

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER**  
Monday, April 11, 2016 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Ray LaFrentz, Kristin Lopez, and Peter Grau.

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

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer 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 – Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson. 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 Wagle congratulated the PV Drama department, actors, and crew for the first, and very successful, Improv Night.

Director Cournoyer congratulated students who participated in the National Robotics Week Festival at the Putnam Museum. She also thanked the high school administration for the senior transition meeting held Wednesday afternoon, April 6. *The Hunting Ground*, a CNN film addressing sexual assault on college campuses, was presented and discussed.

Ms. Judkins congratulated Special Olympics athletes who competed at the area track and field meet and qualified for the state competition: Amanda Curlee, Paige Hawbaker, James McCauley, Nate Nazari, Korryn Taghon, Claire Johnson, and Sidney Mudd. The state meet will be held in Ames May 19-21.

She congratulated high school Language Arts teacher Lynne Lundberg, who received a National Endowment of the Humanities fellowship. In July, Ms. Lundberg will travel to

New York City to participate in a seminar entitled *A Reverence for Words: Understanding Muslim Cultures through the Arts*, which will enhance her teaching of humanities, world literature, and AP Language classes at Pleasant Valley High School.

Ms. Judkins also recognized the eleven students who auditioned for the All-State Jazz Choir. Students Cate Byrne, Brendan Wheeler, Vignesh Krishnan, Caitlin Lyon, and Rishi Wagle (2<sup>nd</sup> alternate) were selected.

**CONSENT AGENDA, March 28, 2016:** The March 28, 2016 consent agenda was presented for a re-vote with Director Cournoyer abstaining.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The March 28, 2016 consent agenda consisted of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

Jennifer Assadi, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Jennifer Clemons, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Caryn Dahm, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Lindsay Moore, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Jennifer Voss, Cook's Assistant at Pleasant Valley Junior High, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Ann Osborn, Choral Accompanist at Pleasant Valley High School, has resigned her position effective March 25, 2016; Kenneth Ehlers, part-time custodian at Pleasant View Elementary, has resigned his position effective March 7, 2016.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

ADDS: Ryan Tumey Bridgeview Robotics  
Chris Cournoyer Cody Robotics  
Teresa Barber Riverdale Heights and Elementary Robotics  
Coordinator

DROPS: Matthew Boots Assistant Varsity Volleyball  
Mara Cantrell-Paulson co-Theater Technical Advisor, Light/Sound Designer

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One open enrollment IN from Bettendorf; three open enrollments IN from Davenport for 2015-16. One open enrollment IN from Bettendorf for 2016-17.
- STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT: University of Northern Iowa, Luther College.

**CONSENT AGENDA, April 11, 2016:** Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The April 11, 2016 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 28, 2016 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

Lindsay Moore is recommended for employment as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary for the 2016-17 school year; Angela Zurales is recommended for employment as an Instructional Strategist (building TBD; Hopewell or Riverdale Heights Elementary) for the 2016-17 school year; Nicolas Propes has submitted his resignation as Assistant High School Band Director effective the end of the 2015-16 school year; Cecilia Berazaluce Decanini, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will complete her probationary period on April 15, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 18, 2016; Pamela Glynn, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, retired her position effective May 27, 2015.

- STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT: Iowa Wesleyan University.

#### **EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,164,759.47 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$50,736.26 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$13,628.88 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$32,852.91 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 \$2,000.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$19,163.01 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$10,184.99 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$309.20 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2016-17 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAXES:** Mr. Clingingsmith presented and reviewed the proposed budget and tax levy worksheets, a summary of which was presented at the March 28, 2016 board meeting. The budget reflects a \$0.20 decrease in the district's levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2016-17 fiscal year. President Witters opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer 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 31st day of March, 2016 in the *Bettendorf News*, 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 \$14.14425 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for 2016-17. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT EXPANSION BIDS:** High School east parking lot expansion bids were opened on Tuesday, March 29 at 2:00 pm. We were pleased with the number and competitive nature of the bids received. Bids for concrete and for asphalt were considered. Treiber Construction submitted the low bid for concrete, \$220,164. General Asphalt submitted the low bid for asphalt, \$192,500. The budget for this project is \$330,000. Design fees and construction supervision from Missman is expected to cost \$35,000. Since both bids are well within budget, it is recommended that the expansion be concrete. The strength and durability of concrete, as well as the aesthetics of surface consistency justify the extra investment. The project is expected to be complete in advance of the start of the 2016-17 school year, and will provide approximately 90 additional parking spaces. These spaces will replace spaces expected to be lost in the next high school building expansion project.

President Witters opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. and, hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the board approve the low base bid of \$220,164 from Treiber Construction for a concrete addition to the Pleasant Valley High School east parking lot expansion project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**2016-17 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT:** Dr. Spelhaug reviewed with the board options as to how to manage current over-capacity at the north (LeClaire) end of the district. The board reviewed enrollment projections, and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of creating an additional section at the north end versus bussing students to the south end.

District administration will proceed with an additional section of kindergarten at Bridgeview for the 2016-17 year. The intention is that displaced Cody students will return to Cody for first grade in the 2017-18 school year, once the currently underway Cody expansion and renovation is complete. Impacted Cody families will be contacted directly via mail.

No required motion.

**EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3):** The board entered into exempt session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL:** The board met in closed session from 7:56 - 8:17 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an interim discussion of the superintendent’s evaluation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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| Monday, April 25, 2016 | Regular School Board Meeting, <u>5:30</u> p.m.<br>Belmont Administration Center (early start due to district band night) |
| Monday, May 9, 2016    | Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.<br>Belmont Administration Center   |

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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.

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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.



James R. Spelhaug, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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# PLEDGE A PENNY TO BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation's Golf Benefit will be held April 25 at Palmer Hills Golf Course. All proceeds from the benefit will be used to provide funding for student scholarships.

The Foundation has given over \$600,000 in scholarships to PV seniors. On May 11, the Foundation will present more than 80 scholarships with a combined value of approximately \$80,000 to PV seniors. Our community values youth and education. The Foundation's scholarship program puts an exclamation point behind that belief!

Your Birdies for Charity pledge supports this effort.

Please consider Pledging a Penny on behalf of the PV Foundation, **Birdie #587**. Thank you!

Complete the form, below, or download a pledge forms here:

<https://www.birdiesforcharity.com/about/pledge-forms/>

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## PVCSD Foundation Birdies for Charity

I pledge and promise to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ for every birdie made during the 2016 John Deere Classic to the John Deere Classic Charitable Corporation for use by participating charities. I guess that \_\_\_\_\_ birdies will be made.

No donation is required to be eligible to win a prize. Void where prohibited by law.

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| Name (please print) |  |
| Address             |  |
| City, State, Zip    |  |
| Phone / e-mail      |  |
| Signature           |  |

Mail completed form to:

PV Foundation, c/o Beth Marsoun  
Pleasant Valley Community School District  
525 Belmont Road  
Bettendorf, IA 52722

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLEASANT VALLEY, IOWA

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, EXECUTIVE MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION  
CENTER

Monday, April 11, 2016 7:56 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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Executive meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m. by President Witters.  
Members present: Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Wagle, Witters.  
Absent: Hoskins. Also present: Jim Spelhaug and Deborah Dayman.

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

The board met in closed session for the purpose of conducting an interim discussion of the superintendent's evaluation from 7:56 – 8:17 p.m.

No motions were made. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.