

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, April 8, 2024; 6:15 P.M.

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[Pleasant Valley Community School District School Board Meeting April 8, 2024](#)

CALL TO ORDER: President Wagle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. (Delayed start due to Hearing #1 - Property Tax special meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

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

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 thanked the Trap Team supporters for a very successful fundraising event. He also inquired as to the return of certain books to library shelves. President Wagle responded that as the ruling is in litigation, certain books previously removed from the shelves were returned to the shelves.

Director Kunkel thanked PTAs for providing eclipse glasses to students, and thanked teachers and principals for elementary spring programs.

President Wagle congratulated Jae Jepsen, present at the meeting. He shared the following from the Journalism Education Association: *For her perseverance and determination to fill the gap in coverage by writing about this election, the Journalism Education Association and Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists have awarded Jae Jepsen of Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa, the 2024 Student Journalist Impact Award.* The award was presented to Jae April 4 at the National High School Journalism Convention.

Director of Elementary Education Tony Hiatt also mentioned the upcoming elementary Spring Programs, and thanked members of the custodial staff and maintenance crew who act as “roadies”, setting up and tearing down stages with little time between shows. The productions involve a number of people and a great deal of time.

Mr. Hiatt also shared a reminder with families that students are entering assessment season so students should arrive at school promptly and well rested so they can make their very best effort.

Director of Special Services Jill Kenyon highlighted the Recreational Opportunities & Iowa Waiver Information Session designed for families of special education students held April 2nd. She thanked families who participated and service partners who were present to inform families of available opportunities. She also thanked Dawn Taghon and other staff responsible for coordinating the event.

Superintendent Strusz reminded the board that Junior Achievement BIZ TOWN interviews will soon be underway for district 4th graders and volunteers are always welcome.

Director of Secondary Education Bernadette Brustkern highlighted the following student achievements:

Quad City Arts High School Art Invitational Award Recipients

Hannah Schulze, Zoe Beck, Hannah McVey, Maggie Wanek, Aiden Loy, Cassie Paget, Sherry Tang, Mya Griffin, and Brenna France are 2024 Quad City Arts High School Art Invitational Award Recipients. Nadia Meeks and Zoe Chen's prize-winning work was submitted through the Creative Academy at the Figge. Their work along with artwork by other outstanding PV student artists as well as by students throughout the area can be viewed at Quad City Arts in Rock Island through April 25th. Admission is free.

Laura Chen, Kiera Johnson and Abby Wiry are Eastern Iowa Regional Battle of the Books Champions.

Congratulations to the Leading Tones for their 4th place performance at the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships. Siddhi Bharadwaj was named Outstanding Soloist.

Speech students competed in 11 events at the state competition.

Division 1 ratings: Zack Guest- Solo Musical Theatre; Elly Huhn - Solo Musical Theatre; Josh Nelson- Acting; Pratima Khatri- Storytelling; Josh Nelson- Solo Musical Theatre; Cate Bestold-Acting; Keira Bowman- Acting; Keira Bowman- Poetry; Will Emerle- Original Oratory; Lydia Rohner- Storytelling.

Division 2 rating: Jayden Farmer- Solo Musical Theatre.

Four performers were chosen to perform as part of the all state festival at UNI: Zack Guest (Solo Musical Theatre); Elly Huhn (Solo Musical Theatre); Josh Nelson (Acting); Pratima Khatri (Storytelling).

Congratulations to the team of Nathan Musal, Kyle Almgren, Johnny Ziegelbein, Luke Allaman, Tiffany Ku, Timmy Ku, and Achinteya Jayaram for placing in the top 55 of 6,000 teams worldwide in the Wharton Investment Challenge.

28 students and Business Teacher and advisor Janene Murphy participated in the Iowa Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids. Participants attended business seminars, networking opportunities, and met with business leaders and college representatives. Competitive events also took place. Of our 28 students, 17 qualified for the National Leadership Conference in June by placing 4th or higher in their category.

1st place: Agribusiness - Nathan Musal; Business Management - Timothy Ku and Nikhil Behere; Introduction to Business Procedures - Vrayas Pila; Public Speaking - Aidan Rasso.

2nd place : Business Law - Grant Jaques; Computer Problem Solving - Rithwick Lakshmanan; Data Analysis - Arush Gunukula; Introduction to Business Concepts - Trevor Melchert; Introduction to Information Technology - Vrayas Pila; Mobile Application Development - Abhinav Anthati, Rithwick Lakshmanan, Sai Reetham Gubba; Organizational Leadership - Nathan Musal
Website Coding & Development - Abhinav Anthati.

