

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, April 22, 2024; 5:30 P.M.

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[Pleasant Valley Community School District School Board Meeting April 22, 2024](#)

CALL TO ORDER: President Wagle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Absent - Smith. 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 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.

RECOGNITION: Pleasant View ELP teacher Rebecca VanBlaricome introduced three of her students: Ian Herbst, a 5th-grade ELP student at Pleasant View, who participated in the Stock Market Game earlier this year. He was able to wield his knowledge of the intricacies of the stock market to grow his portfolio, ending the game with the largest growth of all elementary students in our multi-state region.

Raunak Epping and Caleb Gilroy, 6th-grade students at Pleasant View, competed in the Independent Invention Convention, achieving a hard-to-earn Finalist spot in the upcoming worldwide Invention Convention competition. They were selected as one of five finalists with their design for a revolutionary *SurvivaCoat* and supporting design and sales pitch. Incorporated into the coat are accessories and features to keep a hiker safer in unexpected situations.

The board congratulated the students and thanked them for sharing their stories.

Director Wheeler thanked music teachers, custodians and the maintenance crew for going above and beyond in production of and erecting equipment required for the elementary spring music programs.

President Wagle highlighted the Spartan Spotlighters' second annual production - *Cinderella*. Congratulations to the actors, cast, crew, mentors, drama club and to director Christina Myatt for an outstanding performance. The theater atmosphere was pure joy!

Director of Elementary Education Mr. Hiatt also highlighted the Spartan Spotlighters production and the student leadership required to make the show a success. In addition, he thanked parents for seeing to it

that their students got a good nights' sleep during ISASP testing, and recognized the "village" required to prepare for the elementary spring programs.

Director of Secondary Education Mrs. Brustkern highlighted the following:

JA Titan Competition: Under the supervision of PVHS Business Teacher Janene Murphy, Pleasant Valley students took first place in the *JA Titan* Competition, a simulation-based program in which high school students compete as business CEOs. Participants evaluate alternatives, make decisions, and analyze outcomes. With a focus on financial literacy and workforce development, *JA Titan* brings business economics to life. At the end of the competition, the PV team's organizational net worth was \$23,823,000, exceeding their nearest competitor by more than \$20 million.

Figge Art Museum Brand Boeshaar Scholarship: Students Gabriella Howell and Claire Onions have been awarded the Brand Boeshaar scholarship. Each will receive \$12,000 over four years to apply to an art or art education major at the college of their choice.

Choir State Solo & Ensemble Festival: Congratulations to PVHS choir students for a very successful day at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival. 54 Division I (Superior) ratings, 37 Division II (Excellent) ratings, and 4 Division III (Good) ratings were awarded to PV students. Special congratulations to singers receiving *Best of Center* awards: Connor Schutte, soloist; and Carly Berta, Sydney Smith, Connor Schutte, and Rese Bailey, mixed quartet.

Ethics Bowl National Competition: On February 26, the Board was introduced to members of the PVHS Ethics Bowl in recognition of their success at the state and regional level. On April 12th, the team competed in the National Championship at Chapel Hill, NC, where they were named a top 20 team. Faculty Advisor Dr. Lynne Lundberg was selected National High School Ethics Bowl's Coach of the Year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- MINUTES: April 8, 2024 Special Meeting - Hearing #1 for Proposed Pleasant Valley Property Tax Levy and April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
- OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2024-25 Continuations: OE IN from Bettendorf: one grade 3, one grade 9.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

James DeCook is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary starting August 12, 2024. April Flanigan is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting August 12, 2024. Alison Fraley, Third Grade Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted notice of her intention to take a one-year leave of absence effective the 2024-25 school year. Emily Highnam, Science Teacher at Cody Elementary and Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. Rebecca Schroeder is recommended for employment as a Math Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting August 12, 2024.

CERTIFIED: (information only)

Jessica Kohs, Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary, will transfer to Riverdale Heights Elementary due to a change in location of a special education program starting the 2024-25 school year.

CLASSIFIED:

Richard Ahlgren is recommended for regular employment as a full-time second shift Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting May 1, 2024. Probationary period is waived since Mr. Ahlgren has been a part time custodian with the district since 2019. Grace Auliff, Head Building Custodian at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted notice of her resignation effective May 14, 2024. Elizabeth Burnham, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting May 1, 2024. Timothy Grah is recommended for regular employment as a 2nd shift part time Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School starting May 1, 2024. Probationary period is waived since Mr. Grah has been a frequent substitute custodian for the district.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Carol Aden is recommended for probationary employment as an Administrative Assistant at Forest Grove Elementary starting April 30, 2024.

The following paraeducators from Forest Grove Elementary will be assigned to Riverdale Heights Elementary for the 2024-25 school year due to a change in location of a special education program: Amanda Duncan, Deanna Grandick, Angela Howe and Taylor Krieg.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

