

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, November 28, 2016 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Roby Smith, Norlin Mommsen, Eric Larew, Kim VerHeecke, Maureen Dyer, Laura O'Brien and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer 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.

Chris Cournoyer thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) state convention. She also shared with the board that on December 7, in honor of Computer Science Education Week, each 3rd grader will have the opportunity to participate in “Hour of Code”, a brief introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics of computer science. Registration information is included on each building’s e-newsletter distributed November 29th.

Dr. Spelhaug shared the condolences of the board and the district with Mary Mulvihill, retired Riverdale Heights teacher, upon the death of her husband, Mike. He also commended the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation for the Friends of the Foundation celebration held November 16th.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Strusz introduced Spartan Shield Faculty Advisor Maureen Dyer. Joining Maureen were Shield Journalists Jarrin Flores, Editor-in-Chief; Dylan Hartford, Social Media Manager; Abi Paravasthuresh, News Editor; Lillie Klauer, Staff Contributor; and Sam Lundry, Political Editor. In addition to the monthly print version, the Spartan Shield has gone on-line <http://spartanshield.org/> and features new articles each week, as well as political coverage, opinions, and student biographies. Students are involved in all aspects of production, writing, obtaining advertising revenue, as well as photography/videography. Another recent first was an election night hour-long live broadcast. The Shield staff continues to look for ways to make the publication useful and relevant to all students.

Roby Smith, Iowa Senate District 47, and Norlin Mommsen, Iowa House District 97, briefed the board on the upcoming legislative session, and responded to questions. Senator Smith pointed out that 55% of Iowa’s budget funds Iowa’s preK – university system. The board shared its legislative priorities and their views on a variety of educational topics. The board emphasized the importance of our community advocating for our schools.

CONSENT AGENDA, November 28, 2016: Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The November 28, 2016 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the November 14, 2016 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL:
CLASSIFIED: Laura Hatz, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 16, 2016; Amanda Morrison, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective December 2, 2016; The letter of assignment for Lisa Fulton, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has been increased to 32.5 hours per week effective November 16, 2016; Ronald Groth, Head Custodian at Riverdale Heights, has submitted his request for retirement effective December 31, 2016 (12 years of service to the district).
- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two open enrollments IN from Bettendorf, two open enrollments IN from Davenport.
- SIAC COMMITTEE APPROVAL: The following individuals have agreed to serve on the council for the 2016-17 school year:

Joe Adam, Community Member/Business; Lane Bleeker, Parent; Trampus Budde, PVJH Principal; Marcus Cavanagh, Teacher; Ladonna Czachowski, Technology Facilitator; Zach Day, Teacher; Eric Dippel, Parent; Jarrin Flores, Student; Jennifer Gertson, Principal; Deb Hartman, Teacher; Gma Howze, Parent; Scott Isbell, Parent and Board of Education member; Tim Kammler, Parent; Ann Kardell, Parent; Jordan Keyes, Student; Cindy Lewis, Director of Elementary Education; Olivia Peters, Student; Katherine Ramsdell, Parent; Bailie Rasmussen, Teacher; Karen Reed, Parent; Stephanie Risius, Teacher; Jeff Rose, Community Member/Business; Barbara Schadt, Parent /Teacher; Deb Schwake, Parent; Sara Sierk, Parent; Steve Sorensen, Community Member/Business; Jim Spelhaug, Superintendent; Brian Strusz, Assistant Superintendent; Matt Stutenberg, Teacher; Celal Tekeli, Parent; Christine Thompson, Teacher/Counselor; Maggie Tinsman, Community Member/Business; Todd Vershaw, Community Member/Business; Erin Woodford, PVHS Student; Tina Young, Parent/Teacher; Mike Zimmer, HS Principal.

- EARLY GRADUATION PETITIONS: The following students have submitted petition for early graduation. Counselors and administrators have reviewed the requests: Isabelle Davis, Erin Kammerer, Julia Said, Hannah Depover, Camryn Kruse, Kinzie Miller, Breanna Finn, Gemini Prescott, and Sarah Anhalt.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$29,548.92 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$11,848.80 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 \$2,463.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$26,606.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$56,787.84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$26,423.68 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$4,151.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$947.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSES: Mike Zimmer introduced to the board four new high school courses to be offered during the 2017-18 school year:

- *Journalistic Writing: Media Lit 1* Students will create high quality work which will inform, reflect, and influence the student body by running the student news website, spartanshield.org. Students will take on more in-depth assignments, develop a sensitivity to cultural and ethical matters, and focus on the fundamentals of good publication.
- *Intermediate Algebra:* This course is designed to solidify key Algebraic concepts and serve as a bridge for students who would benefit from a more extensive survey of key topics prior to enrolling in Algebra II.
- *AP Macroeconomics:* Students will gain a thorough understanding of macroeconomic principals including national income and price-level determination, economic performance measures, policies, and international economics.
- *Computer Science Academy:* This course will build upon our existing academy experiences and is a collaboration between Bettendorf School District, Scott Community College, and the Bettendorf Business Partnership. The Computer Science Academy features a partnership with Deere & Company and development was partially funded by a STEM grant. Students will participate in a rotational internship with Deere Information Technology experts and explore databases, application design and customer relations.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the board approve the following new high school course offerings: Journalistic Writing: Media Lit I, Intermediate Algebra, AP Microeconomics, and Computer Science Academy. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters. Nays – none. Motion carried.

