

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, January 9, 2017 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Mike Zimmer, Dennis Conard, Jarod Engler, Elizabeth McCredie, Brian and Tami Hedgren, Catherine Bishop, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson 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, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. 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 Anderson informed the board of a fundraiser to be held for the Tappas, a Pleasant Valley family facing significant medical and financial challenges. The event will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017; 1:00 – 4:00 at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University.

Director Wagle congratulated the drama department for another outstanding production. Students of all ages were invited to participate in theatre workshops, and participated with the cast in a performance of *What Happened After "Once Upon a Time"*. Following the workshop production, the public enjoyed a performance of the story of a substitute narrator called upon to read familiar fairy tales, but endured constant interruption by fairy tale characters suggesting "re-writes"!

Ms. Lewis shared with the board that during the week, all 3rd graders in the district came to the high school to enjoy a performance of *What Happened After "Once Upon a Time"*. Ms. Lewis congratulated cast, crew, and student directors, and noted that student director Sally Walker provided to each third grade teacher a curriculum guide for use in the classroom prior to the performance.

Director Cournoyer toured the expanded and renovated spaces at Cody, and shared with the board that fantastic new learning environments have been created.

Mr. Strusz congratulated students who earned a spot in the SEIBA (Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association) Honor Band. From the high school: Kade Coudron, Veronica Henderson, Vivek Joshi, Mark Kessler, Shreya Khurjekar, Sakshi Lawande, Aman Manazir, Abby Melbourne, Brenna Morley, Madeline Murphy, Matthew Nelson, Amulya Pillutla, Gina Prosser, Jenna Rucolo, Kaitlyn Ryan, Gabby Smith, Emma Tews, and Erin Woodford. Peter Mills was accepted to the SEIBA Jazz Band.

From the junior high: Cyrus Barati, Lindsay Davison, Jordan Mimms-Clarinet, Ani Pradeep, Priyanka Srinivasan, Madison Brady, Allison Suen, Ebby Barber, Ben Curran, Abby McKay, Anna Sheets, Sean Mast, Jonathan Glaum, Akash Pradeep, and Erika Holmberg. Additionally, Sam McGrath and Cassie Smith were accepted into the Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band.

Dr. Spelhaug shared the condolences of the board with the family of Maxine Green. Mrs. Green was a high school special education faculty member for more than 20 years.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Spelhaug introduced retired Sheriff Dennis Conard. Sheriff Conard served in law enforcement in Scott County for 43 years. Sheriff Conard's service to the district during his tenure included implementation of the DARE program, creation of a partnership between the county and our district which resulted in two school resource (Sheriff's Liaison) officers serving our buildings, recommendations for a number of security enhancements, and security consultation and guidance. The district expressed deep gratitude for Sheriff Conard's service, and wished him well in retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA, January 9, 2017: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Cournoyer abstained. All ayes. Motion carried.

The January 9, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the December 19, 2016 regular meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**
CLASSIFIED: Gabriel Ray, part-time custodian at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted his resignation effective January 9, 2017.

CLASSIFIED: (information only): Bryan Underwood is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Cody Elementary School; start date to be determined; Lindsey Winberg is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary School starting January 3, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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| ADDS: | Sarah Bertog | JH assistant boys basketball coach |
| | Justin Harper | HS assistant girls soccer coach |
| | Theresa Barber | Riverdale Heights Robotics Sponsor & Elementary Robotics Coordinator (16-17) |
| | Ryan Tumey | Bridgeview Robotics Sponsor (16-17) |
| | Chris Cournoyer | Cody Robotics Sponsor (16-17) |
| DROPS: | Theresa Barber | Riverdale Heights Robotics Sponsor (17-18) |
| | Mathew Smith | HS Co-assistant boys track coach |

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** 5 open enrollment applications IN from Bettendorf.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$125,685.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$40,525.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,504.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$29,051.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,000.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$354,016.59 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$161,538.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$89,000.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$16,052.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$439.58 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017-18 CALENDAR: During the two previous meetings, the board reviewed the 2017-18 calendar framework and major dates, and designated the day before Thanksgiving and April 27, 2018 as “no school” days. (April 27 would be added back to the calendar if a snow day make-up is required.)

Mr. Strusz discussed the calendar in more detail, including in-service and conference days. A public hearing and motion for approval will appear on the January 23 agenda.

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 |

No required motion.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT:

Representatives from Bush Construction reviewed project, scope, timelines, and costing. 21 prime contractor bids have been accepted. Next steps include the post-bid review process during which accepted bids will be reviewed for proper scope and accuracy, and drafting of the prime bid contracts.

For the benefit of guests in attendance for the public hearing, Dr. Spelhaug reviewed the scope of the project, which is driven by district growth. The three story classroom addition will offer science, math, and general classroom space. The addition to the front of the building will provide additional special education classrooms, guidance and administrative offices and a student commons area. Also described were corridor realignment, additional music rehearsal space, and an auxiliary gym to replace gym space being lost.

After this overview, President Witters opened the meeting for public comment at 6:55 p.m. Elizabeth McCredie, Brian and Tami Hedgren, Catherine Bishop, and others shared concerns with the board including pool size, ventilation, scoreboard, timing, and sound system reliability. Dr. Spelhaug and high school administrators have begun investigating options for replacement of the scoreboard and timing equipment. The sound system will be tested and repaired/replaced as required. Recent replacement of filtration equipment will be reviewed for effectiveness, and the use of bulkheads to adjust lap length will be explored. The board will discuss at a future date the option of including pool replacement/expansion on the district 5 year plan.

Dr. Spelhaug reminded those in attendance that since the district continues to grow, funding available for construction/renovation has been directed toward expanded classroom space.

The public hearing concluded at 7:34 p.m.

No required motion.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT: The board reviewed a summary of the low bid in each area for which the district will carry a contract on the PVHS Expansion/Renovation Project. Competitive bids with good contractors were received.

An alternate that would have continued the new parking lot in asphalt instead of concrete was rejected. Asphalt would have saved \$ 134,328, but the district values the long-term durability of concrete and matching the existing concrete surface.

An alternate bid to replace the oldest boiler (circa 1960's) was also accepted.

Finally, the decision to use certain aluminum electrical fittings instead of copper will result in a deduction to the project cost. Aluminum fittings have been used successfully in other district projects.

It appears the final cost of the PVHS Expansion/Renovation project will be approximately \$21,250,000, which includes the \$500,000 contingency, boiler replacement, and a full build out of the new east parking lot.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the construction contracts and alternates for the Pleasant Valley High School Expansion/Renovation project as presented in the amount of \$18,225,774.63. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2017-18 BOARD MEETING DATES: The following 2017-18 board of education meeting dates were presented:

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| August 14 & 28 | February 12 & 26 |
| September 11 & 25 | March 26 |
| October 9 & 23 | April 9 & 23 |
| November 13 & 27 | May 14 & 29 (Tuesday) |
| December 18 | June 11 & 25 |
| January 8 & 22 | July 16 |

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that the board approve the board meeting schedule as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3): The board entered into exempt session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 7:49 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

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| Monday, January 23, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, <u>6:00</u> p.m. Belmont Administration Center |
| Monday, January 30, 2017 | Board Tour of New Construction, 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 13, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, <u>5:30</u> 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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