

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, February 22, 2016– 5:30 P.M. C.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Eric Larew, Don Fry, Marlise Bosman, Abby Meuser, Chelsea St. Claire, and Beth Marsoun and others.

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 – Dickson, Isbell, Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Director Cournoyer recognized Hannah Matthews and Diana Wu who were awarded scholarships from The Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) and will be recognized at the QCES Engineers Week Banquet February 25.

Mr. Strusz reported that an additional advanced placement course will be added at the high school. Due to the volume of interest, AP Macro Economics will be offered during the fall semester. AP Geography will be moved from the fall to the spring semester.

Director Witters congratulated Ms. Judkins upon the announcement of her retirement, and thanked her for her 25 years of service to the district, serving as teacher, dean, reading director, principal, and director of literacy and elementary education. In all these roles, Stephanie worked to advance student learning in important ways and kept what is best for kids at the forefront of her decisions and actions.

On behalf of the district, Dr. Spelhaug extended condolences to the family of Doug Wiegel, 2011 graduate, and to the family of Dorothy Thompson, elementary teacher 1971 – 1995 at Pleasant View and Riverdale Heights.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular meeting.

- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval: Jessica Heyland, third grade teacher at Pleasant View, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2015-16 school year. Melissa Randall, special education teacher at Pleasant View, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2015-16 school year. Stephanie Judkins, Director of Literacy/Elementary Curriculum, has submitted her request for early retirement/resignation effective the end of the 2015-16 school year. Taylor Lindsay, special education aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective February 26, 2016. Margarita Payne, special education aide at Pleasant View, will complete her probationary employment period on February 29, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting February 16, 2016. Cecilia Berazaluze is transferring from a 2.5 hours per day regular aide position at Bridgeview to a 5.75 hours per day special education aide at Riverdale Heights on February 29, 2016.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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| <u>ADDS:</u> | Kyle Williams | Assistant boys soccer coach |
| | Matthew Smith | Assistant boys track and field coach (0.5) |
| | Nicholas Sacco | Assistant boys track and field coach (0.5) |

DROPS: none

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two open enrollment applications in from Bettendorf and one open enrollment application in from Davenport for the 2015-16 school year.
- IHSAA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – SWIMMING AND DIVING: Agreement between PVCSD and North Scott Community School District.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$314,160.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$36,196.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$5,156.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$16,529.56 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$16,454.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$319,195.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$137,583.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$4,125.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$919.87 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION: The board shared thoughts on recent construction management presentations. Dr. Spelhaug presented the possibility of exploring a hybrid process which would combine experiences of the Construction Management and the General Contractor models, while capitalizing on the experience Dr. Spelhaug and Ray LaFrentz, Director of Operations have accumulated during the execution of past district construction projects. This hybrid approach would potentially be utilized during the next high school expansion project, which is currently in the planning stages. Bush Construction, the firm leading the junior high expansion and renovation project, has developed some parameters for how such a hybrid approach might work.

No required motion.

IOWA SCIENCE STANDARDS UPDATE: During the 2016-2017 school year, Iowa schools will begin to phase in the newly adopted Iowa Science Standards. The standards identify science and engineering practices and content that all K-12 students should master in order to prepare for success in college and 21st century careers. The district will review and revise curriculum currently in place to meet the new standards. Students will engage in scientific content learning through critical thinking, applications, and modeling. Depending on course selection and trajectory, four years of high school science may be required of certain students so that state graduation requirements are satisfied.

No required motion.

Director Dickson left the meeting at 6:15.

HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE: Historically, the district has found value in the administration of high school finals prior to winter break. Most universities administer finals prior to winter break, material is fresh in the students' minds, and students and faculty are afforded a true semester break. However, with the governor's pronouncement that school not start before August 23, it has become apparent that conducting finals prior to winter break may no longer be reasonable. Teaching days prior to first semester finals are significantly reduced, and the remaining days of first semester scheduled after break and finals may not have provided the highest, best use of instructional time. High School faculty members Eric Larew and Don Fry, along with Principal Mike Zimmer, presented a post winter break finals recommendation whereby

Finals would be scheduled during the days immediately preceding the Martin Luther King holiday. The board will consider a motion to move final exams to after winter break at the next meeting.

An earlier high school conference schedule is also being considered. Due to the accessibility of grades via the parent portal, there may not be as great a need to have conferences at the end of a quarter, which will allow for earlier intervention. So that the board can consider the change and the public has opportunity for comment, a motion will be sought at a later date.

No required motion.

ELEMENTARY CONFERENCE REVISIONS: Revised parent-teacher conference opportunities are being explored at the elementary level. Faculty members Abby Meuser and Marlise Bosman presented options under consideration. Buildings would have more scheduling flexibility, and conferences would not necessarily be held on the same evening in every building. There may be efforts to increase early morning conference time as well. Again, a motion to amend the elementary conference schedule will be considered at the next board meeting.

No required motion.

CHANGE ORDER # 4 – HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY: Locking thermostat covers included in the original bid were not required, resulting in a deduct of \$1,365.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the board approve Change Order #4 for the Hopewell Elementary School final addition in the amount of a deduct of \$1,365. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2016-17 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION: The levy rate will be set at the March 7 meeting. The board discussed reducing the rate, but by no more than \$0.20. Because of the increase in assessed valuations, this reduction will mitigate, but not eliminate, an increased tax burden on district residents. The two major controlling factors in determining the levy rate are our growth and the fact that the state is funding schools at historically low levels, effectively pushing that responsibility to local boards.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for January 2016. Through January, General Fund revenue totaled \$24,343,408 and expenses totaled \$20,846,255. The fund balance in the General Fund at January 31, 2016 was \$8,900,036. 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 Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that the board accept the monthly financial reports for January as presented. Ayes – Wagle, Isbell, Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3): The board entered into exempt session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, March 7, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, March 28, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 5:15 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 illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, 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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Superintendent

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