

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Gary Mohr, Rita Hart, Jackie Stepaniak, and Deirdre Cox Baker.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Wagle, 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 congratulated students selected for the Opus honor choir:

Ninth Grade Choir: Elizabeth Mooy, Rachel Lyon, Lucas Ager, Charlie Crouse, Gabriel Johnson, Bailey Mattioli, Maegan Neil, Taze Wilson, and Lydia Cox. Alternates: Kendall Ontiveros and Ebby Barber.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Choir: Ujan RoyBandyopadhyay, Carter Carroll, Ethan Ferry, Ethan Kilcoin, Matthew Murphy, Ryan Saddler, Bryce Vining, Thomas Glennon, Payton Hintermeister, Braeden Jackson, Benjamin Jungers, Collin Melody, Anthony Shamrell, Erika Holmberg, Ava Burmahl, Shobini Iyer, Leah Mendelin, Lexi Pelzer, Rhema Saddler, Caroline Sierk, Grace Davidson, Chante Hardaway, and Alyse Zuiderveen.

Fifth & Sixth Grade Choir: Carly Berta, Kylie Brees, Xin-Yan Chan, Selah DeVore, Zachary Guest, Lily Hansel, Elly Huhn, Nathan Kuberski, Ameya Menon, Grace Richards, Ryan Sondgeroth, and Veda Vegiraju.

She also congratulated the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams. The boys placed 1st in district competition, and the girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both teams will compete in the state championship meet on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Dodge.

Director Anderson expressed appreciation for on-line conference scheduling at Pleasant Valley Junior High and congratulated junior high students on an excellent fall band concert.

Dr. Wagle congratulated high school musicians selected for All-State: Choir: Sophia Dahm, Christine Lyon, Rece Vining, Molly Dippel, Kaylin McNeal, Dalton Hout, John Mendelin, Avery Luepker, Natalie Murphy, Alex Jungers, Sean Wallace, Nathan Lyon, Madison Wells, Roshni Nair, Brendan Roethler, Halle Fish, Ellie Lindmark, and Bailey Connors. Orchestra: Christina Li (violin), Connor Miller (string bass), Kiran Marla (violin), Alyssa Paulson (string bass), Daniela Rybarczyk (viola), Ruth Davidson (viola), Annie Warner (violin), Veronica Henderson (harp), and alternate Dan Kim (violin). Band: Regan Breen (horn),

Kade Coudron (trumpet), Aditya Desai (flute), Ethan Good (trumpet), Vivek Joshi (persuccion), Sam McGrath (bass clarinet), Brenna Morley (clarinet), Kaitlyn Ryan (clarinet), Claire Thomsen (flute), and alternates Cassie Smith (horn) and Keshav Wagle (oboe). These musicians will perform in the 600 member choir, 280 member band, and 200 member orchestra on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Iowa State University. IPTV will televise the concert on Thanksgiving evening.

President Cournoyer thanked Deputy Chad Weipert and PVHS Associate Principal Mike Peakin for attending a safe schools conference in Galena, IL, and thanked them for their focus on student safety.

President Cournoyer and Directors Wagle and Ayers attended the Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) Board Member Orientation Workshop held in Maquoketa October 19th, and reminded the board of IASB's guiding standards for School Board Members:

- Put students first
- Follow the law and board policy
- Respect the chain of command
- Base decisions on shared, objective information
- Recognize the public's right to know

Mr. Strusz congratulated Opus and All-State musicians and noted that 35 All-State musicians were selected. Of special note is vocalist Bailey Connors - the first Pleasant Valley student to have been selected for All-State Choir each of his four years of high school.

**RECOGNITION:** Senator Rita Hart, Iowa Senate District 49, and Representative Gary Mohr, Iowa House District 94, were present to discuss the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Strusz, Dr. Spelhaug, and President Cournoyer presented to the legislators the following The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Legislative priorities:

1. Maintain the focus and finish the job of an aligned **Standards and Accountability** system.
2. Increase statewide access to and funding for **Mental Health** services for children.
3. Fix Flaws in **School Funding Policy**.
4. Make decisions on growth factors in **Supplemental State Aid** on time, and at a rate that moves us toward world-class schools.
5. Ensure Iowa students continue to have safe, modern schools and technology by extending the state penny sales tax for school infrastructure, known in law as **Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE)**.

Also discussed was the need for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reform in the state to ease the burden on school districts and county governments.

**CONSENT AGENDA, October 23, 2017:** Motion by Wagle, second by Ayers that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The October 23, 2017 consent agenda consists of the following:

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

CLASSIFIED: Scott Brown, part-time custodian at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of his probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2017. Luke Fletcher, Grounds/Maintenance Assistant, is nearing the end of his probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2017. Robert Kephart, Custodian at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of his probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting November 1, 2017. Matthew Simmons, part-time custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of his probationary employment period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 16, 2017.

CLASSIFIED (*information only*): Rick Buckles is recommended for probationary employment as the Mail Van Driver starting October 30, 2017. Jason Kramer is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time custodian at Hopewell Elementary starting November 1, 2017. Stanley Munn is recommended for probationary employment as the Building/Grounds Mechanic's Assistant starting October 23, 2017. Mark Stoneking is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time custodian at Hopewell Elementary starting November 1, 2017.

