PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Monday, March 24, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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


Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Sheri Coder, Susan Coin, Don Fry, Eric Larew, Mike Zimmer, Tim Bradley, Darin Oberhart, Sheriff Deputy Jayne Ruckoldt and Sheriff Deputy Jim Wilkison.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:
Director Cournoyer congratulated the band directors and chaperones who escorted over 200 band students to Florida over Spring Break.

Congratulations to 21 Pleasant Valley students who represented the district in the NCACDA (North Central Division American Choral Directors Association) Honor Choirs in Des Moines over Spring Break.

Susan Coin presented additional information and names to a petition requesting changes to the way honor roll is calculated.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the resignation/retirement of Elizabeth Linde as a library assistant aide at Pleasant View effective the end of the 2013-14 school year when she will have served the district 19 years, the resignation of Natasha Dolan as a special education aide at Riverdale Heights effective the end of the 2013-14 school year, the regular employment of Vickie Costello as a special education aide at Bridgeview, the recommendation for employment of Amber Hall as a junior high social studies teacher for the 2014-15 school year; the extra-curricular adds of Garrett Alderson as an assistant girls soccer coach and Neal Green as assistant boys tennis coach and three open enrollment in requests for 2013-14 –from Bettendorf schools.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $316,052.54 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Bullock that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $39,995.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,509.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $35,778.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Wagle, second by Bullock that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $144.51 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,118.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $3,750.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,115.69 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

SAFETY PRESENTATION: School Resource Officers (Deputies Jayne Ruckoldt and Jim Wilkison) and Brian Strusz provided updates and findings related to their annual school security assessment. Their assessment was assisted by Agent Philip Pitzen, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Ray LaFrentz, district Director of Operations. The assessment covers all buildings, grounds, and play grounds. All PV schools have security vestibules, use county radios as duress alarms, have building alarms, lockdown procedures, standardized room access to intercom system, and security cameras as well as other security features. A.L.I.C.E. training will be conducted again this spring. Considerations for the future include additional cameras with emphasis on main entry ways, key audits, addressing door propping and outside contractor notification letters. It was also noted that with the assistance of the Scott County Sheriff, the district now has two school resource officers.

The issue of off duty police officers carrying weapons on school grounds was also discussed. Dr. Spelhaug attended a joint meeting of Scott County Sheriff Dennis Conard and leaders from other law enforcement agencies in our area on February 26. Forthcoming from that meeting will be the position of that leadership group on this matter.

The language in the sentence (“the principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects for educational purposes”) which was inadvertently omitted from policy 502.8 will be re-inserted.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS FOR COLLEGE CREDIT: The first of a two-part presentation focused on advanced placement courses offered at the high school and how that plays into rankings like that of the US News and World Report. Mike Zimmer, high school principal, Eric Larew and Don Fry, high school English and Language Arts instructors offered their perspectives of AP courses and exams. Mr. Zimmer stressed that every college/university and sometimes colleges within a university vary as to what they will accept as far as AP credit. Part two will review post-secondary education options available to our high school students. Similarities and differences between advance placement courses and post-secondary education options and how this information can be helpful as the district begins to write its new comprehensive school improvement plan will be presented. The key emphasis of the discussion is how the district can continue to improve on the goal of educating all students at a high level.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
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. Please plan to join them and provide your input and creative thinking.

Monday, April 14, 2014 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Belmont Administration Office, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

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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, email or call Kelly Hatler, 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. For information on participating in the golf event: https://sites.google.com/a/student.pleasval.k12.ia.us/pleasantvalleyschools/home/pv-foundation Hope you can join in!

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
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.