

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, June 12, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Tampus Budde, Mike Peakin, and others.

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins 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 - Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Nays – none. 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.

Director Wagle congratulated the Varsity Girls Tennis Team on their state championship, and reminded the board that an encore performance of *Sweeny Todd* will be presented Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the PVHS Theater. The show will be presented the following weekend on the main stage at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Director Cournoyer congratulated Eric Crawford, who was named All-Iowa Girls' Tennis Coach of the year. She also congratulated the PV Trap Team, who won fourth place in league competition. Of 200 shots taken, Brent Alman scored 200; Drew Baxter, 200; Ethan Hornbuckle, 197; Garrett VanOsdel, 196; and Cody Parkhurst, 194, for a team score of 987/1000. The team finished 4th in the state competition with a combined score of 973/1000. She thanked the volunteer trap team coaches. She also congratulated the Boys Tennis team (Randy Brockhage named co-state Coach of the year) and the Girls Golf team on their outstanding seasons. She complimented the PVHS administration on the High School Commencement ceremony.

Cindy Lewis shared with the board some of the summer activities involving elementary students, including reading intervention opportunities and robotics camp.

Brian Strusz shared condolences on behalf of the board and district to the family of Melvin Arp, former district employee.

CONSENT AGENDA, June 12, 2017: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The June 12, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting.
- OPEN ENROLLMENT: four IN from Bettendorf, one IN from Davenport, all for 2017-18.
- MBAEA Behavior Program Commitment: PVCSD has made a three year commitment to join with a six other districts within the Mississippi Bend Area Education Association in forming a regional service to serve students with behavioral needs. Cost includes a one-time payment of \$18,343 to cover overhead. A per-student program fee would be incurred should the district assign a student to the program.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Emily Duncan, 5th grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Jackie Edgin is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Bethany Hovland, Special Education Teacher at Pleasant View Elementary School, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Allyson Knanishu is recommended for employment as a K-12 ESL teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Aileen Spickermann is recommended for employment as a Reading Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High School for the 2017-18 school year. Tara Stoflet, 2nd grade teacher at Cody Elementary, has requested a maternity leave of absence for the 2017-18 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Johnnie Bunce, Hopewell Elementary Custodian, has submitted his resignation effective June 1, 2017. Melissa Clemons, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, has received an extension in her letter of assignment from 5.75 to 8.0 paid hours per day for the 2017-18 school year. Francis Dunbar is recommended for employment as Academic Study Hall Monitor at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Sharyl Stein is recommended for regular employment as a food service worker for the 17-18 school year. Nathan Bradley is recommended for probationary employment as the District Groundskeeper effective June 5, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Dave Kissack	PVJH Student Council Advisor
	Melissa Martinez	PVHS Assistant Girls Cross Country Coach
	Bill Sandry	PVHS Varsity Baseball Coach (2016-17)
DROPS:	Lauryn Deets	PVJH Student Council Advisor
	Josh Hoffman	PVHS Assistant Girls Cross Country Coach

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

Gina	Weaver	High School	Special Education	Year 1 Mentor
Megan	Vandersee	High School	Science	Year 1 Mentor
Meredith	Skala	Hopewell	Third Grade	Experienced Mentor
Teresa	Sack	Pleasant View	Special Education	Year 2 Mentor
Sara	Russell	JH/HS	Social Studies	Year 2 Mentor
Stacey	Ruff	Junior High	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH	Instructional Coach
Loretta	Gilbeck	Pleasant View	Second Grade	Elementary Instructional Strategist
Kelly	Pennekamp	Riverdale Heights	Special Education	Year 1 Mentor
Mark	Jones	Cody	Kindergarten	Year 1 Mentor
Marta	Brooks	High School	FCS	Year 1 Mentor
Lori	Broderson	Junior High/High School	World Language	Year 1 Mentor
Tara	Daurer	High School	Band	Experienced Mentor (JH/HW Band)
Bev	Anderson	Pleasant View	Teacher Librarian	Experienced Mentor (Cody Teacher Librarian)
Barb	Pischke	High School	Math	Experienced Mentor
Traci	Lux	High School	English	Experienced Mentor
Jennifer	Levora	High School	English	Experienced Mentor
Audrey	Holland	High School	Science	Experienced Mentor
Nicole	Guldenstein	Cody	First Grade	Experienced Mentor
Larissa	Bailey	Cody	Second Grade	Experienced Mentor