Third place: Electronic Career Portfolio - Shivam Patel; Securities & Investments - Grant Jaques

Supply Chain Management - Aayush Deshpande.

4th place: Business Law - Grant Jaques; Business Plan - Sai Reetham Gubba, Rithwick Lakshmanan, Nikhil Namshamgari (team); Entrepreneurship - Prajay Gutti, Rithik Vijaykumar, Shivam Patel (team); Introduction to Event Planning - Lily Lang and Leah Zahn (team); Introduction to Financial Math - Vrayas Pila.

In celebration of **Theatre in our Schools Month**, Christina Myatt, Director of Theatre and Speech was present with Pleasant Valley High School Drama Club members Keira Bowman, Jae Jepsen, Ryan Pottratz, Pratrima Khatri, Sophia Pomykala and Jillian Garris, who shared news of upcoming events and summarized past 2023-24 events. Open Mic Coffee House was a great opportunity for students to showcase various talents, and the club is looking forward to the upcoming performance of the Spartan Spotlight production of *Cinderella*, Spring Improv Night, and the spring show *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. Visit the [PV Spartan Drama](#) webpage for details and tickets.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Brooke Bell is recommended for employment as a Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2024-25 school year. (Brooke was employed on an interim basis for the 23-24 school year.) Emma Freyermuth is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High / Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2024-25 school year. Adriane Latham is recommended for employment as a 3rd grade Teacher at Cody Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Lauren O'Brien is recommended for employment as a First Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Taylor Peters, Third Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. Heather Schloemer is recommended for employment as a Special Education Level 3 Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2024-25 school year. Joie Stoefen is recommended for employment as a Social Studies Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High School / Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2024-25 school year. Rachel Tharp is recommended for employment as a MathTeacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2024-25 school year. Christine Thompson, School Counselor at Cody Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. William Wiesner is recommended for employment as an ELP Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Peyton Woods is recommended for employment as an English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting the 2024-25 school year.

CERTIFIED: (information only)

Amanda Aldridge, Special Education Teacher at Cody Elementary, will transfer to Bridgeview Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Kelsey Allbaugh, Reading Specialist at Forest Grove Elementary, will

transfer to Riverdale Heights Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Karen Kuriger-Cummings, Special Education Teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, will stay at Bridgeview Elementary ½ time and will join Hopewell Elementary ½ time starting the 2024-25 school year. Haley Miller has been assigned as a Third Grade Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Zachary Miller, Pleasant Valley High School Science Teacher and Teacher Leadership System (TLS) coach, has resigned his TLS position and will return to the classroom full time starting the 2024-25 school year. Stephanie Oberman has been assigned as a Fifth Grade Teacher at Bridgeview Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year. Lindsey Prunty, Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary, will stay at Forest Grove Elementary ½ time and will join Hopewell Elementary ½ time starting the 2024-25 school year. Kylie Wroblewski has been assigned as a Third Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary starting the 2024-25 school year.

CLASSIFIED:

Babita Mishra, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 16, 2024. Ashley Palmer, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley High School, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 16, 2024. Lisa Sheehan, Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View, has submitted notice of her resignation effective April 5, 2024.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Lavanya Bondada is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting March 25, 2024. Krishna Dubey is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Pleasant View Elementary starting April 16, 2024. Faeza Hussein is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School starting April 1, 2024.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

DROP:

Zachary Miller PVJH TLS Instructional Coach

ADD:

Madi Glatz	7th Grade ELA Collaborative Lead
Amanda Maurer	7-8 Math Collaborative Lead
Allie Cahill	7-12 Reading Specialist Collaborative Lead
Ashley Willits	7-12 Art Collaborative Supporter
Teri Adams	Reading Specialist Specials Lead
Leslie Wonderlich	Counseling Specials Lead
Katie Casey	K-6 Music Specials Lead
Abby Uhde	Kindergarten Elementary Lead
Brianna Call	2nd Grade Elementary Lead
Pam Boens-	4th Grade Elementary Lead
Pam Boens	4th Grade Hopewell Instructional Strategist
Katherine Locke	3rd Grade Pleasant View Instructional Strategist
Kellie Backes	4th Grade Pleasant View Instructional Strategist
Angie Wiatt	5th Grade Pleasant View Instructional Strategist
Rylie Milliken	1st Grade Cody Instructional Strategist
Allie Thiessen	6th Grade Riverdale Heights Instructional Strategist

