

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, May 22, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Laura O'Brien, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer 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.

5th grade flag essays: Bob Brockhouse, Steve Noack, Karl Kreiling, Tom Bloomingdale, and Ray Joens, members of the American Legion – Buffalo Bill Post #347 were present. Mr. Brockhouse introduced 5th grade flag essay winners and thanked all 5th grade students for their participation in the flag essay contest. Each building winner was recognized at their school's flag ceremony. Overall district winner Nessa Hardaway read her essay for the board and all individuals present, and will read her essay at the Legion's Memorial Day Ceremony May 29, 11:00 a.m. at Bridgeview School.

Building winners:

<u>Bridgeview</u>	Kaleigh McGrath	Jeremy and Julie McGrath
<u>Cody</u>	Jasmine Barnes	Casey and Kristen Barnes
<u>Hopewell</u>	Nessa Hardaway	Rita Hardaway and Brandon Hardaway
<u>Pleasant View</u>	Vinuthi Medithi	Pushpa Manukonda and Vijay Medithi
<u>Riverdale Heights</u>	Achinteya Jayaram	Vidhya Ganesh and Ganesh Jayaram

James Hershberger and Chris Jess were present to read letters to the board in response to displacement letters they received indicating that, due to overcrowding at Bridgeview Elementary, their children would be assigned to Cody Elementary for first grade and successive grades. Both requested the board look for ways to avoid displacement of established resident students.

PVHS seniors Rachael Souhrada and Alex Leonard, along with Kim Souhrada, were present to express appreciation to the board and district for offering, in conjunction with Scott Community College, high school coursework in American Sign Language. Rachael signed her entire presentation, and her mother Kim interpreted for the board and guests. Alex and Rachael are grateful to have had the opportunity to learn the language, and Alex, who is hearing impaired, reports a new and strong connection to the deaf community now that he is ASL fluent.

Kate Terrell, parent of an incoming kindergarten student, shared concerns with the board over her son's displacement to Riverdale Heights Elementary since Pleasant View is oversubscribed in kindergarten for 2017-18.

Director Hoskins thanked the Bridgeview PTA for School Board Appreciation month gifts. She also complimented elementary building principals and staff for hosting the graduating senior celebrations held in each building.

Director Cournoyer reported that most parents have reacted positively to online enrollment. She also shared that on Friday, May 12th Matt Stutenberg accompanied a group of engineering/manufacturing students to the state Industrial Technology exposition at Southeast Polk High School. The competition provided students the opportunity to showcase knowledge and skills and drew hundreds of students from around the state. Entries ranged from wood working to 3D model design. This is the first year Pleasant Valley has participated in the event. Three cross curricular projects in the area of computer controlled manufacturing were displayed by PVHS students. The projects were designed by engineering students in the Advanced Computer Aided Design course and fabricated/finished by students in Metals and Welding. PV projects received three blue ribbons for superior workmanship. The superior workmanship ratings considered project planning, project complexity, and the overall quality of workmanship. PV students also received two gold and one silver medals.

Director Cournoyer also complimented the high school staff, administration, and the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation for an inspiring PVEF scholarship night. The foundation awarded 79 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Mr. Strusz congratulated the outstanding performance of spring athletes, and will share details of accomplishments at the next board meeting.

Dr. Spelhaug shared comments he had received regarding elementary student displacement due to overcrowding in certain levels at certain buildings. He will seek feedback from the board to determine whether the topic should be an agenda item at a future meeting.

Dr. Spelhaug also announced that Pleasant Valley High School has been named a recipient of a \$10,000 Spirit of Inclusion Award. The award recognizes the efforts of high school organizations including the Sparkles, Stars, PV Pals, and the UNITE club. The award will be used to establish a new PVEF scholarship.

