

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, October 9, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, D'Anne Kroemer, Don Fry, and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS: President Cournoyer 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 Hoskins shared her thanks with elementary administrators and staff for their efforts on Grandparents Day.

Director Anderson thanked Pleasant Valley Junior High Administrators and staff for online conference registration, and reported that the process operated smoothly and efficiently.

Director Wagle thanked the administration for the opportunity to attend the Mississippi Valley Area Education Agency annual banquet and reported that the presenter, Thomas Downs, Executive Director (Retired), Iowa Association of School Boards, offered useful advice for board governance.

Directors Dickson and Isbell expressed appreciation to the Pleasant Valley High School administration and staff for the opportunity, for the second year, to schedule all high school conferences electronically.

President Cournoyer recognized all district administrators, faculty, and staff who participated in the Quad Cities Marathon September 24th, noting that each is a role model to students of lifelong physical fitness. Notable finishes include Logan Beausoleil, Bridgeview 6th grade teacher; 7th place overall male; Ali Kirsch, Pleasant View Art teacher, 2nd place overall female; Cody PTA relay team – 1st place Master's Division.

She also announced that the PTA Reflections program theme for this year is *Within Reach*, and that October is Bullying Awareness Month.

Dr. Spelhaug expressed the sympathies of the Board and district to the families of Zachary Francis, PVHS class of 2013, and Dorothy Parsons, Pleasant Valley Education Foundation supporter and wife of former Superintendent Merritt Parsons. Both died on September 28, 2017.

RECOGNITION: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, and D’Anne Kroemer introduced the Pleasant Valley High School Softball Team, winners of the 2017 Class 5A state championship, and commended their efforts and success. Team members include Carli Spelhaug, Mallory Lafever, Tara Theusch, Claire Bebow, Jessi Meyer, Bell Luebken, Alexia Lara, Caitlin Crome, Emily Wood, Ellie Spelhaug, Rachel Tebbe, Christin Hartman, Peggy Klingler, Anna Griffin, Sophia Lindquist, Carly Lundry, Hannah Mausser, and Rylee Carlson. Also recognized were Head Coach Jose Lara and Assistant Coaches Samantha Urban, Amy LaBarge, Hailee Beals and Erica Miller. The Board offered their congratulations to the team, and thanked parents for their support and encouragement.

CONSENT AGENDA, October 9, 2017: Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The October 9, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CLASSIFIED: James Kaufman, Building/Grounds Mechanic’s Assistant, has submitted his resignation effective November 3, 2017. Beth Marsoun, Communications Director/Foundation Board Secretary, has submitted her resignation effective October 20, 2017. Marla Holst, Educational Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has resigned her position effective October 7, 2017. Cindy Perkins is recommended for probationary employment as an Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High starting October 24, 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Sophie Haarhues	PVHS Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
DROPS:	Brandon Nau	PVHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
	Jeff Paul	PVHS Freshman Girls Basketball Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One IN from Bettendorf for 2017-18.
- APPROVAL OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND RESURFACING AGREEMENT: Our Savior Lutheran Church is a private provider of preschool services located in the Pleasant Valley Community School district which operates a preschool for four year olds that is part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SVPP). During the 2017 Iowa Legislative Session, it was determined that certain direct costs of a SVPP “that enhance the approved local program” are reimbursable by the district. Because 60% of the children served by the preschool are 4 year olds, the district will reimburse 60% (\$19,200) of the total cost of playground resurfacing.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Wagle, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$200,584.89 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 \$50,265.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$18,708.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$19,891.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,561.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$227,317.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$82,554.99 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$357,822.18 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$10,856.74 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES: The Board reviewed current attendance data along with projected housing information in order to begin establishment of Forest Grove Elementary attendance boundaries. It is currently projected that Forest Grove Elementary will be open to serve students starting with the 2021-22 school year. It is anticipated that boundaries will be established within the coming year so that families in affected neighborhoods will be aware. Preliminarily, the quadrant roughly bounded by Forest Grove Road, Criswell Road, 53rd Street and Middle Road appears most logical. Discussion was also held regarding the most effective way to gather public input. This item will reappear on future agendas.

No required motion.

2016-17 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: Brian Strusz guided the Board through the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) which was submitted to the state of Iowa September 15, 2017, and the District's Annual Progress Report (APR) which is available on the district website.

<http://pleasval.org/pdfs/district/AnnualProgressReport.pdf>

Of particular note:

- 63% of our teachers have master's degrees.
- Average District attendance increased from 96.7% to 96.9%.
- High School Graduation rate: 96.6%; statewide rate is 91.3%.

- The District remains firmly committed to maintaining low class size at the elementary level. (K=22; 1st – 3rd = 24; 4th – 6th = 25)
- Although the District has not implemented a “one-to-one” technology initiative (for example, providing a laptop for each student), the District does provide the most appropriate electronic devices for each classroom, whether it be a desk top computer, laptop, Chrome Book, iPad, or other device.
- 8 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists and 3 National Merit Commended students.
- 89% of the class of 2016 plans to attend a college or university; 3% plans to enter the military.
- 100% of the senior class was involved in service to the community, contributing 31,153 hours.
- 82% of the class of 2016 participated in one or more school activity (athletics, clubs, music, drama).
- District wide, 840 students participated in band, 843 in choir, 400 in drama, and 393 in orchestra.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the Board approve the annual progress report (APR) documentation as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Cournoyer shared with the Board a report on her opportunity, along with school board members from select districts, to meet with Governor Kim Reynolds and advocate for extension of the **SAVE** (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) funding stream. Effective in Scott County since July 1, 1999, the 1¢ sales tax formerly known as the *statewide school infrastructure or local option sales* tax, will be under review by the Iowa Legislature during the 2018 session. Without the 1¢ sales tax, the Pleasant Valley Community School District would be forced to increase property tax and borrowing in order to meet the infrastructure demands of our growing district.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, October 23, 2017	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center
Monday, November 13, 2017	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center

The Pleasant Valley Community School District wishes to highlight the following
Employment opportunities:

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR/PV FOUNDATION BOARD SECRETARY
BUILDING/GROUNDS MECHANIC'S ASSISTANT
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN – HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY

For application and a complete list of openings, visit
<http://pleasval.org/hr-employment/>

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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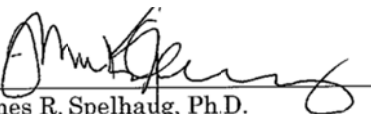
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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