

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Absent: Anderson.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Jane Wheeler, Jason Vice, Stacia Carroll, Jeff Reiter, Tony Hiatt, Heather, Carly, Elise, and Colin Hiatt, and others.

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the Board hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Director Cournoyer congratulated the high school students who participated in *the Iowa Girls Code Spring Summit*: Cassidy Sorenson, Alexis Cordts, Sydney Einck, Erin Woodford, Jenna Aller, Amulya Pillutla, Sara Hoskins, Caroline Christophersen, and Caitlin Morgan. Brian Strusz thanked the girls for their outstanding efforts in leading the 3rd Grade *Hour of Code* once each month at each elementary building.

Dr. Spelhaug shared the sympathies of the board upon the passing of Director Dickson's father.

CONSENT AGENDA, MARCH 27, 2017: Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the February 27, 2017 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Emily Backus, Pleasant Valley High School Special Education teacher, is recommended for employment as a Language Arts teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High for the 2017-18 school year. Craig Barnes, Pleasant Valley High School English teacher, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. David Baxter is recommended for employment as Assistant Vocal

Music teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Rebecca Blythe, currently on leave of absence from her position of Hopewell Elementary 5th grade teacher, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Collin Daniels, Pleasant Valley High School Mathematics teacher, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Carolyn Halverson, Teacher Librarian at Cody Elementary, has submitted her request for early retirement effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Erin Nelson, 2nd grade teacher at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Alesandria Medenciy is recommended for employment as an Art teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Tara Stoflet, 2nd grade teacher at Cody Elementary, has submitted her request for a one-year leave of absence for the 2017-18 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Lindsey Winberg, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 3, 2017. Angela Smith, Special Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 3, 2017. Olivia St. Claire, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting April 3, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Hailee Beals Jonathan Dreasler Tyler Hoeksema Nicholas Newman	Head JV/Sophomore Softball Coach Assistant Boys Soccer Coach Assistant Freshman Baseball Coach Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
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DROPS: none

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One IN from North Scott
- IHSAA BOYS SWIMMING, IGHSAU GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING: Sharing agreement with North Scott.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$360,280.28 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$65,112.07 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$9,980.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$50,387.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$248.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$14,042.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$98,853.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$20,554.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$755.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION HEART RATE MONITORS: Stacia Carroll, Genesis Health System Manager of Health Promotion, and Wellness Instructors Jane Wheeler, Pleasant Valley High School, and Jason Vice, Pleasant Valley Junior High, presented an update on the implementation in physical education classes of the IHT (Interactive Health Technologies) Spirit System heart rate monitors. A wrist monitor designed specifically for physical education, the IHT Spirit System uses technology to teach students how to manage their individual health and fitness through assessment, fitness data such as heart rate, and individual goal setting. The data allows teachers to differentiate learning for students as they develop important lifetime fitness habits. Implementation has been made possible through the support of Genesis Health Systems of the Quad Cities and Scott County Regional Authority. Genesis is also a valued supporter of the Run with Carl event, sponsored by the Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf Education Foundations.

No required motion.

URBAN RENEWAL CONSENT and I-80 AND MIDDLE ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX TIF: Jeff Reiter, Economic Development Director for the City of Bettendorf provided explanation of the city's request for district approval of an Urban Renewal Area which encompasses the Forest Grove Elementary property. This 1,000 acre Urban Renewal area was established 26 years ago, and the consent expired 6 years ago. The City's current action simply renews the agreement which was previously in place, and must be approved by parcel owners included in the area. The Urban Renewal Area designation improves city bonding capacity and the ability to fund infrastructure improvements in the Forest Grove corridor. It does not authorize the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to finance improvements to Forest Grove Park. The board authorized Dr. Spelhaug to provide signed consent.

Mr. Reiter also updated the board on the proposed I-80 and Middle Road Sports Complex. The complex will include a 6-acre under-roof facility housing soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, bowling alleys, office, conference room and banquet space, and eating establishments. Outdoors will be baseball

and softball diamonds, soccer fields, and volleyball courts. The developer is a Bettendorf resident, and he is looking to build a hotel and convenience store/gas station adjacent to the property concurrently.

The City of Bettendorf would like to offer Tax Increment Financing to the developer at a non-renewable term of 20 years. Without TIF, the project will not go forward. Recall that the district receives tax dollars levied via the PPEL (Plant, Property and Equipment) Levy from parcels subject to TIF, but will not receive general fund tax dollars until the 20 year term expires.

The district's previous objections to TIF have revolved around its use for residential development and the practice of layering TIFs which has the impact of creating a TIF into perpetuity. This proposal does not appear to do either. As the district is relatively devoid of commercial property, additional commercial property added to the tax rolls would be beneficial. Currently, the property is zoned agricultural, and generates minimal property tax.

Proposed completion date of the facility is summer 2018.

The board will have the opportunity to contact Mr. Reiter with additional questions, and the matter will be examined once again at the April 10, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

No required motion.

BRIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT: Because the Board is well familiar with Tony Hiatt, the recommended candidate for the position of Principal, Bridgeview Elementary School, Mr. Hiatt and the board agreed that an Executive Session was unnecessary. Mr. Hiatt served the district as Bridgeview Principal from 2006 through 2015. In July 2015, Tony accepted a Collaboration Team Leadership position with the Mississippi Bend AEA. The board expressed gratitude to Interim Principal Cyndy Behrer, and welcomed Mr. Hiatt back to the district.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the board approve Tony Hiatt as Bridgeview Elementary School Principal for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PROPOSED 2017-18 CERTIFIED BUDGET SUMMARY AND ESTABLISH DATE FOR 2017-18 CERTIFIED BUDGET HEARING: During several previous meetings, the board discussed and reached consensus regarding a \$0.16 decrease in the district's levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Board authorization is required so that the Chief Financial Officer can publish the proposed budget summary in the newspaper as required by law. The date and time of the public hearing and adoption of the certified budget for 2017-18 was established for April 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m. CDT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested.

The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at <http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us>.

Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian's name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

**2016-17
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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BOARD OF EDUCATION, EXECUTIVE MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, March 27, 2017 8:12 P.M. C.D.S.T.

Executive meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by President Witters. Members present: Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Isbell, Witters, and Hoskins. Absent: Anderson. Also present: Jim Spelhaug and Deborah Dayman.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the Board hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board met in closed session for the purpose of conducting an interim discussion of the superintendent's evaluation from 8:12 – 8:49 p.m.

No motions were made. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.