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One IN from Bettendorf, two IN from Davenport, one IN from North Scott; all for the 2017-18 school year.

#### **EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$358,179.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$47,770.58 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 \$2,696.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$43,639.68 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$960,233.59 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$131,374.58 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$31,625.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$6,461.80 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES:** Further discussion was held regarding proposed Forest Grove Elementary Attendance Boundaries. It is anticipated that Forest Grove Elementary will open as a two section building for the 2021-22 school year. Preliminarily, the Forest Grove Elementary attendance area is expected to encompass the area bounded by Interstate 80, Criswell Road, 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Middle Road. The District will seek public input via informational meetings to be held at each elementary building. That meeting schedule is yet to be determined.

No required motion.

**2017 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Dr. Lewis presented evaluative information from the district's 2017 summer school programs. This summer, the district hosted the K-8 summer program for identified students, as well as a pilot *Launch to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade* program for our most struggling readers. 224 students (K-7) attended programs held at Hopewell, Riverdale Heights, and Pleasant Valley Junior High. Students short of meeting end of year grade-level benchmarks in reading were recommended for the program. At the elementary level, students received math and reading instruction, as well as robotics, music, and physical education opportunities. Junior high students received reading and math instruction.

In conjunction with the Scott County Family YMCA, *Launch to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade* – an intensive summer reading program, was also offered at Riverdale Heights Elementary. The YMCA offered meals and wraparound care.

The summer school program goal is to avoid “summer learning loss”, and it appears that goal was accomplished for more than half of all summer school students.

The \$314 per pupil cost is absorbed by the district and state grants; families do not currently pay for summer school.

Student attendance remains the challenge. While 40% of students had “perfect attendance” during the sessions, which ranged from 10 – 14 days in length, 66% attended 90% of the days, and 80% attended just 80 % of the days.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the board accept the 2017 summer school report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION CHANGE ORDERS:** The most recent change orders result in a net add of \$11,438 and leaves a contingency balance of approximately \$360,000. Several of the change orders relate to the commons area coffee bar. The changes were required so that the area will be compatible with food service equipment should the area be required to accommodate future cafeteria overflow.

American Electric change order #2: wiring required to move the lighting control box from the north end of the tennis courts to the east side entrance and the addition of electronic locks to two additional doors.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that the board approve American Electric change order #2 in the amount of an add of \$10,449.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

American Electric change order #3: additional electrical outlets required at the coffee bar service area.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the board approve American Electric Change Order #3 in the amount of an add of \$798 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Isbell, Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Katelman Steel Fabrication change order #1: steel supports for the coffee bar and relocation of bearing plates.

Motion by Anderson, second by Isbell that the board approve Katelman Steel Fabrication change order #1 in the amount of a deduct of \$432 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

River Valley Construction change order # 1: redesign of the window curtain in the administration entrance to provide greater strength and insulating properties.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that the board approve River Valley Construction change order #1 in the amount of an add of \$2,109.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell, Ayers, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Seedorf Masonry change order #1: additional grout reinforcement as called for in the preliminary design was not required.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the board approve Seedorf Masonry change order #1 in the amount of a deduct of \$3,514.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell, Ayers, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Seedorf Masonry change order #2: elimination of masonry refill, block modification for the coffee bar and relocation of bearing plates.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the board approve Seedorf Masonry change order #2 in the amount of a deduct of \$829 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell, Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Economy Roofing and Insulating Co. change order #1: the material originally specified did not match current roofing material.

Motion by Wagle, second by Ayers that the board approve Economy Roofing and Insulation Co. change order #1 in the amount of a deduct of \$6,390 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Ragan Mechanical change order #3: Utility box and sink disposal added in coffee bar area, and camera work to identify an uncharted pipe.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that the board approve Ragan Mechanical change order #3 in the amount of an add of \$2,116.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Centennial Contractors change order #2: Removal of unstable soils beneath gymnasium footings.

Motion by Anderson, second by Isbell that the board approve Centennial Contractors change order #2 in the amount of an add of \$7,131.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr. Clingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for September 2017. Through September, General Fund revenue totaled \$5,448,222 and expenses totaled \$5,890,795. The fund balance in the General Fund at September 30, 2017 was \$5,996,588. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, Activity Funds reports, and quarterly reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

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

**QUAD CITY AREA REALTORS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATION REQUEST:** The Board reviewed the draft of a publication prepared in response to the Quad City Area Realtors Association request for a district information sheet which would be useful to families new to the Quad City area.

No required motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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| Monday, November 13, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.<br>Belmont Administration Center |
| Monday, November 27, 2017 | Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.<br>Belmont Administration Center |

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**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](http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us), email or call Kelly Hatler, [hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us](mailto:hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us) at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. **The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at <http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us>.** Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian's name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

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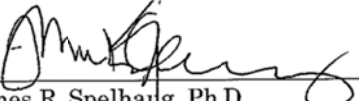
**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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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