Barb Schadt- K-6 Special Education Lead

Rachel Bachtel- K-12 Librarian Lead

Julie Doyle- Kindergarten Pleasant View Instructional Strategist

Beth Runkle- 1st Grade Pleasant View Instructional Strategist

Abby Hill- 2nd Grade Pleasant View Instructional Strategist

Lindsey Howe- Kindergarten Riverdale Heights Instructional Strategist

Erica Sherman-4th Grade Riverdale Heights Instructional Strategist

Abby Hebbeln- 1st Grade Hopewell Instructional Strategist

Courtney Bielis- 6th Grade Hopewell Instructional Strategist

Meghan Curran- 1st Grade Forest Grove Instructional Strategist

Nick Riedesel- 5th Grade Forest Grove Instructional Strategist

Sarah Greim- Forest Grove Collaborative Supporter

Sarah Lammers- 2nd Grade Cody Instructional Strategist

Mark Jones- 4th Grade Cody Instructional Strategist

Natalie Vonderhaar- 6th Grade Cody Instructional Strategist

Joni Nelson- JH Building Lead

Cassidy Peterson- JH Instructional Coach

Chris Kohn- 9-12 Science Collaborative Lead

Nikki Pitcher- 9-12 Math Collaborative Lead

Eric Royer- 9-12 Wellness Collaborative Lead

Sara Russell- 9-12 Social Studies Collaborative Lead

Janle Worlein-9-12 English Collaborative Lead

Drew Anderson- 4-12 Instrumental Music Specials Lead
Bailey Ferguson- HS Building Lead
Angela Spartz - 5th Grade Bridgeview Instructional Strategist
Rachel Luedtke - 3rd Grade Hopewell Instructional Strategist

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADD:

Jeff Paul	PVJH Assistant Boys Basketball
Gail Paarmann-Nikulski	PVHS Drama Accompanist

DROP:

Rishi Wagle	PVHS Drama Accompanist
Rishi Wagle	PVHS Lighting & Sound Designer
Jamey Fah	PVHS Assistant Boys Wrestling
Justin Fah	PVHS Assistant Boys Wrestling

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel 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 \$657,215.60 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 \$96,872.29 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund: Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$4,681.83 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

High School Activity Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Wheeler that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$40,219.52 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Management Fund: Motion by Wheeler, second by Kunkel that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$55.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Capital Projects Fund: Motion by Brockmann, second by Kanwischer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,875,325.28 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PPEL (Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy) Fund: Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$66,785.71 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Internal Service Fund: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6586 to 6588 and ACH 3194 through 3195 be issued in the total amount of \$267,840.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trust Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$171.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2024-25 BUDGET AND TAXES: On April 8, 2024, *Hearing #1 for the Proposed Pleasant Valley Property Tax Levy* was held to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed District Property Tax Levy for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The purpose of the hearing was to accept public comment; no comments were received.

During this evening's meeting, the approval process for adoption of the 2024-25 budget and taxes consisted of three steps:

1. Mr. Clingingsmith presented the proposed budget and tax levy worksheets.
2. President Wagle opened the required Public Hearing at 5:59 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.
3. A motion was presented to adopt the budget and taxes for 2024-25.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that At this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, held as provided by law;

And finding that the notice of the time and place of hearing has, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 11th day of April, 2024 in the Quad City Times, and that the affidavit of publication thereof was on file;

And after hearing any resident or taxpayer presenting objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget;

I move that the board adopt the attached Budget Summary, together with property tax levies totaling \$28,822,600 and a levy rate of \$13.46055 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for 2024-2025. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAME:

Resolution

- Appointing UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa to serve as the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent
- Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement
- Authorizing the execution of the agreement in connection with the issuance of \$27,180,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, dated May 8, 2024.

Motion by Wheeler, second by Kanwischer that the Board approve the Resolution appointing UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent and also approve the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and authorize the execution of the same as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: Because the District's Bond issue is tax exempt, a *Tax Exemption Certificate* is necessary and must be approved by the Board. A copy of the Tax Exemption Certificate was reviewed by the board.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Wheeler that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE: *US Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12* requires the District's continuing disclosure requirements. The Rule requires the underwriter (purchaser of the bonds) to secure a written agreement with the Issuer (the School District) to provide annual financial information and operating data while their bonds are outstanding, and also provide "event notices" to information repositories if certain events occur while their bonds are outstanding. The board reviewed a copy of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate be placed on file and approved as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS:

This resolution authorizes and provides for the terms of issuance and securing payment of the \$27,180,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024. The board reviewed supporting documents.

Motion by Kanwischer, second by Wheeler that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing and providing for the terms of issuance and securing the payment of \$27,180,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, State of Iowa, under the provisions of Chapter 423F of the Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said bonds as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

FUTURE TEACHERS ACADEMY WITH ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY: In partnership with area school districts, St. Ambrose University School of Education has created a Future Teachers Academy for incoming senior high school students who are planning to pursue a career in education. During one week in June, students would enroll in *Introduction to the Teaching Profession* and *Child/Adolescent Psychology*. In the fall of their senior year, students would enroll in *Educational Technology* online and complete 40 observational hours. This program, similar to concurrent enrollment at Eastern Iowa Community College, would be free to the student and upon successful completion, the student would be awarded seven college credits prior to graduating from high school. Upon graduation the credits would transfer to SAU, EICC or other post-secondary institutions.

Motion by Wheeler, second by Ayers that the board approve a partnership with St. Ambrose University allowing incoming high school seniors to enroll in the Future Teachers Academy. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Kunkel, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MARCH, 2024 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS : Mr. Clingensmith presented the monthly financial reports for March, 2024. Through March, General Fund revenue totaled \$45,799,642 and expenses totaled \$41,329,422. The fund balance in the General Fund on March 31, 2024 was \$16,615,081. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports as well as quarterly revenue and expense reports. No

significant variances from projections were noted. Mr. Clingsmith noted that the second installment of property taxes are received in March, April and May each year.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

1. May 13, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
2. May 28, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday meeting due to Memorial Day holiday)

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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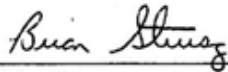
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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.



Brian Strusz
Superintendent