CONSENT AGENDA, May 22, 2017: Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The May 22, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting.
- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Twenty-two IN from Bettendorf, two IN from Davenport, one denied from Bettendorf; all for 2017-18.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Pam Ancelet is recommended for employment as a Math teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Tanise Colvin has submitted her resignation as an Instructional Coach at Pleasant Valley Junior High School effective the end of the 2017-18 school year. Abby Dalen is recommended for employment as a Social Studies teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High School for the 2017-18 school year. Mikaela Ellison is recommended for employment as a Kindergarten teacher at Cody Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. Natalie Hentze is recommended for employment as a Third Grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. Brittany Kent is recommended for employment as a Second Grade teacher at Cody Elementary for the 2017-18 school year. Kasey Lucke is recommended for employment as a First Grade teacher at Cody Elementary for the 2017-18 school year. Zachary Marotta is recommended for employment as a science teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Bartley Meinke is recommended for employment as a French teacher at Pleasant Valley High School and Pleasant Valley Junior High School for the 2017-18 school year. Gabrielle Parks is recommended for employment as an English teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Alyssa VanSpeybroeck is recommended for employment as a 6th grade teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary for the 2017-18 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Thomas Isaacson, Academic Interventionist at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:

DROPS:	Corbin Stone	Varsity Boys Soccer coach
	Janelle Hester	Sophomore Volleyball coach
	Tanise Colvin	PVJH Yearbook Coordinator

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

Meg	Byrne	High School	Vocal Music	Experienced Mentor
Alissa	Kirsch	BV/CO	Art - K-6	Year 1 Mentor
Amanda	Maurer	Junior High	Math/Science	Experienced Mentor
Tom	Neuhaus	High School	Counselor	Experienced Mentor
Aimee	Peters	High School	Art	Experienced Mentor

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$91,171.23 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$49,958.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$25,667.13 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 \$20,723.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,858.84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,072.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$46,747.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,197.68 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP STUDIES: Mr. Strusz reviewed the results of the two most recent graduate follow-up studies: The Two Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2014 and the Six Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2010. Comparisons with data from previous years were presented, including trends and possible implications for change.

The data is viewed with two main questions in mind: How can the data be used to improve student achievement, course offerings, and the overall educational experience at PV, and how should the data be viewed to ensure the district is getting a true picture of successes and concerns?

Courses added since the 2014 class graduated include engineering, biomedical science, computer science (including 3D VREP, Microsoft and computer science academy), AP Physics 1 & 2, AP Studio Art 2D, AP macroeconomics, robotics, intermediate algebra, and courses taught in conjunction with Scott Community College including humanities, statistics, psychology, sociology, speech, calculus I & II, American sign language, and western civilization I and II.

The district continues to utilize the services of the nonprofit organization *National Student Clearinghouse*, a leading provider of educational reporting, data exchange, and verification, providing educators with longitudinal data on student outcomes. This data led to the creation of a new math course to serve students who are not sufficiently prepared to succeed at Algebra II. The course is designed with the expectation that students will take Algebra II upon completion.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the board accept the Graduate Follow-up study reports as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER- PRECISION BUILDERS #1:

The change order represents an add of \$3,721. Door closers not originally specified were added, and door light locations revised. These added safety measures came at the request of high school administration.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that the Board approve Precision Builders change order #1 in the amount of an add of \$3,721. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Wagle, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER- NEEDHAM EXCAVATING #2:

The change order represents an add of \$12,108.

1. Add \$3,482: Southeast parking lot erosion control modification – additional silt fence, rip rap, and construction entrance.
2. Add \$1,891: New storm manhole south of gym addition for building storm drainage.
3. Add \$6,735: Replace deteriorating pipe in existing 4" water line that enters the building near the transformers.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that the board approve Needham Excavating change order #2 in the amount of an add of \$12,108. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) has established August 11th as the deadline for submission of legislative priorities for the 2018 session. The board reviewed IASB's list of 2017 Legislative Resolutions, and set a goal of selecting the top three or four priorities at the second meeting in June. 2017 priorities included adequate funding of supplemental state aid; preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure; rigorous content standards, benchmarks and accountability; and TIF transparency, reform, limitation, and regulation.

Our representative to the delegate assembly must also be selected. Director Cournoyer has served in this capacity for the past several years.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mr. Clingensmith presented the monthly financial reports for April 2017. Through April, General Fund revenue totaled \$40,430,845 and expenses totaled \$32,904,993. The fund balance in the General Fund at April 30, 2017 was \$13,254,381. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

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

PLEDGE A PENNY TO BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation /Alcoa Golf Benefit was held April 24 at Palmer Hills Golf Course. All proceeds from the benefit will be used to provide funding for student scholarships.

The Foundation has given over \$700,000 in scholarships to PV seniors. On May 10, the Foundation presented 79 scholarships with a combined value of approximately \$79,000 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/>

PVCSD Foundation Birdies for Charity

I pledge and promise to donate \$_____ for every birdie made during the 2017 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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Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone / e-mail	
Signature	

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