

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, August 28, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Eric Larew, Ann Martin, Lorrie Long, Deborah Kepple-Mamros, Sonya Paddock, Tim Long, Nick Wagner, Peter Gluck, Larry Dodds, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson 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.

Director Wagle thanked district personnel for a great start to the new school year.

Director Cournoyer shared appreciation for prompt attention to beginning of year bussing concerns. She also shared with the Board that flexible seating options newly offered at Cody Elementary have been well received.

Dr. Spelhaug reminded the board of the upcoming School Board Election to be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 for Director Districts #1, #2, and #7. (note details at the end of this document) The Pleasant Valley Education Association is hosting an informal candidate meet & greet event for Director District #2 on Tuesday, September 5; 7:00 p.m. at Bridgeview Elementary (District #1 and District #7 races are uncontested; the incumbents are running for re-election.)

Dr. Spelhaug apologized for first day of school bussing confusion and assured the board and parents that mix-ups will be examined and procedures implemented to avoid future miscommunication.

President Witters thanked the administration for the board's invitation to attend the all-district faculty and staff meeting, and expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm and dedication of administration, faculty, and staff.

President Witters presented to Mike Clingingsmith, Chief Financial Officer, and Lorrie Long, District Accountant, the *Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting and Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* on behalf of the Association of School Business Officials International and the Government Finance Officers Association. The awards recognize the district's Comprehensive

Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. President Witters thanked Mr. Clingingsmith, Ms. Long, and others in the business office for their diligence, attention to detail, accuracy and transparency in the maintenance and presentation of district financial records.

CONSENT AGENDA, August 28, 2017: Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Dickson, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins. Abstain - Cournoyer. Motion carried.

The August 28, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Brittany Herrmann has resigned her position as an American Sign Language teacher at Pleasant Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. Linda Noble will retire her position of Guidance Counselor at Pleasant Valley High School at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

CLASSIFIED:

Angela Brand, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, has had an increase in contract time of 30 minutes per day for the 2017-18 school year. Mary Carlson, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has had an increase in contract time from 5.75 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day for the 2017-18 school year.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Angelica Harrison is recommended for probationary employment as an Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting August 22, 2017. Sarah Richardson is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary starting September 5, 2017. Lisa Sheehan is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary starting August 23, 2017. Kelly Witcraft is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting August 18, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Courtney Bielis	PVJH Head Volleyball Coach
	Brian McGurk	PVJH Assistant Volleyball Coach
	Troy Markin	PVJH Assistant Volleyball Coach
	Sankari Kandasamy	PVHS Assistant Robotics Advisor
	Sandkari Kandasamy	PVJH Competitive Robotics Advisor
	Sandkari Kandasamy	Riverdale Heights Robotics After-School Club
	Theresa Barber	Elementary Robotics Coordinator
	Chris Cournoyer	Cody Robotics After-School Club

DROPS:	Kyle Williams	PVHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
	Jenna Ward	PVJH Head Volleyball Coach
	Courtney Bielis	PVJH Assistant Volleyball Coach
	Barb Pischke	PVJH Assistant Volleyball Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Four IN from Bettendorf, three IN from Davenport; all for 2017-18.
- EDISON ACADEMY AGREEMENT & BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (School to Work) AGREEMENT: The sharing agreement for the Business Education Partnership (School-to-Work) and Edison Academy (an alternative high school consortium for Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley, and North Scott high school students) has been updated and modified. Billing allocations were revised to better reflect district utilization of services.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Isbell, second by Anderson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$350,189.20 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$10,880.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,827.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$38,609.65 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$19,832.30 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$629,062.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$165,667.43 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$41,140.86 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 \$655.69 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

WELCH FARM DEVELOPMENT URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, CITY OF RIVERDALE TIF: The City of Riverdale is taking the legal steps necessary to consider the proposed Welch Farm Development Urban Renewal Plan. On August 17, Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Clingingsmith attended the initial consultation between the City and affected taxing bodies. Present at this evening's board meeting were Riverdale Mayor Sonya Paddock, City Administrator Tim Long, and Nick Wagner representing the engineering firm MSA. Discussion included

- Estimated growth in valuation of taxable property included in the proposed Urban Renewal Area
- Fiscal impact of the division of revenue on the affected taxing entities
- The duration of any bond issuance included in the plan

The developer has proposed building 100 houses over a five year period. A ten year TIF is requested, but a five year extension would be available under current state law. While the District does not support residential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as there currently is no need to incent residential growth within the district, the decision to proceed with the TIF lies solely with the city of Riverdale. (However, while the Code does allow for an extension, a residential TIF cannot be extended beyond ten years without the express consent of the school district and the county.) The City contends that the Welch Farm parcel is a difficult property to develop because of its location and lack of access. Advantageous to the City is the new revenue stream this development would provide, which City officials believe would ensure fiscal stability for the City.

During the life of the TIF, property tax dollars due the school district and county general funds would be diverted to the City of Riverdale to pay for infrastructure expansion and improvement.

Two members of the public spoke out against the plan. A number of individuals were present for the discussion.

No motion was made to revise the current district policy against residential TIF.

SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2016-17

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT: The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the district's special education deficit for the 2016-17 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. We are also required to file a request to the SBRC in order to receive supplemental aid. Supplemental aid redistributes surplus dollars from districts across the state to those districts experiencing a special education deficit. This supplemental aid is prorated based upon the district's special education deficit. This request to the SBRC is a standard procedure which occurs each year the district has a special education deficit. The motion does not specify an amount in case the state makes adjustments to the district's special education deficit.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of the district's final 2016-17 special education deficit and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the district's final 2016-17 special education deficit. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR THE 2016-17 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LEARNERS (E.L.L.) DEFICIT: The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the district's English Language Learners (E.L.L.) deficit for the 2016-17 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. The state began allowing districts to request additional allowable growth for their E.L.L. deficits beginning with deficits that were incurred for the 2013-14 fiscal year. We have calculated the district's 2016-17 E.L.L. deficit to be \$6,508. The motion does not list a specific amount in case the state were to make an adjustment to the district's E.L.L. deficit.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of the district's final 2016-17 E.L.L. deficit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2017-18 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The goal of professional development in Pleasant Valley is to create a lifelong, collaborative learning process that encourages the growth of individuals, teams, and the school through a daily job-embedded, learner-centered, focused approach to student learning. Since February, members of the Teacher Leadership System and administration have been working to create a more personalized approach to professional development. Mr. Strusz highlighted for the board changes to be implemented.

No required motion.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY: Updated enrollment projections were provided to the board. Since the board reviewed enrollment data in July, an additional 30 elementary students have joined the district. Based upon revised projections, current capacity, and capacity once Cody has been expanded to a full three section building, it is recommended that the district plan for Forest Grove Elementary to be ready for students starting with the 2021-22 school year.

No required motion.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION CHANGE ORDERS: Change orders totaling \$67,853 were presented to the board for discussion and approval, reducing the contingency balance to \$384,000. Many of the changes relate to unanticipated underground challenges.

CDMI Concrete Contractors change order #1: Net add of \$1,114.00. Elimination of curb at southeast parking lot to facilitate snow removal (\$500.00). Sidewalk replacement at southeast parking lot + \$350.00. Manhole lid and water vault modification in southeast parking lot + \$1,264.00.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the board approve an add of \$1,114 to the CDMI Concrete contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CDMI Concrete Contractors change order #2: Net add of \$6,160.00. Belmont entrance pour-back. Due to the location of the waterline, additional paving had to be removed, and then replaced.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the board approve an add of \$6,160.00 to the CDMI Concrete contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities change order #1: Net add of \$5,000.00. Existing 15" storm drain pipe located in the path of a new foundation pier filled with flowable fill.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that the board approve an add of \$5,000 to the Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Helitech, a Division of Slab Masters, Inc. change order #1: Net deduct of \$15,000. Deduct funds allotted for second mobilization for aggregate piers included in base bid as work was coordinated to complete all work in one mobilization.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that the board approve a deduct of \$15,000 from the Helitech contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Needham Excavating, Inc. change order #5: Net add of \$4,643.00. A previously unidentified active sanitary line was exposed and had to be re-routed and tied into the new manhole installed to serve the gym and classroom additions.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that the board approve an add of \$4,643.00 to the Needham Excavating Company contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Needham Excavating, Inc. change order #6: Net add of \$7,174.00. Repair of water main leak + \$1,564.00. Hand dig and repair unmarked utilities near tennis courts during water, sanitary, and storm line installations + \$7,585.00. Deduction of remaining temporary site work allowance (\$14,660.00), removal and replacement of unstable soils at southeast parking lot + \$12,685.00.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the board approve an add of \$7,174.00 to the Needham Excavating Company contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Precision Builders, Inc. change order #3: Net add of \$42,405.00. The original design specified installation of Nichia panels as an interior and exterior finish. Subsequent to the acceptance of bids, the company which supplies the panels has ceased to warranty the product, leaving Precision Builders and the District to settle upon an alternate, but more costly product.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve an add of \$42,405.00 to the Precision Builders contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Precision Builders, Inc. change order #4: Net add of \$1,756.00. Door hardware modifications at east side lower level gym doors to allow for card reader access.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the board approve an add of \$1,756.00 to the Precision Builders contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Ragan Mechanical, Inc. change order #2: Net add of \$14,451.00. Relocation of existing 15” storm drain under to prevent conflict with aggregate piers + \$22,451.00, which eliminated requirement to excavate, remove and backfill existing RCP line (\$8,000.00).

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the board approve an add of \$14,451.00 to the Ragan Mechanical contract for the high school addition and remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

- Monday, September 11, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 School Board Election 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Monday, September 25, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 School Board Election

District	candidate	candidate	Polling place	Hours
#1	Chris Cournoyer		LeClaire Fire Station	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
#2	Brent Ayers	Deborah Kepple-Mamros	LeClaire Fire Station	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
#7	Jean Dickson		Surrey Heights Fire Station	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Community School District Board Members represent specific director districts. Visit http://pleasval.org/pdfs/board/PVCSD_Director_District_Map.pdf to determine your director district or visit the Scott County Auditor website <https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/auditor/voter-registration/verify>. Note that school board members serve four year terms, and an election is held every two years. District seats #3 - #6 will be voted upon in the 2019 election. Contact Board Secretary Deborah Dayman, 563-332-5550, with questions.

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.

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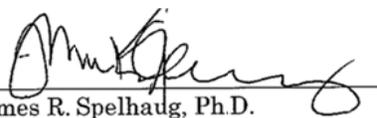
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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