

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, September 26, 2016 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Kevin Pennekamp, Mike Zimmer, 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, 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.

Harris Elias, 4080 Boston Drive, Bettendorf, addressed the board regarding a bus safety concern, specifically the number of junior high children who can safely ride in a bus seat. Mr. Elias has requested that only two junior high students be assigned per seat. The current district guidelines are to assign 3 elementary students per seat, 2.5 junior high students per seat, and 2 high school students per seat. The administration and board will seek further guidance from the state.

Director Cournoyer shared that she has received positive feedback regarding the on-line scheduling of high school conferences. She also congratulated the 20 PVHS girls who participated in *Iowa Girls Code* day Saturday, September 24. The goal of *Iowa Girls Code* is to educate young Iowa women about careers in Computer Science and give them the skills to start coding on their own.

Mr. Strusz reminded the board that the Student Hunger Drive will kick off next week. PVHS junior Keshav Wagle has been selected to serve as a student ambassador during the campaign.

Dr. Spelhaug thanked Mr. Zimmer, Ms. Cinadr, the high school custodial staff and coaches for their prompt and thorough attention to player education and locker room sanitation following a freshman football player's diagnosis of a skin infection.

Mike Zimmer, PVHS principal, introduced the following seniors who were recently honored as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program:

Catherine Byrne, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Byrne of Bettendorf; Hannah Humes, daughter of Timothy and Kerry Humes of Bettendorf; Samuel Lederman, son of Joshua and Gillian Lederman of Bettendorf; Patrick McMonagle, son of Robert and Denise McMonagle of Davenport; Mathew Nelson; son of Todd and Mary Ann Nelson of Bettendorf; Margarita Rasgado Lopez; daughter of Jesus Rasgado

Lopez and Maria Margaita Lopez Fernandez of Bettendorf; Isaac Sears, son of Stephen and Beatrice Sears of Davenport; and Emily Suen, daughter of Benjamin Suen and Jennifer Chui of Bettendorf.

There was a total of ten National Merit Semi-finalists in all of the MAC conference schools; PV had eight of the ten.

1.6 million high school juniors take the PSAT test, the initial National Merit Scholar screening tool, and less than 1% of those students are recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. 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. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. The district offers its highest congratulations to these students.

CONSENT AGENDA, September 26, 2016: Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The September 26, 2016 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular meeting and September 15, 2016 Board Tour of New Construction.
- PERSONNEL: Angela Brand is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary for the 2016-17 school year. Laura Hatz is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary for the 2016-17 school year. Michelle Mann has resigned her position as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary effective September 23, 2016. Angela Smith is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary for the 2016-17 school year. Christine Yoerger is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary for the 2016-17 school
- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Three IN from Bettendorf.
- WALDEN UNIVERSITY LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR LICENSURE PROGRAMS: Cooperating Teacher agreement.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$185,747.74 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$57,276.76 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$8,086.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$38,518.78 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$174,855.53 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$155,208.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$5,515.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,833.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: At the September 12, 2016 meeting, the Board approved a resolution directing the sale of bonds to finance upcoming building expansion projects. The next step in the process is to obtain Board approval so that the bonds will be considered tax exempt bonds. A copy of the actual Tax Exemption Certificate was reviewed by the board. Bond Counsel (Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.) provided a summary of the information included in the Tax Exemption Certificate, as well as the requirements to which the district must adhere in order for these bonds to remain tax exempt.

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

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

Motion by Dickson, 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, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP UPDATE: Kevin Pennekamp, coordinator of the Teacher Leadership System, was present to update the board on the progress of the initiative, which is in its second year. Iowa is a leader in the TLS model, provides partial funding for this program, and has established goals of attracting and retaining new teachers by offering competitive starting salaries and offering short-term and long-term professional development and leadership opportunities, retaining teachers by providing enhanced career opportunities, providing collaboration opportunities, reward professional growth, all while improving student achievement. PVCSD has expanded those goals to include providing the structure for collaborative mentoring opportunities in the areas of school culture, curriculum,

instruction, and assessment. Teacher leaders will ease the transition into the district by providing opportunities in collaborative planning, coaching, co-teaching, and non-evaluative feedback, while building leadership capacity and enhancing the practice of teaching to improve student learning. Short term and long term indicators are evaluated via survey, reflection, and observation. To maximize benefit to teachers and students, the TLS will continue to adjust processes and procedures based upon experience and recommendations.

No required motion.

TIF DISCUSSION: Dr. Spelhaug briefed the board on potential Tax Increment Financing developments in the district. The City of Riverdale is considering creating a TIF district for development of the Welch property, a 150 acre parcel which extends up the hill from State Street to the farm fields west of Manor Drive and east of Deerbrook. The district does not support further expansion of residential Tax Increment Financing because property tax dollars are diverted from the school district and from the county in order to fund infrastructure improvements. The district believes free market forces will facilitate such housing development.

No required motion.

BRIDGEVIEW CHANGE ORDER #3: Change order #3 is an add of \$28,073.38 and consists of five components:

Add \$17,549.38. Replacement of old areas of crumbling concrete; not included in initial bid.

Add \$1,150.00. Soffit installation to accommodate existing piping.

Add \$1,639.90. Concrete patching on driveway.

Add \$6,144.45. Required ductwork omitted from original plan in error.

Add \$1,589.65. Fire marshal requirement.

The contract is now \$3,438.68 over the original budgeted amount, but reimbursement by the City of LeClaire for detention pond work will eliminate that overage.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the board approve change order #3 for the Bridgeview Elementary addition and renovation project in the amount of an add of \$28,073.38. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingsmith 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 \$45,717,234 and expenses totaled \$45,391,590. The fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2016 was \$5,728,529.

June 30th is the ending date of the district’s fiscal year.

Through July, General fund revenue totaled \$430,889 and expenses totaled \$937,783. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2016 was \$5,221,635.

Through August, General fund revenue totaled \$671,363 and expenses totaled \$1,955,132. The fund balance in the General Fund at August 31, 2016 was \$4,444,760.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, October 10, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, October 24, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

RIVERDALE DEER HUNT

Once again this fall/winter, the City of Riverdale has authorized a controlled bow hunt September 17 – January 10 in the wooded areas surrounding Scott Community College. Hunting will generally take place at dawn and at dusk. E-News and all-district email notifications will be sent.

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT TOUR OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
Thursday, September 15, 2016 5:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Deborah Dayman.

DISTRICT TOUR OF NEW CONSTRUCTION

- High School cafeteria: remodel, access road, review new addition footprint
- Pleasant View addition/remodel
- Cody new addition and parking
- Junior High new addition
- Bridgeview new addition

No motions were made or actions taken. Tour concluded at 7:15 p.m.