

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, September 25, 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, Chris Welch, Beth Marsoun, Pam Cinadr, Melinda Whigham, Mary Akker, Christy Wood, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson 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.

This being Director Witter’s final board meeting after eleven years of service, Director Wagle thanked her for her dedicated efforts to the children of the district, and for her leadership. All of the Board expressed concurrence with Director Wagle’s remarks.

Director Cournoyer noted that September is Mental Health Awareness month, and thanked the district for making available counseling through the Vera French Community Mental Health Center. She reminded the Board that the annual Vera French Gala will be held Saturday, October 28. She also shared with the Board the *We All Have Stuff* initiative underway to encourage teens to talk about their problems and seek appropriate help.

Mike Zimmer, PVHS Principal, noted that the UNITE club produced a mental health awareness video which will be shown to all students.

Brian Strusz welcomed Professor Lori Zahn and 13 Upper Iowa University education students present to observe the board meeting in satisfaction of coursework requirements.

On behalf of the Board and district, Dr. Spelhaug expressed deepest sympathy to the family of Kay Kaiser. Kay served the district for nearly 30 years, first as an educational aide, and since 1997, as Guidance Office Secretary. In addition to helping guide students through their high school years and on to post-secondary opportunities, Kay managed the selection process of Pleasant Valley Education Foundation scholarships from the Foundation’s inception. Booster parents through the years had the opportunity to work alongside Kay as she managed concessions for district activities. Kay died September 18th. Memorials are being directed to a Pleasant Valley Education Foundation scholarship established in Kay’s memory.

RECOGNITION: NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS Mike Zimmer, Pleasant Valley High School Principal, introduced the following Semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program: Laura J. Brown, daughter of Jason and Rita Brown; Vivek Joshi, son of Deepak and Janki Joshi; Konnor Sommer, son of Kevin and Jill Sommer; Vishwajit Subramanian, son of Subramanian Trichy and Arathi Sharada Balagangadharan; and Sophia Xiao; daughter of Peter Xiao and Guo Li.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout the high school years, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application which includes the student's essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

From approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, representing the top 1% of students across the nation, nearly 15,000 will advance to the Finalist level and in February will be notified of this designation. These scholarship recipients will join some 330,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

RECOGNITION: JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL NURSING STAFF Before 7th and 12th grade students were allowed to start the new school year, each had to be current on their Meningococcal vaccine. 7th graders were required to have the first dose, and 12th graders the first and second dose. This new state law which became effective for the 2017-18 school year allowed no grace period for the start of school, and students without evidence of the vaccination or an Immunization Exemption on file were unable to attend school until the requirement was met. Additionally, 7th graders were required to have one dose of the Tdap vaccine. **It is important to note that this law will impact all incoming 7th and 12th grade students going forward.**

Pleasant Valley Junior High nurse Melinda Whigham, High School nurse, Pam Cinadr, along with support from aide Mary Akker, spent a great deal of time over the summer following up with parents of children requiring the immunization. The Board recognized and thanked them for their diligent efforts. Ms. Whigham thanked the elementary school nurses for their assistance. Ms. Cinadr asked that parents of 2018-19 7th and 12th grade students be in contact with their healthcare providers well in advance of the start of the 2018-19 school year to secure vaccinations to avoid possible vaccination shortages.

RECOGNITION: TEAM RUBICON/HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISING EFFORTS For two weeks in September, Pleasant Valley students and staff raised funds in support of Team Rubicon's Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The response was extraordinarily generous; \$10,000 was raised. Students Bryson Hegland, Hopewell Elementary; Owen Ripple, Bridgeview Elementary; Benjamin Alkhafaji and Harper Clark, Pleasant Valley Junior High, and Bobby Bender, Emma Horsfield, Keshav Wagle, and Robbie Williams; Pleasant Valley High School were on hand to share with the board some of the fundraising activities which took place. Each student was encouraged to contribute \$1. Activities including donut sales, classroom competitions, hat day, and faculty jeans day were held. High school students collected contributions from fans at the September 8th football game. PV Bistro funds were designated for hurricane relief, and PV Bistro participants, represented by Bobby Bender, baked cookies and held a bake sale. The Pleasant View PTA also provided a generous contribution.

Representing Team Rubicon was Christy Wood, mother of Jake Wood, 2001 PV graduate and US Marine veteran who co-founded Team Rubicon in 2010 with the goal of offering the services of highly trained military veterans to people in disaster situations, while concurrently providing much needed support to veterans. Ms. Wood shared updates on Team Rubicon's deployment of volunteers in Texas, Florida, and

Puerto Rico. Learn more about Team Rubicon at www.teamrubiconusa.org, and view video and photos from the Board meeting at <http://pleasval.org/pleasant-valley-schools-raise-money-for-team-rubicon/>

The retiring 2016-17 Board of Education was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

The new Board was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by the Board Secretary. The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Director Brent Ayers, Director District #2, and re-elected Directors Chris Cournoyer, Director District #1 and Jean Dickson, Director District #7.

