Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Witters.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Absent – Bullock.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Sheri Coder, Susan Coin, and Don Fry.

**AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXEMPT SESSION:** Motion by Paulsen, second by Isbell that the Board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Directors Dickson, Wagle, and Cournoyer thanked the high school music department for an excellent Jazz/Choir concert which featured three jazz bands and four choral ensembles. Two of the PV Choral Ensembles, Jazz Etc. and the Leading Tones led by Meg Byrne and Robert Williams, have been invited to the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships. This is the sixth consecutive year for Leading Tones to be invited, and the fourth consecutive year for Jazz Etc. It will be April 1st and at Ballard High School in Huxley, Iowa.

The board also congratulated the cast and crew of the junior high production of "Flat Stanley" with over 53 students participating and the cast and crew of the high school's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Black Box Theatre.

Mr. Strusz thanked all who applied for the instructional coaches positions and the faculty who participated in the interviews. We have received word that the district's teacher leadership grant was not selected for funding in year one. While not serving in this capacity next year, the instructional coaches will begin training on key aspects of being an effective instructional coach in the district.

The board received background information on the topic of high school grading policy and wishes to take more time with this material before making a decision as to whether to place the topic on an agenda.

President Witters read the mission of the district: The mission of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, as a premier innovative district in the Midwest, is to prepare students to succeed in a diverse, global society by providing superior quality opportunities in a safe environment for each student to become a life long learner and by continuously improving and customizing the educational experience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the adjustment to Jamie Homb’s contract to include an extra stipend for his ESL duties due to increased numbers of students; the resignation of Joanna Huegel as a special education teacher at PVJH effective the end of the 2013-14 school year; the transfer of Steve Noack as a regular custodian at the Maintenance Center, Belmont.
Administration Center, and PVHS to the position of part-time custodian at the Maintenance Center, Belmont Administration Center and part-time food service van driver; the extra-curricular adds of Holly Gruenke as ½ time assistant girls track and field coach and Samantha Saladino as PVHS assistant sophomore softball coach; two open enrollment in requests for 2013-14 – one from Central Clinton and one from Bettendorf schools; and the student teaching agreements with Luther College and the University of Northern Iowa.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $240,657.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $45,127.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $12,501.95 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $42,474.36 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $42,701.05 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $696.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2014 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UPDATE: Dr. Spelhaug reported that he had met with Hopewell parents at kindergarten registration. All elementary buildings except Hopewell have space available at the kindergarten level. Hopewell is oversubscribed by two families as of February 28.

2012-2013 AUDIT REPORT: Mike Clingingsmith presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The audit was completed by the CPA firm of Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP. The auditors issued an unmodified opinion on the district’s financial statements. An unmodified opinion is the most favorable outcome an entity can receive from an audit report. The district’s net position (formerly known as “net assets”) increased by $3,000,297 (6.5%) to $49,104,987 during the 2012-13 fiscal year. General fund revenues (excluding proceeds from sale of capital assets) totaled $37,050,184 for 2012-13 and general fund expenditures were $36,437,868 for 2012-2013. The breakdown of funding sources for revenue in the general fund was 45.7% from local sources, 52.5% from state sources and 1.8% from federal sources.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that the Board accept the audit report from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the year ended June 30, 2013. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

C4K/EARLY LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: The requirements of Iowa Code 279.68 and IAC 281-62 for Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) went into effect in December of 2013. This Early Literacy (K-3) Initiative across the state of Iowa to make sure all students are reading at grade level by the time they exit 3rd grade implementation is a part of the C4K (Collaborating for Iowa’s Kids) initiative at Hopewell Elementary. Sheri Coder, Director of Literacy/Elementary curriculum, gave an update on Hopewell’s C4K journey and how this new law will impact elementary schools in the 2014-2015 school year.
EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS: The Board met in exempt session for negotiations from 7:20 p.m. – 7:51 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

FUTURE DATES: Monday, March 24, 2014 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Belmont Administration Office, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

March 31, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – PVCHS Library – Board Forum. The purpose of the forum is to provide the public an opportunity to offer suggestions that tie into the district’s five year comprehensive school improvement planning process. The forum will be moderated by Directors Cournoyer, Wagle, and President Witters.

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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 1\textsuperscript{st} prior to the school year of requested attendance. The deadline for filing an open enrollment request for an incoming kindergarten child is September 1\textsuperscript{st} 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.

“Swing” into Spring

The Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation’s annual golf outing, the organization’s primary fundraiser to finance student scholarship opportunities is scheduled for **Monday, April 28** at the Palmer Hills Golf Course. Foursomes, monetary contributions or prizes are all welcome to support this worthwhile endeavor. For registration or other information, contact Chris Harvey at [harveychris@pleasval.k12.ia.us](mailto:harveychris@pleasval.k12.ia.us). For information on participating in the golf event: [https://sites.google.com/a/student.pleasval.k12.ia.us/pleasantvalleyschools/home/pv-foundation](https://sites.google.com/a/student.pleasval.k12.ia.us/pleasantvalleyschools/home/pv-foundation)  Hope you can join in!