidder. After discussion of the project, President Wagle opened the required Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m. and a motion was received.

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that the board approve the low bid from All American Concrete / Cunningham Recreation for \$1,372,000.00 for the 2024 Playground Replacement Project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOKS:** High School Associate Principal Jason Jones, Junior High Dean of Students Tia Hicks, and Director of Elementary Education Tony Hiatt described to the board updates to the 2024-25 student/parent handbooks. The board reviewed a summary of the updates. When practical, goals include vertical alignment between levels and updating language to coincide with current practice. When 2024-25 online registration is completed for students later in the spring, parents/guardians will be asked to confirm that they have reviewed the student/parent handbook.

The handbooks can be found on the district website.

[High School](#)

[Junior High](#)

[Elementary](#)

Motion by Wheeler, second by Brockmann that the Board approve updates to the Elementary, Junior High and High School Student/Parent handbooks as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF SALE, APPROVING ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES AND APPROVING OFFICIAL STATEMENT:** Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed with the board documents related to the issuance of PVCSD School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024. Board members were previously presented a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement for their review. The Preliminary Official Statement was prepared and reviewed by our Financial Advisors at Piper Sandler & Co. and reviewed by our Bond Counsel (Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm), and by the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer prior to presentation to board members.

Passage of the resolution accomplishes the following:

- Sets April 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. as the date and time for the sale of the bonds
- Approval of the use of the PARITY Competitive Bidding System and Electronic Bidding Procedures to facilitate the delivery of the bids
- Approval of the Preliminary Official Statement (POS) and authorization of its distribution

Motion by Wheeler, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**2023-24 CERTIFIED BUDGET AMENDMENT PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:** Mike Clingingsmith reviewed the proposed budget amendment and supplemental information for 2023-24. Amendment of the certified budget is a routine procedure which is normally done annually. The main reasons for amendment are to reflect the actual spending of miscellaneous income received during the year (which was not included in the original certified budget) and to reflect the spending of all district fund balances down to zero at the end of the fiscal year. By amending the budget in this manner, the budget reflects the maximum expenditures which could possibly be incurred and paid during the fiscal year. It is very unlikely that those maximum amounts will actually be incurred.

Per Section 257.7 of the Iowa Code, the authorized expenditures of a school district may not exceed the lesser of:

- the certified budget plus any amendments for the fiscal year or
- the district's total authorized spending authority for the year which includes
  - the combined district cost for that year
  - the actual miscellaneous income received for that year, and
  - the actual unspent balance from the preceding year.

After discussion of the procedure, President Wagle opened the required Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m. and a motion was received.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that the Board amend the 2023-24 budget as adopted on April 24, 2023 by changing estimates of expenditures as presented in the notice of public hearing for amendment of current budget for 2023-24. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

1. April 8, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Special Meeting - Hearing #1 for Proposed Pleasant Valley Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
2. April 8, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. or immediately following Special Hearing #1
3. April 22, 2024; 5:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting (early start due to district band concert)

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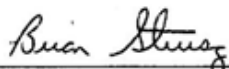
### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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  
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