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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Absent – None.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Sheri Coder, Susan and Harry Coin, Don Fry, Mike Zimmer, Shawn Rice, Ron Johns and others.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**
Director Wagle congratulated the PV Choir members for their performances at State Solo & Ensemble Festival. Over 130 choir students took part in the festival, earning 38 Division I Superior ratings, 38 Division II Excellent rating, and 9 Division III Good ratings. Caitlin Lyon and Claire Swanson each earned Outstanding Performance/Best of Center awards for their vocal solos.

Director Cournoyer congratulated the Chamber Choir which was part of the chorus for the performance of Mahler Symphony No. 3 with Quad City Symphony on April 5th and 6th. Pleasant Valley is the only high school program to be invited to be a part of the choir. She congratulated Benjamin Klemme, a PV graduate, who has recently been named the Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles Music Director; PV musicians at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival; Caitlin Thom, Brian Moose and Anthony Yang for receiving “Best in Center” awards for their instrumental solos; and the PV Trap Shooting team which won first place at a recent meet where Braxton Childers, Brent Alman and Arthur Braden had perfect scores.

Mr. Strusz congratulated the 10 high school trebuchet teams that competed at the Annual Quad City Engineering Trebuchet competition on April 11th at Bettendorf High School. Pleasant Valley teams performed very well. The following teams placed in the competition: Fatcat (first place), The Three Stooges (third place), USA (most innovative design) and Four Kings (longest throw). On May 9th the engineering students will participate in the annual boat regatta at the Bettendorf Lagoon.

President Witters thanked those who participated in the March 31 Board Forum at the high school. The brainstorming ideas from the forum will be incorporated in a forthcoming board meeting.

Dr. Spelhaug, on behalf of the Board, faculty and staff and the entire PV community, expressed sympathy to the family of Morgan Schmidt.
Shawn Rice, English and Language Arts teacher at Edison Academy, was present to showcase a grant received from the Bettendorf Kiwanis Club to enhance literacy. She shared children's books authored by her students which were then shared with Riverdale Heights K-2 graders on Read Across America Day. Other activities engaged in by Edison Academy students were also summarized.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the request for a two year educational leave by Amanda Lillibridge, PVJH wellness teacher; the resignations of Michael Collins as a buildings-grounds/mechanics assistant, Sara Nieber as a pre-school special education teacher at Bridgeview effective the end of the 2013-14 school year, Connie Skeries as a food service worker at PVJH at the end of the 2013-14 school year when she will have served the district 31 years, and Cathy Koehler-Wright as a special education aide at PVHS; the employment of Emily Kalinowski as a junior high special education teacher, Jacob Larsen as a physical education teacher at PVHS, and Megan Vandersee as a HS/JH science teacher all for the 2014-15 school year; the regular employment of Anthony Walls as a part-time custodian at PVHS, Bethany Wilson as a food service worker at Riverdale Heights; and the extra-curricular add of Randy Teymer as assistant girls golf coach; forty-three open enrollment in applications – eleven for 2013-14, five from Bettendorf and Six from Davenport schools; thirty-two for 2014-15 – fifteen from Bettendorf, eleven from Davenport, and six from North Scott schools; student teaching agreements with Iowa State University and Iowa Wesleyan College, the audit proposal form Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the 2013-14 to 2015-16 fiscal years; and as a part of the 2013 special education audit process and the upcoming Department of Education Site Visit, the district will form a committee to review its current special education delivery plan. In addition to reviewing the plan, the team will incorporate changes from the corrective action plan. The proposed team is: Michelle Itken – Parent, Dawn Taghon – Parent, Barb Schadt – Parent, Katharine Mulfinger – General Education Teacher, Leslie Wonderlich – Counselor, Marta Brooks – General Education Teacher, Traci Keppy – Special Education Teacher, Jackie Wessels – Special Education Teacher, Gina Meadows – Special Education Teacher, Rachel Gotto – Dean of Students, Trampus Budde – Administrator, Michele Martin – AEA Representative, Melissa Ogden – AEA Representative.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Bullock that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $422,887.53 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 $69,136.86 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Bullock that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $8,605.48 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $37,746.31 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $51.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $71,207.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $150,882.97 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, 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 Paulsen, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,565.88 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2014-2015 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAXES: Mike Clingingsmith, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 Budget and Taxes noting that the property tax levy rate would be $0.25 lower (rounded to the nearest penny) than the current year (2013-14) levy rate. The district’s property tax levy rate would decrease from $14.74 per $1,000 taxable valuation (rounded to the nearest penny) in 2013-14 to $14.49 per $1,000 taxable valuation (rounded to the nearest penny) in 2014-15.

