

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, September 11, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Laura O'Brien, Debbie Kepple-Mamros, Doug Chervek, Andrew Witters, Jeff Witters, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle 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 all involved for a very memorable Homecoming weekend.

Director Hoskins thanked the Spartan Assembly for the Homecoming carnival, which was bigger and better than ever.

Director Cournoyer thanked the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation and sponsors for another very successful *Run With Carl* held on Labor Day, and commended the collaboration with the Bettendorf Schools Foundation. 1,055 runners and 250 volunteers, including cheerleaders and band members from both districts, participated. \$30,000 was raised and will be split between the districts to provide scholarships to graduating seniors.

Director Cournoyer also thanked the district for the digital citizenship presentation featuring Paul Davis.

Dr. Lewis commended Pleasant View Elementary, the winner of Bettendorf Library's summer reading program Excellence Award.

Dr. Spelhaug recognized the generosity of students and faculty for funds raised to support Team Rubicon's hurricane disaster relief efforts.

Board President Heather Witters was presented a plaque by Dr. Spelhaug on behalf of the board and the school district in recognition of President Witters' eleven years of service on the Pleasant Valley Community School District Board of Education. He expressed appreciation for her for her hard work, integrity, and dedication to the children of the district. Mrs. Witters is retiring from the board.

RECOGNITION: Brian Strusz introduced three students who were nationally recognized in the PTA Reflections program. The students shared and described their winning entries.

Film: Elizabeth McVey, daughter of Anne and Tom McVey. Award of Merit. Elizabeth is an 8th grader at Pleasant Valley Junior High.

Photography: Emma Nunez, daughter of Aracely and Oscar Nunez. Award of Excellence. Emma is a 2nd grader at Pleasant View.

Visual Arts: Celia Brown, daughter of Laura and James Brown. Award of Merit. Celia is a 6th grader at Pleasant View.

CONSENT AGENDA, September 11, 2017: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The September 11, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the August 28, 2017 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: The following certified staff members have earned credits since their contracts were issued and have advanced on the salary schedule for the 2017-18 school year: Bailie Baker, David Baxter, Sarah Bertog, Maury Betzel, Jamie Bice, Elizabeth Bornhoeft, Margaret Byrne, Catharine Casey, Katie Casper, Marcus Cavanagh, Mary Tess Dwyer, Kristin Foley, Brian Gartner, Mallory Glanzman, Teresa Harrington, Ashley Hebbeln, Audrey Holland, Amanda Hornick, Laura Huffman, Rachel Isaacson, Meredith Kennedy, Alissa Kirsch, Carrie Kuesel, Amy LaBarge, Jacob Larsen, Sarah Larsen, Michaela Martens, Mary McCarthy, Abby Meuser, Jeffrey Meyers, Shelli Paustian, Stephanie Peterson, Kate Reed, Sara Russell, Nicholas Sacco, Barbara Schadt, Melissa Schieffer, Caitlin Schoville, Heather Seibel, Megan Smith, Megan Sopher, Ian Spangenberg, Rusty VanWetzinga, Kimberly VerHeecke, Jason Vice, Carolyn Vinyard, Deanna Weinschenk, Sara Wiese, Laura Wilga, Tina Young, and Joe Youngbauer.

CLASSIFIED: Rebecca Cernin, Food Service worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective September 29, 2017.

CLASSIFIED: (information only) Tonia Schryver, probationary Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective September 8, 2017. Jordan McIntosh is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary effective September 12, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Zach Marotta	PVHS Assistant Sophomore Football Coach
	Aimee Moylan	PVHS Diving Coach
	Wendy Williams	PVJH co-Yearbook Advisor
DROPS:	Emily Backus	PVJH co-Yearbook Advisor
	Jonathan Dreasler	PVHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
	Rebecca Proehl	PVHS Assistant Bowling Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Four IN from Bettendorf, one IN from Davenport; all for 2017-18.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$383,031.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$62,963.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,070.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$28,525.90 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 \$39,611.77 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$213,522.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$356,170.08 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,178.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

CODY ELEMENTARY DESIGN DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL: Doug Chervek from frk architects + engineers presented Cody Elementary design development drawings for board approval. Since the board viewed schematic design development plans in August, discussion has been underway between the architect and Cody staff to fine-tune renovation details. The fire lane will be located closer to the building so that flat space and playground is maximized. Work is still being done on the redesign of the front office.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that the board approve Design Development Drawings for the Cody addition and renovation project as presented by frk architects + engineers and authorize frk to proceed with Construction Documents. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EARLY LITERACY DATA: Dr. Lewis updated the board on early literacy efforts. For two consecutive years, the state of Iowa has made significant progress in improving the reading skills of students. Pleasant Valley has made measured growth during this same time period, at a rate that exceeds the state rate. At the heart of Iowa's literacy initiative is an early warning system designed to catch and address potential reading problems in children as early as kindergarten. All of Iowa's 333 school districts, and many non-publics, use this early warning system to screen students in kindergarten through 3rd

grade three times a year. Teachers are able to provide additional reading instruction to children identified as at risk, and they monitor progress of students to help get them back on track to being successful readers. Pleasant Valley's results are unmatched by peer school districts across the state.

No required motion.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Certified enrollment will be determined as of October 1, and preliminarily it appears that 2017-18 enrollment has increased 150-160 students over the previous year (approximately 70 at the elementary level, 30 at the junior high, and 60 at the high school). A key understanding is this growth is internal and not driven by open enrollment.

No required motion.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING PROPOSALS OPENED AND REVIEWED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND THE PLACEMENT AGENT: At the Board's direction, district financial advisor Piper Jaffray & Co. distributed bid packages to financial institutions in solicitation of bids for the district's \$10 million *School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2017*. The bids were due at 3:00 pm Wednesday, September 6th. On Thursday, September 7th, Matt Gillaspie of Piper Jaffray reviewed with Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Clingingsmith the bids received.

Bids were received from six different financial institutions, and one bidder submitted six different call date options within their bid. Piper Jaffray was pleased with the volume and quality of bids received.

After consultation with Mr. Gillaspie, guidance from Mr. Clingingsmith, and board discussion, the board settled upon a JPMorgan Chase bid with a call date of 2022 and interest rate of 1.94%.

As points of comparison, the interest rate on the district's 2015 \$10 million borrow was 1.78% and the October, 2016 \$10 million borrow was 1.96%.

No Required Motion.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING SALE: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the Resolution Directing the Sale of Bonds to JPMorgan Chase based on the 2022 Call Date Option as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Wagle, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, September 25, 2017

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

Monday, October 9, 2017

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

Wall of Honor Nominations

Wall of Honor Nominations are being accepted through October 13, 2017.

The Wall of Honor Program was established in 1999 to recognize distinguished alumni who have graduated from Pleasant Valley High School.

Nominees must have graduated 10 years or more prior to induction and must meet the following criteria:

- Academic Excellence
- Outstanding success in their career
- Made a significant contribution to the community or society
- Demonstrated significant accomplishments in business or professional life
- Distinguished human service

Persons wishing to submit a name for consideration as a Wall of Honor honoree must send a letter of nomination to:

Mr. D. Michael Zimmer, Principal
 Pleasant Valley Community High School
 604 Belmont Road
 Bettendorf, IA 52722

Visit <http://pleasval.org/wall-of-honor-nominations-2/>

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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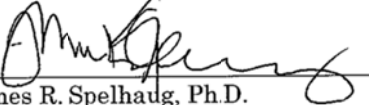
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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.


James R. Spelhaug, Ph.D.
Superintendent