PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, August 4, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. Closed session – 5:30 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, D’Anne Kroemer, Ladonna Czachowski, Darin Oberhart, Kevin Swanson and others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that the Board hold a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1), to discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 5:30 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that the board resume its meeting in open session. All ayes. Motion carried.

AMENDED AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle to amend the agenda by moving New Business item IX A, Update on Girls Track and Field Sanctions, to the first item of business. All Ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD SANCTIONS:

President Witters read the following:

Statement of Belief and Intent

The Pleasant Valley Board of Education is deeply saddened that the unilateral actions of one of our families has undermined and compromised the hard work and integrity of our 2013-14 girl’s track team.

The Board fully recognizes and supports that our track coaches and administrators have, and will continue, to operate with the highest level of integrity.

The Board believes there are important questions to ask relative to the expectations set for coaches, administrators and districts as a result of this decision. We do not believe a further appeal is an appropriate avenue to address those questions, nor do we believe an appeal is in the best interest of our athletes, coaches, and community. As such we
will accept and fully abide by the decision of the Iowa Girl’s High School Athletic Union.

This District will not only get through this most unfortunate set of events; we will overcome the adversity and be stronger. We will maintain our commitment to excellence and the integrity that underlies it to our students, our community and our state.

Mr. Kevin Swanson, district parent, shared his views about the rule in question and is in favor of appealing the IGHSAU board’s decision.

Dr. Spelhaug responded that the board’s statement does not mean the board is letting it go; it is a statement that the board and administration do not feel an appeal is the most productive avenue. For this rule/consequence to change there has to be a broad consensus around the state. That will be the work the district is involved in.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Wagle that the board approve the Statement of Belief and Intent as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone.

Director Cournoyer congratulated Ladonna Czachowski, Technology Facilitator, and her staff on the new district website.

She also congratulated Liz Coin, PVCHS senior, who was selected as the International Thespian Officer Region II Representative. She is one of 6 other officers from around the country, representing the entire nation in the Thespian Society. To qualify, she wrote 12 short essays, submitted a leadership resume, interviewed and had to give prepared and spontaneous speeches. She will promote Arts Advocacy, raise awareness and funds for Send-A-Troupe and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, and attend 7-10 state thespian conferences around the country to attend, help, and teach leadership and advocacy workshops to thespians everywhere.

Brian Strusz thanked board members for attending the new teachers breakfast. Pleasant Valley has 26 new teachers and they are presently participating in a four day orientation.

Dr. Spelhaug thanked Mr. Brent Pearson for his 30 years of service to the district.

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 of Brent Pearson as a mathematics teacher at PVJH; the employment of Jenna Tritt as
a PVJH mathematics teacher; the extra-curricular add of Jason Bowling as high school assistant wrestling coach and the extra-curricular drops of Stuart Ware as assistant sophomore football coach, Kim Munn as co-dance coach, and Jeremy Bowling as high school assistant wrestling coach.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $662,893.08 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 $1,377.58 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 $33,604.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $12,508.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,267.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $304,076.54 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $17,883.77 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $935.00 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 $824.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON ENROLLMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS: David Gaus of Iowa School Finance Information Services (IFSIS) presented an enrollment projection study electronically to the board. Some of the major points of his study:

- By 2020, the school district is projected to have a certified enrollment of 5,079, an increase of 777 students (15.3%) compared to 2014.
- Students served is projected to increase by 746 students (11.9%) by 2020.
- Housing units are projected to increase by 501(4.8%). For every 100 housing units 46 students are projected.
- Live births are projected to increase by 0.8% by 2020 compared to 2014.
The board discussed the possible next steps: The options for the elementary are to add on to Cody or build the new Forest Grove elementary. The current administrative recommendation is to add on to Cody. The Junior High plans for the next expansion are completed. The question is whether to do that expansion in one or two phases. The High School is more complicated. There are steps that need to be taken now and there are the emerging future needs. The discussion on emerging future needs centers around developing a separate but connected 9th grade center.

The board also discussed the methods of financing the district’s growth. The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Rate extension is in place and would provide the most favorable interest rate should the board decide to borrow funds. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Darin Oberhart asked the cost of the ISFIS study and why it was necessary. ($2,000 – to provide the board additional support (data) for its long term planning).

**COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE:** Dr. Spelhaug and the board reviewed and reached initial consensus on revised vision statements that support and will provide a measurement of the district’s mission. Accountabilities for each vision statement will begin to be provided at the August 25 board meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**
Monday, August 11, 2014 Elementary Meet and Greet 5:30 and the High School Open House 7:15
Wednesday, August 13, 2014 First Day of School
Monday, August 25, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office

**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.

**WALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Nominations are being accepted through September 30, 2014 for the Pleasant Valley High School Wall of Honor.
The Wall of Honor Program was established in 1999 to recognize distinguished alumni who have graduated from Pleasant Valley High School.

Nominees must have graduated 10 years or more prior to induction and must meet the following criteria:

- Academic Excellence
- Outstanding success in their career
- Made a significant contribution to the community or society
- Demonstrated significant accomplishments in business or professional life
- Distinguished human service

Persons wishing to submit a name for consideration as a Wall of Honor honoree must send a letter of nomination to:

Mr. D. Michael Zimmer, Principal
Pleasant Valley Community High School
604 Belmont Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722

In the letter, please indicate the reasons why the individual should be considered for the Wall of Honor and the nominee’s current address, telephone number, biography or resume of the individual being nominated. Nominations received will be added to the pool of nominees from previous years. This year’s recipient will be honored on April 15, 2015, at the Academic Awards Night at the high school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Zimmer, PVHS principal, at (563) 332-5151 ext. 5114.