

**Pleasantville Community School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
High School Media Center
Tuesday, October 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

The Pleasantville School Board met in regular session on October 16, 2024 in the High School Media Center. Present: Beier, McGraw, Core, and Danks. Absent: Sorenson

Regular Meeting

6:00 pm President Beier called the regular meeting to order.

All stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Core and seconded by Danks to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to strike viii of the personnel report. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion made by Danks and seconded McGraw to approve the minutes, bills and financial reports. Motion carried (4-0).

Informational Only

1. Shoutouts:
 - a. Peoples Bank - Great community / school supporters
 - i. Staff kickoff breakfast
 - ii. Homecoming Tailgate
 - iii. Covering shifts at concession stands
 - iv. Much more
 - b. Pleasantville Youth Initiative - JH Dances
 - i. Wonderful experience for the JH kids
 - ii. Well organized and I'm told it was very fun!
 - iii. Thank you again to the PYI for their amazing contributions to our community and school
 - c. Jessica Metz - Safety Night
 - i. Jessica organized this fun family event
 - ii. Got participation from DNR, PD, Iowa State Patrol, Fire/EMS, Sheriff's Office, Blank Children's Hospital, and food was provided by Knights of Columbus.
2. HR Interview and Hiring Procedures Guide - Mrs. Russell
3. [Annual Progress Report - 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 Danks and seconded by McGraw to approve. Motion carried (4-0).

1. Personnel report:
 - a. New hires:
 - i. Bonnie Van Ellen - Special Education Associate
 - ii. Don Martin - FT Night Custodian
 - iii. Bronson Carpenter - Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
 - iv. Micah Mullenix - Volunteer Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach
 - v. Preston West - Volunteer Football Coach
 - vi. Mersaydes Mull - Assistant HS / Head JH Girls Wrestling Coach
 - vii. Dylan Aldrich - Temp / PT Maintenance
2. Consider request for modified allowable growth - [Special Education Deficit - \\$301,796.54](#)

New Business:

Motion made by Danks and seconded by Core to approve the trade in of our current 2018 model skid loader for a 2024 model skid loader for a difference of \$8,183.64. Motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Core and seconded by Danks to approve the educational prairie proposal. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion made by McGraw and seconded by Danks to approve the updates in Board Policies. Motion carried (4-0).

- a. 502.10 - Use of Motor Vehicles
- b. NEW 503.09 - Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices
- c. NEW 503.09R1 - Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices - Regulation
- d. 603.01 - Basic Instruction Program
- e. 700 - Purpose of Non Instructional and Business Services
- f. Mandatory Annual Review:
 - i. 103 - Long-Range Needs Assessment
 - ii. ~~NEW 103.R1 - Long Range Needs Assessment - Regulation~~
 - iii. 506.1 - Education Records Access
 - iv. 506.1R1 - Use of Education Records
 - v. 506.1E1 - Request of Non-parent for Examination or Copies of Education Records
 - vi. 506.1E2 - Authorization for Release of Education Records
 - vii. 506.1E3 - Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records
 - viii. NEW 506.1E4 - Request for Examination of Student Records
 - ix. 506.1E5 - Notification of Transfer of Education Records
 - x. 506.1E6 - Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena
 - xi. 506.1E7 - Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement
 - xii. 506.1E8 - Annual Notice
 - xiii. 506.2 - Student Directory Information

- xiv. 506.2R1 - Use of Directory Information
- xv. 506.2E1 - Authorization for Releasing Student Directory Information
- xvi. 506.4 - Student Library Circulation Records

Superintendent's Report

1. [Brief summary of Namibian knowledge exchange with ISU](#)
2. Chronic Absenteeism Update
 - a. New laws passed last year surrounding compulsory attendance, impacting students age 6 - 16 years old
 - b. Chronic absenteeism - missing more than 10% of the days (or hours) in a grading period
 - c. Calls for ongoing meetings between chronically absent students, their parents, and building administrators
 - d. Letters and documentation expectations, absenteeism prevention plans, as well as guidelines for county attorney involvement spelled out
 - e. Ramps up as absenteeism rate increases
 - f. Administrators will continue to monitor attendance and continue communication with students and families as situations arise
 - g. Recent meeting held with Marion County Attorney's office with all schools to get on the same page
 - h. A lot of ongoing support and training provided to administrators and counselors
 - i. Being at school is important, trying to reinforce that
3. Enrollment update
 - a. Served enrollment 2023 = 757.75
 - b. Served enrollment 2024 = 764.28 (+6.5)
 - i. Resident students -6.6
 - c. 1 student (JH) now receiving a school voucher (Indianola private school)
 - d. 108 students open enrolled in (Knoxville, SE Polk, Melcher are top 3)
 - e. 42 students enrolled out (Carlisle, Knoxville, Melcher are top 3)
4. [Instructional Support Program Update](#)
5. [IASB Annual Convention / Training](#)
 - a. November 20 - Pre-Convention Workshops and Delegate Assembly
 - b. November 21 - Annual Convention and Trade Show
 - c. November 22 - Board Presidents' Workshop
6. IASB "Day on the Hill" event
 - a. Tuesday, January 28th
 - b. The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) and Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs) invite you to the 2025 Day on the Hill! This advocacy event will begin at the State Historical Building in the morning for an optional brief session on talking points and logistical information for advocating at the Capitol. Following the training, attendees will head to the Capitol to meet and network with legislators in

the rotunda and to support the displays showing innovative programs and initiatives happening in Iowa public schools.

- c. Very good chance Pleasantville FFA will be involved as a group set up in the rotunda speaking to elected officials and advocating
- 7. School marketing / branding discussion
 - a. One of the groups we've been talking with has been significantly disrupted by the recent hurricanes down south. Will wait until next month for an update on this.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Core and seconded by Danks to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0).

7:45 p.m. President Beier declared the meeting adjourned.