The 2017-18 Board of Education was convened with Directors Anderson, Ayers, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, and Wagle present. Absent – none. Election of officers was held. Chris Cournoyer was elected President with a unanimous vote. The Oath of Office was administered to President Cournoyer by the Board Secretary. Nikhil Wagle was elected Vice President with votes cast by Anderson, Ayers, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, and Wagle. A vote for Dickson was cast by Isbell. The Oath of Office was administered to Vice President Wagle by President Cournoyer.

CONSENT AGENDA, September 25, 2017: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The September 25, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CLASSIFIED: Diana Bleeker Cody Elementary Educational Aide Ms. Bleeker's letter of assignment has been increased from 25 to 27 hours per week. Zachary Chaplain has completed his probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment effective September 16, 2017. Connie Miller Cody Elementary Educational Aide Ms. Miller's letter of assignment has been increased from 25 to 27 hours per week.

CLASSIFIED: Patrick Eshelman is recommended for probationary employment as Assistant to the Director of Operations starting September 18, 2017. Marla Holst is recommended for probationary employment as an Educational Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting September 25, 2017. Joyce Junge is recommended for probationary employment as a General/Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 26, 2017. Jordan McIntosh has resigned her position as a Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary effective September 19, 2017. Nadzije Selmani is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting October 2, 2017. Jessica White is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting September 25, 2017.

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One IN from Bettendorf for 2017-18.
- APPOINTMENT of Cindy Lewis as District Child Abuse Investigator, Darren Erickson as alternate, and Jim Sweeney as Outside Investigator This is an annual re-appointment.

- ANNUAL MEETING:
 1. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at Blackhawk Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
 2. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at First Central State Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
 3. Appointments of Treasurer and Secretary:

Joyce Bauwens is appointed as Treasurer of the Pleasant Valley Community School District for a one year term. The term will begin October 1, 2017, and end September 30, 2018.

Deborah Dayman is appointed as Secretary of the Pleasant Valley Community School District for a one year term. The term will begin October 1, 2017, and end September 30, 2018.

Secretary and Treasurer will be bonded in the amount of \$10,000 as per Code of Iowa, Section 291.2.
 4. Appointment of Lane & Waterman as District Legal Counsel.
- The Oath of Office was administered by the President to the Secretary.
(The Oath of Office was administered by the Secretary to the Treasurer Tuesday, September 27, 2017 AT 9:00 a.m.)

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$175,248.71 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$42,287.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,152.80 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$19,772.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$88,627.22 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,433,316.03 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$14,025.52 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Ayers that Debt Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$7,416.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$47,038.92 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$4,348.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: Specific approval is necessary for district bonds to be considered tax exempt bonds. The board reviewed the Tax Exemption Certificate and summary from Bond Counsel (Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.).

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that the Board approve the Tax Exemption Certificate as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Ayers, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS: This resolution is necessary to officially approve the issuance of the bonds and to provide for and secure the payment of the bonds.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hoskins that the Board approve the Resolution for the Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of the Bonds as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR THE 2016-17 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (E.L.L.) DEFICIT: At the August 28, 2017 Board of Education meeting, the Board passed a resolution in order to secure additional allowable growth funding for the E.L.L. deficit. Since the precise amount was undetermined at that time, a motion has been presented which contains the specified amount.

Motion by Dickson, 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 \$6,843.36 for the district's 2016-17 E.L.L. deficit. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Ayers, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented monthly financial reports for June, July, and August. Generally, financial reports are reviewed monthly. However, June financials aren't finalized until the auditors complete their field work in early September.

Through June, General fund revenue totaled \$48,132,722 and expenses totaled \$47,422,089. The fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2017 was \$6,439,161.

June 30th is the end date of the district's fiscal year.

Through July, General fund revenue totaled \$370,764 and expenses totaled \$1,083,903. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2017 was \$5,726,022.

Through August, General fund revenue totaled \$700,734 and expenses totaled \$2,194,001. The fund balance in the General Fund at August 31, 2017 was \$4,945,894.

Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports for each month. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that the board accept the monthly financial reports for June, July and August as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, October 9, 2017	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center
Monday, October 23, 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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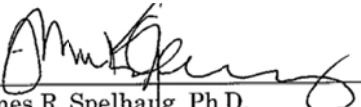
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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.


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