

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, April 10, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, D'Anne Kroemer and others.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Witters welcomed everyone to the meeting 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.

Dr. Wagle arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Director Cournoyer encouraged participation in the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation Golf Outing to be held Monday, April 24. For non-golfers she encouraged hole sponsorship or prize donation.

Director Cournoyer reminded the board National Robotics Week is being celebrated April 8-16. Pleasant Valley students participated in the Putnam Museum's Robotics celebration.

Director Cournoyer attended the City of LeClaire's Economic Development Strategic Planning Session held Saturday. She thanked Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Clingingsmith for their participation. She reminded the board that new families are most often drawn to the area because of the school district's reputation.

**CONSENT AGENDA, APRIL 10, 2017:** Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The April 10, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the March 27, 2017 Regular meeting and Executive meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**  
Marta Brooks, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted her resignation effective at the end of the first semester of the 2017-18 school year. Emma Hubner is recommended for employment as an Elementary Art Teacher at

Bridgeview and Cody for the 2017-18 school year. Claire Slifka is recommended for employment as a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

ADDS:	Cassidy Peterson	7-12 Technology Coach
DROPS:	Cassidy Peterson	Secondary Collaborative Lead 7-12 (JH)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Mike Nedelcoff	PVHS Head Boys Golf Coach
DROPS:	Kalie Donovan Pillow Ashley Simmon Andrew Ward	PVHS Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach PVHS Assistant Cheerleading Coach PVHS Head Boys Basketball Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two IN form Davenport, one IN from Camanche, one IN from Bettendorf.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$247,862.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$75,633.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$10,584.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$34,282.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, 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 Dickson, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,468,332.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Anderson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$83,687.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$9,950.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,905.08 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2017-18 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAXES:** Mr. Clingsmith presented and reviewed the proposed budget and tax levy worksheets, a summary of which was presented at the March 27, 2017 board meeting. The budget reflects a \$0.16 decrease in the district's levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2017-18 fiscal year. President Witters opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that, at this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, held as provided by law;

And finding that the notice of the time and place of hearing has, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 30th day of March, 2017 in the *Quad City Times*, and that the affidavit of publication thereof was on file;

And after hearing any resident or taxpayer presenting objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget; I move that we adopt the attached Budget Summary, together with the property tax levies totaling \$13.98420 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for 2017-18. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**I-80 AND MIDDLE ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX TIF:** At the March 27 meeting, Jeff Reiter, Economic Development Director for the City of Bettendorf updated the board on this project and discussed implications of the TIF. The city has no further information to share at this point, and the board did not have additional questions. While the board is concerned with the length of the TIF, they reached consensus regarding the benefit of additional commercial development in the district, and based on the information currently available to them, will not oppose the city's decision to extend TIF financing for the project. The board will be updated as further details are made available.

No required motion.

**PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL POOL UPDATE:** Activities Director D'Anne Kroemer and High School Principal Mike Zimmer updated the board on upgrades/repairs made to the pool since the January 9th public discussion of the matter. New lane lines, sound system, timing system and scoreboard have been ordered. Options regarding installation of a bulkhead continue to be explored, and possible replacement of starting blocks will follow the bulkhead decision.

It was discovered than an exhaust damper on the air handler was not operating properly, impacting fresh air exchange. Repairs were made and controls upgraded to provide greater flexibility in air control with occupancy sensors. Still being investigated is an electronic control sensor to monitor combined chlorine, and the addition of a variable speed drive on the exhaust unit.

Also presented were options which will be available to the district should a new pool be required in the future. The board reviewed plans which included potential pool placement and design. Dr. Spelhaug reminded the board that, at this time, pool replacement is strictly a conceptual conversation. District growth will dictate the level of need.

No required motion.

**ATHLETIC LETTERS FOR NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Kroemer and Mr. Zimmer discussed the awarding of varsity letters to students participating in non-school athletic activities. After discussion, the board agreed to no departure from the district's current practice of awarding varsity letters only to IHSAA/IGHSAU sanctioned activities.

No required motion.

**2017-18 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** Dr. Spelhaug presented current kindergarten registration numbers. District-wide, 354 kindergarten students are registered, and 352 kindergarten seats (16 classrooms, 22 seats per classroom) are available. Included within the number of kindergarten students registered are students who will be screened for enrollment into the district's Transition to Kindergarten (T2K) program.

Not included within the number of kindergarten students registered are kindergarten open enrollment requests. 20 kindergarten open enrollment requests have been received. Of that 20, 8 have older siblings currently enrolled in the district. The board discussed the negative impact of further restricting open enrollment, and directed the administration to continue accommodating open enrollment into the district when feasible.

To serve the growing number of kindergarten/T2K students, the board supported Dr. Spelhaug's recommendation to hire an additional early childhood teacher to staff *either* a 17<sup>th</sup> section of kindergarten, to be located at Cody Elementary, or a second section of T2K, to be located at Hopewell Elementary. Upon conclusion of the T2K student screening process, a determination will be made as to which section will be added.

He also reminded the board that because of the potential impact of T2K enrollment, the district's ability to communicate final decisions to 2017-18 kindergarten parents is delayed until T2K screenings is completed the first week of May.

No required motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, April 24, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting, **5:30** p.m.  
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, May 8, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting, **6:00** p.m.  
Belmont Administration Center

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**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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**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.



James R. Spelhaug, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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