SBRC APPLICATION RESOLUTION: Each year that the district’s certified enrollment increases, the district may apply to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for modified allowable growth/on-time funding based upon the increased enrollment. Again this year, the district is also eligible to apply to the SBRC for modified allowable growth for Limited English Proficient Program Instruction Beyond Five Years.

Based on our certified enrollment increase of 213.7 resident students, additional spending authority of \$1,436,918 will be granted. Additional modified allowable growth of \$2,958 can be requested from the SBRC because two students in the district have required ELL support for more than five years. Together, these requests increase district spending authority \$1,439,876.

Since funding runs a year behind, the additional cash will not be received until 2017-18. However, the additional spending authority does allow the district to use cash reserves, if necessary to meet current expenses.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the Board request from the SBRC modified allowable growth for increased enrollment in the maximum amount allowable of \$1,436,918 and modified allowable growth for *LEP Program Instruction Beyond Five Years* in the maximum amount allowable of \$2,958 for a total of \$1,439,876 modified allowable growth for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Nays – none. Motion carried.

IASB CONVENTION DEBRIEF: Director Cournoyer shared with the board information from the IASB State Convention held November 16th and 17th in Des Moines. She served as the district’s representative to the Delegate Assembly.

The Delegate Assembly adopted the following 2017 Legislative Priorities:

- *Standards and Accountability:* Supports continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks that reflect the real-world knowledge and skills students need.
- *School Funding Policy:* Supports a school foundation formula that provides sufficient and timely funding to meet education goals
- *Supplemental State Aid:* Supports a formula driven method for establishing the SSA growth rate by January 31, 2017 for 2018, and for future years, at least 14 months prior to the certification of school district budgets.
- *SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education)* Supports repeal of the December 31, 2029 sunset on the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, and preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure.

Director Cournoyer also introduced to the board to the IASB's **The Promise of Iowa** campaign which focuses attention on the future of Iowa public school students and hopes to rally support for investment in public education. Visit <http://www.promiseiowa.org/> to view the launch video and download a letter of support.

Resolution of Support: Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign

- WHEREAS, The state's children constitute "The Promise of Iowa" through their potential as our future leaders, citizens, innovators and caretakers of their generation; and
- WHEREAS, We believe funding a strong system of public education is the best investment Iowans can make to strengthen our economy, create thriving communities and improve the quality of life for every Iowan; and
- WHEREAS, Our students face new challenges and opportunities in a changing world, and their public schools are evolving to help students prepare for their future; and
- WHEREAS, We must continue to find ways to close achievement gaps so that Iowa public schools fulfill the ideal of equity and opportunity for all; and we must keep pace with improvements in other states, to ensure our public schools provide our students and state with an advantage; and
- WHEREAS, State policy makers, locally elected school board members, educators and the business community all made a shared commitment in 2013 landmark legislation to ensure the next generation of Iowa students receives a world-class education; and
- WHEREAS, The Legislature has made progress in investing in public education, but in this era of competing priorities and limited resources, state funding has fallen short in meeting the real needs of our students; and
- WHEREAS, The case must be made to the Legislature that Iowa taxpayers and voters support greater investments in our public schools and are willing to commit public resources to ensure every student in our state has a well-rounded curriculum and safe, modern school facilities in each community; and
- WHEREAS, As locally elected citizens entrusted with public education, Iowa school boards must take on the responsibility to tell the story and rally public support and understanding for continued investments in public education that move our state forward.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pleasant Valley Community School District Board of Education pledges to join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Iowa" campaign to ensure that Iowa lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the community schools that create opportunities for more than 480,000 public school Iowa students.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 28th day of November 2016.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that the board pledge to support the efforts of the **Promise of Iowa** campaign. Ayes – Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

BRIDGEVIEW CHANGE ORDER #4: Change order #4 for the Bridgeview addition and renovation project is an add of \$6,814.85 and includes:

- \$4,230.85 - door locks which meet district safety protocols
- \$2,584.00 - exhaust vent relocation

These changes appear to put the Bridgeview project \$10,298.53 over budget. Note, however, that the City of LeClaire will reimburse the district for their share of the cost of construction of a stormwater retention basin. This reimbursement amount was not included as a deduction in the original budget, so the final project will fall well within budget projections.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that the board approve change order # 4 for the Bridgeview addition and renovation project in the amount of an add of \$6,814.85. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR DRAFT: The board reviewed with Dr. Spelhaug an early draft of the 2017-18 school year calendar. The draft will be reviewed by PTA Presidents and the Pleasant Valley Educational Association prior to board approval. As legislated, school will begin August 23, 2017.

No required motion.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingensmith presented the monthly financial reports for October 2016. Through October, General Fund revenue totaled \$14,120,641 and expenses totaled \$9,272,801. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2016 was \$10,576,370. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. There were no significant variances from projections in the financial reports.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, December 19, 2016	Regular School Board Meeting, <u>6:00</u> p.m. Belmont Administration Center
Monday, January 9, 2017	Regular School Board Meeting, <u>6:00</u> 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.



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