SUMMER SCHOOL:

First	Last	Class	School
Janice	Carter	Kindergarten	Hopewell
Rachel	Dolehanty	Kindergarten	Hopewell
Ashley	Hebbeln	Kindergarten/First Grade	Hopewell
Teri	Adams	First Grade	Hopewell
Jane	Schiffler	First Grade	Hopewell
Emily	Speer	First Grade	Hopewell
Debbie	Thomsen	Second Grade	Hopewell
Barb	Sollars	Second Grade	Hopewell
Laura	Wilga	Third Grade	Hopewell
Leesa	Haeffner	Third Grade	Hopewell
Cindi	VenHorst	Fourth Grade	Hopewell
Brenna	O'Neill	Fourth Grade	Hopewell
Rebecca	VanBlaricome	Fourth Grade	Hopewell
Erin	Merrill	Fifth Grade	Hopewell
LeAnn	Sokolik	Fifth Grade	Hopewell
Margaret	Thompson	Intercession - Music	Hopewell
Justin	Wiese	Intercession - PE	Hopewell
Theresa	Barber	Intercession - Robotics	Hopewell
 			
Julie	Small	Reading	Junior High
Jennifer	Notton	Math and Reading	Junior High
Matt	Gauss	Math	Junior High
Jenna	Tritt	Math	Junior High
 			
Drew	Anderson	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Audra	Bailey	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Tara	Dauer	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Jacob	Davis	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Brian	Gartner	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Rachel	Isaacson	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Kristin	Lopez	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Rob	Medd	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
Emma	Thompson	Summer Band	High School/Bridgeview
 			
Karen	Brown	Building Secretary	Hopewell
Darlene	Corchado	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Karen	Bemis	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Diana	Bleeker	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Brenna	Bleeker	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Paul	DelCorso	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Connie	Miller	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Dawn	Dittmer	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Hailey	Duwa	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Lisa	Hartford	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Dawn	Mumey	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Melissa	See	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Lauri	Stoneking	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell

Chris	Zellmer	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Hopewell
Kathryn	Patterson	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Junior High
Alexis	Coronell	Sp. Ed. Student Aide	Junior High
Mary	Carlson	Building Aide/Student Aide	Junior High

Elementary Summer School - July 17 through August 3.
Junior High Summer School - July 17 through July 28

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$927,728.82 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 \$31,265.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$18,465.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$47,880.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$554,963.01 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$56,373.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$401,558.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,834.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT: Two issues were addressed:

1. Bridgeview 1st grade: After thorough discussion and hearing comments from the public, the board recommended that grade 1 class size at Bridgeview Elementary be temporarily increased to 25. This exception is being made based upon the conclusion that parents were not sufficiently informed of the possible impact the relocation of the additional 2016-17 Bridgeview kindergarten section to Cody for 2017-18 1st grade could have on Bridgeview residents. It is important to note that this increase in class size is only temporary, only applies to Bridgeview grade one, and should a current Bridgeview 1st grader leave the district, the enrollment limit will return to 24.

2. Pleasant View Kindergarten: Kindergarten class size is limited to 22 students. Pleasant View, a four section building has capacity of 88 kindergarten students, but has been well above that number. Currently, kindergarten enrollment at Pleasant View exceeds capacity by four students. The administration continues to work with families to determine which students will be assigned to other buildings. In addition to placement decisions being based upon whether or not the student has other elementary aged siblings and the availability of district transportation, new criteria including length of residence in the district and a statement of need will be considered.

