

**Pleasantville Community School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
High School Media Center  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
5:00 p.m.**

The Pleasantville School Board met in regular session on November 18, 2025 in the High School Media Center. Present: Core, Beier, McGraw, and Danks. Sorenson joined via Zoom.

5:00 pm President Beier called the meeting to order.

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Danks and seconded by Core to approve the agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

Superintendent Aylsworth reviewed the official school board election results.

Superintendent Aylsworth along with the rest of the Board thanked Ron Danks for his 12 years of service on the school board.

President Beier called the meeting adjourned at 5:07

**Annual Organizational Meeting**

**Call board officer organizational meeting to order** - Superintendent as president pro-tem

5:08 PM Superintendent Aylsworth called the organizational meeting to order.

The Oath of Office was administered to Shane Sorenson and Jesse Mason.

Superintendent Aylsworth took nominations for President

1. Core nominated Beier for President
2. Motion made by Core and seconded by McGraw to appoint Beier as Board President. Motion carried (5-0). President Beier assumed chair of the meeting.
3. McGraw nominated Sorenson for Vice President.
4. Motion made by McGraw and seconded by Sorenson to appoint Core as Vice President. Motion carried (5-0).
5. Motion made by Core and seconded by McGraw to appoint Robert Friday as Board Secretary. Motion carried (5-0)

Motion made by Core and seconded by McGraw to set the regular meeting dates of the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the HS Media Center. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion made by McGraw and seconded by Core to approve the Marion County Express as the official newspaper. Motion carried (5-0).

The following Board appointments were accepted:

- IASB Delegate - Shane Sorenson
- Marion County Conference Board - Aimee McGraw
- Negotiations Committee - Carol Beier and Jesse Mason
- Buildings and Grounds / Facility Committee - Shane Sorenson and Aimee McGraw
- School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) - Shane Sorenson and Jesse Mason
- Hall of Fame - Mark Core
- Audit Committee - Mark Core and Carol Beier

## **New Business**

1. Motion made by McGraw and seconded by Core to approve the minutes, bills, and financial statements. Motion carried (5-0)

## **Informational Only**

1. Shoutouts
  - a. PHS Student Council - Excellent Veterans Day program!
  - b. FFA Ag Day in the Park
  - c. Future Business Leaders of America - State Fall Leadership Conference
  - d. PHS Dance - ISDTA State Solo Championships
    - i. Paeton Robuck - Division 1 Rating
    - ii. Aria Phipps - Division 1 Rating
    - iii. Sydney Ask - Division 1 Rating
  - e. Trey Friday - 2nd Place at the American Royal Livestock Show in KC
  - f. Fall cheerleading - wonderful job!
  - g. West-Central Conference honor choir and honor band
  - h. Cast, Crew, and Directors of "Once Upon a Mattress" - fantastic and witty show!
  - i. Cross Country - State Qualifiers
    - i. Summer Isley - 36th (20:27)- school record in XC (20.23.4)
    - ii. Amelia Latch - 61st (20:59) - school record in XC (20.44.9)
  - j. Volleyball
    - i. Post-season recognition
      1. Harper McGraw - 1st Team WCAC, KMA Sports Elite, Freshman of the Year
      2. Lilian Mason - 2nd Team WCAC, KMA Sports All Senior team,

3. Gabby Baethke - Honorable Mention
4. Kally Wysong - Honorable Mention
5. KMA All Freshman Team:
  - a. Gabby Baethke
  - b. Liv Klootwyk
  - c. Harper McGraw
  - d. Clair Vestal
- ii. Aariah Phipps - Academic All-State
- k. Football
  - i. 1A all-district / post-season recognition
    1. Braylon Bingham - 1st Team, Offensive Co-MVP
    2. Brayden Kennedy - 1st Team
    3. Ethan King - 1st Team
    4. Logan Roff - 1st Team
    5. Owen Rule - 1st Team
    6. JJ Phillips - 1st Team
    7. Stanton Major - 1st Team
    8. Luke Vestal - 1st Team
    9. Cooper Kennedy - 1st Team
    10. Caylor Jones - 1st Team
    11. Blake Rowson - 1st Team
    12. Nathaniel Oliver - 2nd Team
    13. Trindon Phipps - 2nd Team (school PAT record)
    14. Noah Rist - 2nd Team
    15. Tatum Baethke - 2nd Team
  - l. Abby Hintz - Activity Photography Coverage
2. PCSD Budget and Financial Health Presentation - Mr. Friday & Dr. Aylsworth
3. SIAC summary / APR presentation - Dr. Anderson, Mr. Roff, Mr. Friday
4. There was no communication from the public.

**Consent Agenda** - The Board of Education will act upon the items listed below in the consent agenda as one action item unless a board member wishes to have a specific item(s) moved to the new business agenda. Motion made by Core and seconded by Mason to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Personnel report:
  - a. Resignations:
    - i. Ryan Edwards - Bus Driver
    - ii. Alex Bacon - Custodian
  - b. New hires:
    - i. Elissa Pettyjohn - Elementary Associate
    - ii. Konner Furnal - Co-National Honor Society Advisor
    - iii. Autumn Remster - Food Service
    - iv. Jacob Hiemstra - JH Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach
    - v. Kelsey Mesecher - Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach
2. Open enrollment:

- a. In:
  - i. Kinley Just - TK, Knoxville
  - ii. Berklee Stevenson - PK, Knoxville
  - iii. Blake Davis, 11th Grade, Pella

### **New Business:**

Motion made by McGraw and seconded by Core to approve the purchase of a John Deere Gator. Motion carried (5-0)

### **Superintendent's Report**

- 1. New staff engagement opportunity - Breakfast Banter with the Boss (B3)
- 2. Collaborating with Employee Relations Team (ERT) on several topics, including the 2026-2027 school calendar
- 3. PHS secured entrance construction update
- 4. Artificial Intelligence (AI) think tank
  - a. Meeting afternoons of January 21, February 13th, April 3rd
- 5. Reminder of Early Retirement Incentive Program
  - a. Standing retirement plan for certified and non-certified staff
    - i. Certified (Licensed) Staff - policy 407.6
    - ii. Non-certified staff - policy 413.6

### **Adjournment**

6:54 p.m. President Beier declared the meeting adjourned.