President Witters declared the meeting open for a public hearing of the proposed 2014-2015 budget and taxes at 6:30 p.m. As no one provided input, President Witters declared the hearing on the 2014-2015 budget closed at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Bullock, second by Paulsen that at this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, held as provided by law; and finding that the notice of the time and place of hearing has, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 3rd day of April, 2014 in the Bettendorf News, and that the affidavit of publication thereof was on file; and after hearing any resident or taxpayer presenting objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget; that the Board adopt the attached Budget Summary, together with the property tax levies totaling $14.49000 per $1,000 of taxable valuation for 2014-15. Roll call vote. Ayes – Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Nays – none. Motion carried.

ELEMENTARY NUT FREE FOOD LIST: This school year Cody Elementary and Hopewell Elementary piloted a program that all food brought in for snack and classroom parties had to be on the nut free approved school list. This has been vetted through the PTA presidents and the administration recommended making this policy across our elementary schools. Note that this is not intended to be a “healthy” food list (though healthy foods are part of the list) and that the key is that the exact product brand that is listed is what is purchased. This was presented as information and will be an item on the April 29 board agenda for approval. If approved, all elementary buildings would be following this same procedure for the 2014-15 school year. The Spartan Safe “Nut Free Products” Snack List can be found at this link. Be mindful that this is not the finalized 2014-15 list.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS FOR COLLEGE CREDIT: The second part of a two-part presentation reviewed high school course offerings Pleasant Valley students can take that will potentially allow them to receive college credit. The district wants to ensure it is preparing and positioning all students for a successful life after high school. At the March 24 board meeting, advanced placement courses offered at the high school were the focus. Part two reviewed post-secondary education options available to high school students.
and differences between advance placement courses (PV currently offers 12 AP courses) and post-secondary education options (PV currently offers 21 Dual/Concurrent courses) were compared in regard to how this information can be helpful as the district begins to write its new comprehensive school improvement plan.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONOR ROLL CALCULATION:
As a result of concerns expressed regarding the way in which the Academic Excellence Honor Roll is calculated, Dr. Spelhaug recommended the following for the board’s consideration.

Recommendation: Properly weight the A- (at both weighted and unweighted levels) and provide two paths to the Academic Excellence designation:

A student can achieve Academic Excellence by getting an unweighted 4.0 or they can achieve by getting a weighted 4.2. Under this system, last semester 180 students (versus 169 under the current system) would have achieved Academic Excellence.

The board will continue to discuss this matter at the next board meeting.

2014-15 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RATES: It has long been practice for Pleasant Valley, North Scott, and Bettendorf to maintain the same rate of pay for teacher subs. The districts feel the rate needs to be increased to remain competitive with the rates offered by the Davenport schools. This change increases the substitute budget by about $25,000.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the board approve the revised substitute teacher pay rates, effective 2014-15, as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDERS 3 AND 4 – ADDITION AND RENOVATION TO PVHS: The district has received the last two change orders to close out the HS project. Change order #3 is an add of $5,437.31. Change order #4 returns the balance of the contingency to the district. The contingency for the project was $150,000.00 and the district is pleased, given the magnitude of the remodeling component, that just less than $40K was used. Change order #4 deducts $110,073.08 from the contract.

Motion by Isbell, second by Bullock that the board approve change orders 3 and 4 for the addition and renovation to Pleasant Valley High School as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS (FEBRUARY): Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for February, 2014. Through February, General Fund revenue totaled $23,348,883 and expenses totaled $21,163,996. The fund balance in the General Fund at February 28, 2014 was $5,986,976. He also presented reports on the Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds. There were no significant variances from projections in the financial reports.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:

Monday, April 28, 2014 – PV Foundation Golf Event – 11:00 a.m. at Palmer Hills Golf Course.

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Belmont Administration Office, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722. NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.

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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 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.