

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, January 23, 2017 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Absent: none.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Barbara VenHorst, Nick Kremer, Laura O'Brien, Tanise Colvin, and Jackie Stepaniak.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION: Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the Board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone, 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 Wagle shared with the board that the PV Large Group Speech Team received Division I ratings for every performance at the district contest held in Wapello January 21st, and each entry qualifies for the state competition. He also congratulated History Bee national qualifiers Sophia Xiao, Guillaume Pinho, and Joe Murphy, and Geography Olympiad qualifiers Ike Sears, Patrick McMonagle, Collin Smith, Vivek Joshi, and Rece Vining.

Director Hoskins congratulated Riverdale Heights on their most recent Breaking Barriers award. The Riverdale Heights Principal and faculty members will be recognized at the February 13th board meeting.

Director Cournoyer noted that the Scholastic Booster Club organized an ACT study group, which immediately reached capacity, so efforts are underway to schedule a second opportunity. She reported on the legislative forum she attended January 21 at St. Ambrose University, and she complimented the work study efforts provided for PVHS special needs students.

Director Cournoyer shared the following: January is Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month. I am proud of the PV school district for educating our students in 9th grade health classes about the issue as well as the work of the state to establish the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking. I encourage all of our citizens to become more familiar with the problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity, and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in our community. The website for more information is iowanah.org

RECOGNITION: Dr. Spelhaug introduced Barbara VenHorst - President, Junior Achievement (JA) of the Heartland, and Nick Kremer - JA Board of Directors. Ms. VenHorst described the work of JA in our community and in our school district. She pointed out that in 2019, JA will celebrate 100 years of teaching financial literacy and workplace readiness to students. JA relies upon volunteers and community financial support to achieve their goal of empowering young people to own their economic success. The board expressed their appreciation to Ms. VenHorst, Mr. Kremer, and to JA for their efforts in our district.

CONSENT AGENDA, January 23, 2017: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The January 23, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**
CERTIFIED: Keith McConnell, Art Teacher at Cody Elementary and Bridgeview Elementary, has resigned his position effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.

CLASSIFIED: (information only): Bryan Underwood's recommendation for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Cody Elementary School has been rescinded due to his inability begin employment at this time.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Jose Lara Head Varsity Softball Coach

DROPS: Lori Duncan Head Varsity Softball Coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** One open enrollment application IN from Bettendorf, one IN from North Scott.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$506,322.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$37,665.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$721.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$17,555.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$81,605.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$36,911.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$178,462.90 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,733.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$670.96 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2017-18 CALENDAR: The board has reviewed the 2017-18 calendar over three previous board meetings. Mr. Strusz reminded the board that the calendar is based upon 1,080 hours of instruction. President Witters opened the public hearing at 6:37. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing closed at 6:38.

APPROVAL OF 2017-18 CALENDAR:

Key dates:

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| First day: | August 23 (as stipulated by state law) |
| Winter Break: | December 25 – January 2 |
| Spring Break: | March 12-16 |
| Last Day: | June 1 |

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the board approve the hours-based 2017-18 calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

IOWA REPORT CARD: Brian Strusz provided further information regarding the recently released *Iowa Report Card*. This evaluation system was developed by the Iowa Department of Education in satisfaction of a requirement of the 2013 education reform law. This component of the law requires the Department to evaluate and rate schools based the following eight measures:

- ***Proficiency***
- ***Closing Achievement Gap***
- ***College and Career-Ready Growth***
- ***Annual Expected Growth***

- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Graduation Rate**
- **Attendance**
- **Staff Retention**

Note: Two other required educational measures, parent involvement and community activities/involvement, will be defined and included in the Iowa School Report card at a later date.

Visit <http://reports.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard/> to view report cards for each building in our district. Mr. Strusz concluded that the excellent results reflected in the report card underscores the hard work and support of our entire school community.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for December 2016. Through December, General Fund revenue totaled \$20,960,650 and expenses totaled \$16,870,468. The fund balance in the General Fund at December 31, 2016 was \$9,818,711. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board accept the monthly financial reports for December as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3): The board entered into exempt session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 8:09 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

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| Monday, January 30, 2017 | Board Tour of New Construction, 5:00 p.m.
Maintenance Center |
| Monday, February 13, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center |
| Monday, February 27, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center |

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment is the process by which a parent or guardian residing in an Iowa school district may enroll their child into a public school district other than the one in which they reside. The deadline for filing an Open Enrollment Application for students in grades 1-12 is March 1st prior to the school year of requested attendance. The deadline for filing an open enrollment request for an incoming kindergarten child is September 1st of the year open enrollment is first requested. For more information on Open Enrollment, please visit the district website at www.pleasval.k12.ia.us, email or call Kelly Hatler, hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.

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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 Brian Strusz, who has been designated by the district as Educational Equity Coordinator, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of HEW, Washington, D.C. Mr. Strusz' office is at Pleasant Valley Administration Center, 525 Belmont Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563) 332-5550.



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