PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Tuesday, April 29, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.  

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 Coin, Mike Zimmer, Matt Stutenberg, Audrey Holland, Theresa Barber and others.  

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Representative members and their parents from the elementary, junior high and high school robotics teams were present to showcase their robots and to answer questions. The board thanked the students, their parents, and coaches for their time and efforts in presenting and describing their robots.  

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.  

Dr. Wagle complemented the cast and crew of “A Murder is Announced” and the members and directors of the band concert held on Monday, April 28.  

Director Cournoyer congratulated the students who participated in the History Bowl in Washington DC.  

She commended the students and staff for their conduct during the ALICE drills. Dr. Spelhaug said the drills will gradually be made more complex and unpredictable.  

Mr. Strusz highlighted the following PVHS Art successes: Six (Ashton Reding, Mac Partridge, Rachel Miller, Ann Peters, Tristen Zaruba and Natalia Zagorska) students were accepted into the Youth Art Month exhibition and their work is displayed at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. Randi Freeborn received the Marilyn Davis Award for Excellence in Ceramics at the Quad City Arts High School Art Invitational. Other students representing PV at the exhibit are Olivia sun, Mac Partridge, Ali Young, Sanya Tazyeen, Montana Watkins, Danielle Mohr, Colleen Matos, Jamie Dougherty and Natalia Zagorska. Their work is on display at the Quad City Arts building in Rock Island.
through May 5. Victoria Campbell has been named Pleasant Valley High School’s first All-State Art Student.

He also congratulated the following PVHS students and their accomplishments at the Drake Relays: Kaley White-Ciluffo – 1st in the 800 m., Kaley White-Ciluffo, Claire Schwartz, Addie Swanson, and Carly Donahue – 1st in the 4 X 400 m, Carly Donahue – 2nd in the 400 low hurdles and Kaley White-Ciluffo – 2nd in the 1500.

**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 resignation of Sheri Coder as Director of Literacy/Elementary Curriculum at the end of the 2013-14 school year, the employment of Lindsey Bennet as a sixth grade teacher at Pleasant View, Lori Broderson as a French teacher at the Junior High and High School, Olivia Day as a second grade teacher at Riverdale Heights, Jeremy Hoppe as a 5th grade teacher at Cody, and Meredith Obert as an early childhood and special education teacher at Bridgeview all for the 2014-15 school year; the resignation of Dave Wakeland as PVJH night custodian and the regular employment of Haley Coffin as a special education aide at Pleasant View; the extracurricular drops of Amanda Lillibridge as assistant varsity volleyball coach and junior high track coach and Amy McCalley as head cheerleading coach; and as a part of the 2013 special education audit process and the upcoming Department of Education Site Visit Barb Sollars will replace Traci Keppy – Special Education Teacher on the committee which will review the current special education delivery plan.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:** Motion by Isbell, second by Bullock that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $53,132.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $42,121.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,042.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $34,431.74 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,467.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Bullock that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $553.05 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,012.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
ELEMENTARY NUT FREE FOOD LIST: At the previous board meeting the Spartan Safe “Nut Free Products” Snack List that has been piloted at Hopewell and Cody this past year was reviewed. As recommended, all elementary buildings would be following this same procedure for the 2014-15 school year. (All food brought in for snack and classroom parties have to be on the nut free approved school list.) 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 nor is it intended to be a “healthy” food list (though healthy foods are part of the list).


HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONOR ROLL CALCULATION: The administration’s recommendation remains the same as proposed at the last meeting: Include weighting (3.67; 4.67) for the narrowed scope (90-91%) A- and utilize the two path calculation for the calculation of Academic Excellence (which would also be used for Academic Awards Night). The concept would be to apply the same two paths to other honor roll categories if there are no unusual issues that come up this spring.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell, that the board approve changes to 7-12 grading standards and Academic Excellence honor standards as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS/HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS FOR CREDIT: As a continuation from the previous two board meetings where high school course offering for college credit were discussed, Mr. Strusz reviewed the results of the two most recent graduate follow-up studies: The Two Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2011 and the Six Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2007. The board discussed comparisons from previous years including trends and possible implications for change.