Displaced kindergarten students will return to Pleasant View for 1st grade, as class size increases to 24 and space will be available for all currently enrolled Pleasant View kindergarteners.

The district is currently within class size limits at all other levels/buildings, but it is possible as the summer progresses that the district will be forced to exceed class size limits in other levels/buildings, but this will only happen when we have reached capacity across the district, not just at a particular building. (Class sizes limits: K=22; 1st-3rd = 24; 4th-6th = 25)

No required motion.

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 offered no further comment at this time, and final action will be taken at a future date.

No required motion.

ATTENDANCE, DISCIPLINE AND LIAISON REPORTS: PVJH Principal Trampus Budde and PVHS Assistant Principal Mike Peakin were present to review with the board attendance, discipline, sheriff liaison and juvenile court liaison data for the 2016-17 school year. No significant variances from previous years were noted.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that the board approve the junior high and high school attendance and discipline reports as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF ATHLETIC PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: HF 564, signed by Governor Branstad on May 11, 2017 includes the following provision:

For school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2016, the board of directors of a school corporation may, by board resolution, transfer from the school corporation's general fund to the student activity fund an amount necessary to purchase protective and safety equipment required for any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is sponsored or administered by and organization as defined in section 280.13

Because a permanent transfer from the General Fund to the Student Activity Fund results, Board resolution is required.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wagle that the board approve the transfer of \$6,527.60 from the General Fund to the Student Activity fund for the purchase of athletic protective equipment as specified in 2017 HF 564. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: Continued district growth has necessitated re-evaluation of future building expansion. To accommodate growth at both the north (LeClaire) end and the south (Bettendorf) end of the district, the district may accelerate the timeline to expand Bridgeview to a full three section building, and construct Forest Grove Elementary initially as a two section building. Design plans to best utilize and expand space at Bridgeview are underway.

No required motion.

FINANCING OF PROJECTS ON THE DISTRICT'S FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN: Mike Clingingsmith has reviewed the district's most recently updated Five Year Capital Projects Plan with Matt Gillaspie, the district's financial advisor with Piper Jaffray & Co. Based on this analysis, it appears the district has sufficient borrowing capacity to access financing to cover \$22.5 million of new significant capital projects between now and the 2022-23 fiscal year.

As a review of the district's borrowing to date, the district borrowed \$10 million in December, 2015 and borrowed a second \$10 million dollars in October, 2016. Both of these were borrowings against future statewide penny sales tax receipts. A third \$10 million borrow is planned for October, 2017. In order to finance the capital projects on the Five Year Plan through the 2022-23 fiscal year, an additional \$30 million would be required over the next three years (2018 to 2020). Interest rates, cash flow needs, bank qualification issues, etc. will dictate when that \$30 million will be borrowed.

There are two important "safety valves" that the district controls in regard to dealing with those projected possible cash shortages at that time, including seeking an extension of the district's Voted PPEL (Physical Plant & Equipment Levy) for another ten year period, and temporarily limiting other scheduled projects and routine maintenance items.

Most beneficial to allowing the district to increase borrowing capacity is the state's extension of the penny sales tax for school infrastructure. (Local Option Sales Tax) This is an action that must be taken at the state legislative level.

No required motion.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DISCUSSION: The following Board of Education director seats are up for election on September 12, 2017:

Director District #1 – Chris Cournoyer

Director District #2 – Heather Witters

Director District #7 – Jean Dickson

The candidate filing period begins July 10 and continues through August 3 at 5:00 p.m. Candidate materials may be obtained at the Belmont Administration Center.

Polling places will be established by the Scott County Auditor’s office, and will include Bettendorf and LeClaire poll locations.

No required motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: The board met in closed session from 8:21– 10:10 for the purpose of discussing the superintendent’s evaluation. No motions were made during closed session.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, June 26, 2017

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

Monday, July 17, 2017

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

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, email or call Kelly Hatler, hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.

**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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