

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, January 28, 2019; 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins. Absent – Wagle.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Jenel Nels, Stephanie Seier, Kevin Pennekamp, Laura O’Brien, and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: The Agenda was expanded to include discussion of possible modification of the 2018-19 school calendar to accommodate the unusually frequent winter weather delays and cancellations. Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the agenda be approved as revised. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JENEL NELS, DIRECTOR DISTRICT #1: Four candidates interested in serving as interim director for Director District #1 were interviewed by the Board at the January 14th board meeting.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board appoint Jenel Nels to serve as Board Director, Director District #1 until the regularly scheduled school board election in November, 2019. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Vice President Hoskins 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.

Dr. Lewis shared with the Board the Iowa Reading Research Center’s 2018 Impact Report highlighting student reading success through research and collaboration. Areas of focus include an examination of effective fluency instruction for fourth graders, the *Early Literacy Blueprint Initiative* focused on improving design and delivery of elementary literacy instruction, higher education dyslexia training, and a multi-tiered system of supports for middle school literacy instruction.

Mr. Strusz thanked all district custodial and maintenance staff for their many extra hours of effort in clearing and maintaining district parking lots and sidewalks.

Dr. Spelhaug recognized Jane Morse, who has announced her retirement at the end of 2018-19 after serving 21 years as the Riverdale Heights Library Assistant and Technology Contact.

CONSENT AGENDA, January 28, 2019: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The January 28, 2019 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the January 14, 2019 Regular meeting and Exempt Session.

- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED: Darcie Kress, ELP teacher at Bridgeview and Cody Elementary, has accepted the position of Teacher Leader for Elementary Curriculum.

CLASSIFIED: Jane Morse, Library Assistant, Technology Contact at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has announced her retirement after the 2018-19 school year. Javin Lovelady, part time custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective February 1, 2019. Jessica Oliver, Educational Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective February 1, 2019.

CLASSIFIED (*for information only*): Sally McCloe is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education and General Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary starting January 22, 2019. Matthew McLaughlin has submitted his resignation as the Building/Grounds Mechanic Assistant effective January 21, 2019. Shelby Tracy is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting January 28, 2019. Jacinda White is recommended for probationary employment as a Secretary/Aide at Bridgeview Elementary starting August 6, 2019.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Frank DeMaria	PVHS Assistant Junior High Swim Coach
	Madeline Reynolds	PVHS Assistant Girls Track & Field Coach

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: none this evening
- EARLY GRADUATION PETITIONS: PVHS juniors Kelsey Eller and Alula Barnabase have submitted petition for early graduation. Graduation requirements have been met; counselors and administrators have approved the requests.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$284,273.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$20,376.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,133.31 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$13,584.59 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,862.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants 5903 through 5907 be issued in the total amount of \$40,822.99 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,121.22 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MATH BEST PRACTICES/HABITS OF MIND-HABITS OF INTERACTION: Instructional Coach and TLS (Teacher Learning System) Coordinator Stephanie Seier presented to the Board *Habits of Mind & Habits of Interaction*, a model of professional development for teachers with a focus on helping students to engage in deeper learning and processes for thinking about and understanding mathematical concepts.

No required motion.

MID-YEAR TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: Kevin Pennekamp, Director of Technology, shared the following:

- Student iPads and chromebooks successfully deployed; multiple other student devices and labs updated
- Additional student testing will transition to online platforms
- Online Registration continually upgraded
- Foundation Scholarship online application process streamlined
- Infrastructure and network improvements in process, 300+ new access points will be established district-wide
- Federal ERate grant money being sought for reimbursement of access point and switch upgrades

No required motion.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHANGE ORDERS:

CDMI Concrete Contractors, Inc. Change Order #6; add of \$5,874.00: Additional paving required SW of building due to utility and saw cuts.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the CDMI Concrete Contractors, Inc. Change Order #6; add of \$5,874.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Precision Builders, Inc. Change Order #15; add of \$14,676.00: Temporary wall removal, fire code requirements, marker board/tack board relocation, and construction debris removal.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Precision Builders, Inc. Change Order #15; add of \$14,676.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Ragan Mechanical, Inc. Change Order #14; add of \$3,895.00: Relocate thermostats due to marker board modifications.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that the Board approve the Ragan Mechanical, Inc. Change Order #14; add of \$3,895.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Seedorf Masonry, Inc. Change Order #10; add of \$6,231.00: Rent, install and remove temporary shoring requirements as deemed necessary by structural engineering firm.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Seedorf Masonry, Inc. Change Order #10; add of \$6,231.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for December 2018. Through December, General Fund revenue totaled \$23,254,467 and expenses totaled \$18,718,921. The fund balance in the General Fund at December 31, 2018 was \$11,123,790. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the board accept the monthly financial reports for December as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2018-19 CALENDAR MODIFICATION FOR SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS: The Board took the following actions to make up school days cancelled due to severe weather:

1. Friday, February 15, 2019 will operate as a regular day of school, but on an early dismissal schedule.
2. Early dismissals scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th, April 3rd, and May 1st are cancelled. These days will now operate as regular days of school for students.

With these actions, the status of the calendar is as follows:

- The November 26, 2018 snow cancellation will be made up on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.
- The January 23, 2019 snow cancellation will be made up on Thursday, June 6, 2019.
- The January 25, 2019 cold weather cancellation on will be made up on Friday, June 7, 2019.
- The January 29, 2019 cancellation due to blowing and drifting snow will be made up on Friday, February 15, 2019 as described in point #1, above.
- The January 30, 2019 cancellation due to cold weather will be made up via the elimination of early dismissal days as described in point #2, above.

The Board of Education will determine how to make up any future school cancellations.

The district and the board are taking these steps to deal with the unusual and historically large number of days missed for bad weather. As the Board deliberates these decisions, there is great concern around diminishment of professional learning opportunities for our faculty. The Board emphasizes that these steps have been taken in the most unusual of circumstances.

The District recognizes the difficulties cancellations create for our families and is grateful for everyone's patience as we balance the safety of students, faculty, and staff with excellent learning opportunities and outcomes for students.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve modifications to the 2018-19 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, February 11, 2019	Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Belmont Administration Center
Monday, February 25, 2019	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center

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 Open Enrollment information and application, visit the district website at [www.pleasval.org / schools / enrollment](http://www.pleasval.org/schools/enrollment) or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.k12.ia.us (563)332-5550.

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

High School

Assistant Band Director
Guidance Counselor (2 positions)
Part-Time Custodian – 2nd shift Year Round Position
“As assigned”, dictated by the needs of the district to deal with snow, emergencies and work load, and can occur 24/7.
District Print Shop Coordinator

Elementary

General Music Teacher

Director of Operations Post-secondary degree or experience in construction, engineering and supervision. Prefer experience with heating, air conditioning, electrical equipment, and construction. Must have a high degree of computer literacy and operations. Such alternative to the above qualifications as the School Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

Building/Grounds Mechanic's Assistant Year Round, Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (1/2 hour lunch) or as assigned
“As assigned” is dictated by the needs of the district to deal with snow, emergencies and work load, and can occur 24/7.

Must have or be able to obtain a CDL Driver's License, commercial Pesticide License, Pool Operation Certification.

All Buildings: Substitute teachers, educational aides, and custodians

Please apply via Employment link at www.pleasval.org
PVCSD is EOE/AA



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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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