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:

Michael Crane	PVJH Assistant Football Coach
Michael Crane	PVJH Head Boys Wrestling Coach
Wesley Hand	PVHS Head Boys Wrestling Coach
Chris Kohn	PVHS Head Sophomore Football Coach
Ty Luett	PVHS National Honor Society Advisor

DROP:

Chris Kohn	PVHS Assistant Sophomore Football Coach
Jacob Larsen	PVHS Head Boys Wrestling Coach
Barb Pischke	PVHS National Honor Society Advisor
Michael Strobbe	PVHS Head Sophomore Football Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT - From Bettendorf - ONE grade 4, ONE grade 6 approved; both continuations. From Davenport - TWO Grade 4 denied due to lack of space. 2024-25 From North Scott - ONE grade 8 approved; continuation.
- Cooperative Teaching Agreement - University of Northern Iowa

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

General Fund: Motion by Kunkel, second by Smith that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$359,933.58 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Nutrition Fund: Motion by Smith, second by Wheeler that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$154,146.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$4,215.95 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

High School Activity Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$88,916.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Management Fund: Motion by Smith, second by Ayers that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$510.84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Capital Projects Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Wheeler that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$5,000.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PPEL (Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy) Fund: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$65,533.98 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Student Construction Fund: Motion by Smith, second by Wheeler that Student Construction Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$26.14 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Internal Service Fund: Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6582 to 6585 and ACH 3189 through 3193 be issued in the total amount of \$267,247.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trust Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Smith that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$985.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Smith exited the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS OPENED AND REVIEWED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND THE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR: At 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, bids were opened for the sale of the School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 at the Belmont Administration Center. Seven bidders participated and the winning bid was presented by HilltopSecurities, Dallas, Texas. These bonds will be used for the High School Building Addition and Renovation Project. Matt Gillaspie from Piper Sandler & Co. was present at the bid opening along with Mike Clingingsmith and Brian Strusz. Mr. Gillaspie presented bid results to the board, explained the funding mechanism and district responsibilities, and his recommendation of the winning bid.

No Required Motion.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that it is resolved by the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District to direct the sale of \$27,180,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 to Hilltop Securities of Dallas, Texas. Roll call vote: Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2024 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS : Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for February 2024. Through February, General Fund revenue totaled \$40,389,638 and expenses totaled \$36,178,648. The fund balance in the General Fund on February 29, 2024 was \$16,355,850. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, and Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Wheeler, second by Ayers that the board accept the monthly financial reports for February 2024 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2024-25 CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATIVE WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGES APPROVAL: Meet and Confer sessions for Classified employees were held live and via Google Meets April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Four

sessions were offered. All classified and administrative employee groups received a 2.17% total package increase.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Wheeler that the board approve the 2024-25 Classified Employees and Administrative Employees wage and benefits packages as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2024-25 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL (PVEA) CONTRACT APPROVAL: On March 27th, the District and the Pleasant Valley Education Association (PVEA) reached agreement based upon a 2.17% total package increase (\$450 increase on the salary index base). Brian Strusz and Mike Clingingsmith discussed settlement details including the addition of the following positions: Elementary / JH Band, Elementary Special Education, JH/HS Language Arts/English as a Second Language, JH Math, JH Family and Consumer Science, JH/HS Industrial Technology, JH/HS Science, HS Business, JH/HS Social Studies, JH/HS Extended Learning Program, Director of Human Resources, Administrative Assistant - Maintenance Center. Also custodial and paraeducator support as required.

Motion by Wheeler, second by Kunkel that the Board approve the 2024-25 Certified Employees contract wage and benefits package agreement with PVEA as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2024-25 CUSTODIAL (PVCA) CONTRACT APPROVAL: On April 3rd, the District met with the Pleasant Valley Custodial Association (PVCA). A 2.17% total package increase agreement was reached with our custodial union which equates to a \$0.48 per hour across the board wage increase for all custodial positions for 2024-25.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Wheeler that the Board approve the 2024-25 Custodial contract wage and benefits package agreement with PVCA as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

1. April 22, 2024; 5:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting (early start due to district band concert)
2. May 13, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN
ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. **The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at <http://www.pleasval.org>.** Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian's name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

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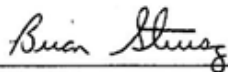
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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