The broader picture guidance being sought from the board was 1) What weighting do we want to give to the pursuit of academic rankings based on AP results? 2) What weighting do we give to efforts which cause students to earn college credits as a part of their HS course of study? There was general consensus to move toward strategies that balance more students taking AP exams, with a continued focus on preparing all students to succeed after graduation. This balance includes continued offering of concurrent (college course taught as part of high school) courses.

2014-15 HIGH SCHOOL PARKING RATES: The district is seeking to provide relief to some aspects of its parking issues with changes to current practice. The administration recommends the district go to the fine system in the following manner:

- 1st Offense = $10
- 2nd Offense = $15
- 3rd Offense = $20
- Beyond 3rd offense is fine and loss of parking privilege.

Due to the district’s continued growth and demand for parking, parking permit fees were recommended to increase from $10 to $15 for juniors and seniors. Sophomore permits are now provided by lottery.
and need. Currently this is done by season. It was recommended to go by semester and to charge $10. (Revenue from parking is a source of funding for clubs that do not have a revenue source.)

Motion by Wagle, second by Bullock that the board approve the changes to 2014-15 high school parking lot procedures as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PASSenger vehicle BIDS: Requests for quotes for a Suburban/Expedition type vehicle were sent out. Six bids were received. The vehicle being traded is a Ford excursion with 121,803 miles. The administration’s recommendation was to accept the low bid of $27,850 from Reynolds Ford (which is an 8 passenger vehicle).

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Paulsen that the board approve the low bid of $27,850 for a 2014 Ford Exhibition from Reynolds Ford. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY Financial reports (March): Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for March, 2014. Through March, General Fund revenue totaled $26,825,609 and expenses totaled $24,491,203. The fund balance in the General Fund at March 31, 2014, was $6,136,495. 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 Isbell, second by Bullock that the board accept the monthly financial reports for March as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3): The board met in closed session for negotiations from 8:15 – 8:40 p.m.

2014-15 PVEA CONTRACT APPROVAL: In open session at 8:41 p.m., motion by Dickson, second by Bullock that the Board approve the 2014-15 contract with the Pleasant Valley Educational Association (PVEA) as presented (a 3.27% total package increase). Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, May 12, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
May – School Board Recognition Month
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – Senior Awards Program – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 25, Graduation – 1:00 p.m.
Monday, May 26, 2014 – American Legion Memorial Day Program – Bridgeview Elementary 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 27, Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

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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](http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us), email or call Kelly Hatler, hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.

**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](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.

**PLEDGE A PENNY TO BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

The Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation’s Golf Benefit was held April 28 at Palmer Hills Golf Course. All proceeds from the benefit will be used to provide funding for student scholarships. The Foundation has given over $450,000 in scholarships to PV seniors.

On May 14, the Foundation will present sixty-two scholarships with a combined value of $65,000 to PV seniors. Our community values youth and education. The Foundation’s scholarship program puts an exclamation point behind that belief!

Birdies for Charity pledges contribute to this scholarship fund. Please consider Pledging a Penny on behalf of the PV Foundation, (Birdie #587). Thank you!

Pledge forms can be obtained at [http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/index.php](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/index.php) or by filling out the following and mailing to: PV Foundation, %Chris Harvey, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722. Thank you!
I pledge and promise to donate $_____.___________ for every birdie made during the 2014 John Deere Classic to the John Deere Classic Charitable Corporation for use by participating charities. I guess that _______ birdies will be made. No donation is required to be eligible to win a prize. Void where prohibited by law.

PLEDGE INFORMATION (please print)

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

City State Zip ____________________________________________________

Phone or E-mail ___________________________________________________