

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, February 27, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Andrea Mahler, Ann Feilmann, Patti Delger, Joette Strobbe, Kim Zupancik, Sam DenBesten, Richard Lynch, Laura O'Brien, and others.

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

**MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION:** Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson 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 – Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson. 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 shared that she has received positive comments from faculty members regarding the board's efforts to approve the Certified Employees 2017-18 contract.

Director Cournoyer congratulated Sam Lundry, son of Joe and Kim Lundry, recipient of the Wendy's February 2017 Rising Star of the Quad Cities Award. Sam was recognized for his academic performance, as well as his school, athletic, community, workplace, and volunteer involvement. She congratulated the PV students who for the first time participated, along with over 100 other girls, in the AAU Girl's State Wrestling Championship Tournament. Director Cournoyer also congratulated the Drama Department for their production, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, and thanked the district and the high school administration for the many extra-curricular opportunities presented to our students.

President Witters remarked on the variety of presentation opportunities made possible by the Black Box Theater and commended the drama department for using the space so well. She also congratulated Ian Aplington, PVHS clarinet player and featured soloist with the Quad City Youth Symphony.

Mr. Strusz congratulated winter season athletes:

Platinum Dance: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jazz, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pom at state competition

Boys Swimming: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MAC, 10<sup>th</sup> at the IHSAA State Championship

Boys Bowling: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mac, finished the season 9-0 in dual meets. Josh DelCorso, district champion. 5<sup>th</sup> at the IHSAA State Championship

Girls Bowling: 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MAC, 7<sup>th</sup> at the IHSAA State Championship.

For the first time in school history, both bowling teams were district champions and state qualifiers.

Girls Basketball: Co-MAC Champions with Davenport North; Advanced to regional finals.

Boys Basketball: Tied for 5<sup>th</sup> the MAC, advanced to substate semifinal.

Dr. Spelhaug shared condolences on behalf of the board and district to the family of Matt Voss, son of retired district employee Lindy Voss, and father of district students.

Dr. Spelhaug thanked Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon participants. The district fielded nine teams including Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Randy Teymer, Darren Erickson, Cyndy Behrer, Logan Beausoleil, Laura Huffman, Kateeya Brown, Amber Duncan, Larissa Bailey, Jake Grafenberg, Jennifer Notton, Robyn Waldron, Mary Jo Graham, Abby Meuser, Michelle Yocom, Mallory Glanzman, Courtney Bielis, Keith Cavanagh, Ali Kirsch, Drew Croegaert, Steven Cotton, Kristin Foley, Carrie Moberg, Rick Larson, Meghan Ruth, Erin Merrill, Alex Yank, Kat Schilling, Chris Paris, Jennifer Gertson, Trampus Budde, Jennifer Goetz, Sophie Haarhues, Jeff Paul, Cassidy Peterson, Don Fry, Eric Larew, Jenni Levora, Dave Levora, Tracy Lux, Mike Lux, and Jim Spelhaug.

**RECOGNITION:** Cindy Lewis introduced Andrea Mahler, PVCSD Food Service Director, Ann Feilmann, Bureau Chief of Nutrition Health Services, Patti Delger, Team Nutrition Co-Director, Iowa Department of Education, Joette Strobbe, Bridgeview nurse, Kim Zupancic, Hopewell nurse, and Sam DenBesten, Bridgeview Food Service worker. Ms. Feilmann and Ms. Delger presented to the district the Bronze *HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchroom* award. Each building in the district received the award which recognizes schools for placing a priority on healthy, well nourished, and physically active students. Ms. Mahler thanked food service staff and district nurses for their efforts, and district administration for kitchen updates. The presenters noted that Pleasant Valley was one of only three districts in the state to achieve this recognition for all buildings in the district.

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

The February 27, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the February 13, 2017 regular meeting and the February 17, 2017 special meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Cyndy Behrer, Principal of Bridgeview Elementary School, has submitted her resignation effective June 31, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Samantha Saladino	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
	Neil Green	Assistant Boys Tennis Coach

DROPS:	Samantha Saladino	Head Sophomore/JV Softball Coach
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## EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,517,245.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$27,807.05 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,057.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$24,667.36 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$20,842.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,700.00 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 \$12,673.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,278.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,080.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2017-18 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION:** The board continued discussion of the 2017-18 tax levy rate, and reached consensus regarding reducing the levy rate by \$0.16 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation (rounded to the nearest penny). This rate reduction would mitigate, but not eliminate, an increased tax burden on district residents created by the increase in the residential rollback percentage. The board also reviewed school levy rates (including the income surtax, which the district does not use) to comparable districts across the state. Only three of 18 have a lower levy rate than our district and yet, as measured by the Iowa Report Card, Pleasant Valley outperforms all of them.

No required motion.

**2017-18 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICING:** The federal government's *Equity in School Lunch Pricing* guidelines requires public schools to raise lunch prices on an annual basis until the average paid lunch price is equal to the free lunch reimbursement rate. Schools that charge less are required to gradually increase their prices over time (minimum of \$0.10 annually) until the requirement is met. The reimbursement rate is \$2.86 per lunch; PVCSD's weighted average price is \$2.50. A \$0.10 increase is

recommended so that the district remains in compliance with federal guidelines. 2017-18 proposed lunch prices:

- Elementary \$2.45
- Junior High \$2.55
- High School \$2.85 (tier 1)
- Milk \$0.40 (unchanged)
- Breakfast \$1.65/ \$1.85 (unchanged)

Our concern with raising lunch prices is that students may be able to pack a lunch less expensively than purchasing a lunch at school, although more often than not, lunches from home do not include the variety of fruits and vegetables provided at school. PVCSD Food Service will continue to make school lunches as attractive as possible within the guidelines to encourage students to participate in the school lunch program.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the board approve the recommended increase of \$0.10 for all student lunches for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr. Clingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for January 2017. Through January, General Fund revenue totaled \$24,981,187 and expenses totaled \$20,609,223. The fund balance in the General Fund at January 31, 2017 was \$10,100,493. 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. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3):** The board entered into exempt session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss details of Administrative and Classified contract packages, and returned to open session at 6:56 p.m.

**2017-18 CONTRACT APPROVALS – CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES:** Consistent with Certified and Custodial employees, Classified employees will receive a 3.5% package increase. Administrative employees will receive a 1.5% package increase. Also consistent with Certified Employees, the district insurance contribution will be capped for these employee groups.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the 2017-18 Classified and Administrative Employees wage and benefits packages as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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| Monday, March 27, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, <u>6:00</u> p.m.<br>Belmont Administration Center |
| Monday, April 10, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.<br>Belmont Administration Center        |

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOLF BENEFIT**

The Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation’s Golf Benefit will be held Monday, April 24 at Palmer Hills Golf Course. All proceeds fund student scholarships. Visit our website for registration information. <http://pleasval.org/annual-golf-outing/>

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**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](http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us), email or call Kelly Hatler, [hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us](mailto: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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