PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Monday, August 25, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Zimmer, Bob and Tammy Worrell and Jacqueline Stepaniak.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone and 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.

Bob Worrell addressed the board regarding the definition of professional or business attire worn by teachers or other faculty members.

Dr. Spelhaug informed Mr. Worrell that the board would consider his statement and decide whether or not to add the topic to an agenda at a future time.

On behalf of the board and the community, Dr. Spelhaug thanked Cathi Betts, Ruthann Freund, Linda Moross, Ron VenHorst, Jacqueline Wessels and Dave Wolfe for their combined 209 years of service in education. Each is retiring at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

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 resignation and retirement at the end of the 2014-15 school year of Cathi Betts, sixth grade teacher at Cody, who will have completed 38 years in education – all at PV; Ruthann Freund, general music teacher at Pleasant View, who will have completed 36 years in education – 35 at PV; Linda Moross, science teacher at PVCHS, who will have completed 33 years in education – all at PV; Ron Ven Horst, multi-occupations teacher at PVCHS, who will have completed 26 years in education – 17 at PV and Dave Wolfe, math teacher at PVCHS, who will have completed 53 years in education – 15 at PV; the employment of Elizabeth Peters as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher at Riverdale/Pleasant View/Hopewell; the resignation of Kelly Benson as PVCHS activities secretary, the regular employment of Jennifer Kipper as head building secretary at Cody and Gabriel Ray as part-time custodian at PVCHS, the transfer of Janlyn Sarver from a 4 hour/day to a 5.5 hour/day special education aide position at Cody, the regular employment of Becky Seward as junior high chorus accompanist; the probationary employment of Tammy Gomez as a kitchen worker at PVJH, Michelle Lastine as a library
associate at Hopewell, Michelle Mann as a general supervision aide at Pleasant View, Ryan Pillow as a special education aide/general education/tech support at Pleasant View, Dana Steinhart as a food service worker at PVCHS, and Tracy Strandberg as a special education aide at Pleasant View; the extra-curricular adds of Joe Ambrose as assistant sophomore football coach, Vincent (Kraig) Arnone as a JH 7th grade football coach, Jeremy Bowling as assistant freshman football coach, Brittany Kissel as assistant dance coach, Jake Larson as assistant varsity wrestling coach, Paul Meyers as assistant freshmen football coach, Samantha Saladino as assistant girls sophomore basketball coach, and Ryan Pillow as junior high 7th grade assistant boys basketball coach; and the extra-curricular drop of Dillan Dwyer as head sophomore baseball coach; five open enrollment applications-in from North Scott, two open enrollment applications-in from Davenport, one open enrollment application-in from Bettendorf, and one open enrollment application-in from Central Clinton; the approval of the 2014-15 Cooperative Sharing Agreement-Swimming and Diving with North Scott.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:** Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $475,467.32 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Paulsen that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $36,099.67 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,096.75 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $33,608.21 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $41,767.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $336,228.92 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $10,419.67 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,204.84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON ENROLLMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS:** Dr. Spelhaug informed the board that the district enrollment is up once again this year. He expects a triple digit increase (count day is October 1). As previously discussed with the board, the elementary and high schools are up and the junior high is down.

Although administrators have met with architects, they do not expect to have updated plans and pricing from the architect until the September 8 board meeting.

Dr. Spelhaug and the board spent time discussing the current map of elementary boundaries and how some of the current Hopewell attendance area likely needs to be adjusted to prevent
Hopewell from over filling. Specific areas discussed as possibly being shifted away from Hopewell for an interim period until the Forest Grove school is built are:

1) Area bounded on the North by I80, East - Criswell, West - Middle Road, and on the south by Hopewell Avenue (extended). This area could possibly be designated to Cody attendance area.
2) Area bounded by 53rd Avenue on the north, East – Middle Road, West – Devils Glen Road – South - Tanglewood. This area could be designated to Pleasant View.
3) Area bounded on the North by Tanglewood, East – Middle Road, West – Devils Glen Road, South – Belmont Road. This area could be designated to Riverdale Heights.

If the board moves in this direction, it is likely that it will apply to new subdivisions or new sections of existing subdivisions.

**COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE:** Mr. Strusz and the board discussed ways a goal is measured and reviewed the first draft of measures (indices) of excellence as a continuation of the August 25 meeting when the board reached preliminary consensus on vision statements that support the district’s mission.

The vision statements are:

- By the end of each school year, every student will read and write at or above grade level.
- By the end of each school year, every student will demonstrate grade level or above math proficiency.
- By graduation, every student will be college or career ready.
- Annually, every 7-12 student will be an active and contributing member to an extra or co-curricular activity.
- Extra and co-curricular teams/programs will annually be regarded among the top in the state and will produce all state performers and performances, champions and championships.
- Annually, the PVCSD will be regarded among the top school districts in the state.
- Annually, our parents and students will regard their school experience as exceptional.

Each statement was discussed in some detail. An important point of emphasis is the design of the goal to not only have students meet the standard (e.g. read at grade level) but those at the standard have stretch goals for continued growth.

Discussions on measures of each indice of excellence will continue.

**CHANGE ORDER #01 – PV BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX:** This change order is in two parts. Part one is an add of $878 which results from changes in the scope of irrigation work necessary. Part two is a deduct of $1,046.00 which results from changing the amount of topsoil in the project. The change is going from 6” of topsoil to 4” of topsoil. This still results in an overall shortage of topsoil for the site which the district is working to remedy. The net change is for a deduct of $168 from the contract.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that change order #1 for the Spartan Baseball/Softball Complex Project be approved in the amount of a deduct of $168.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2013-14 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT:** The state requires that the Board authorize a
request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth for the amount of the district’s special education deficit for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The district is also required to file a request to the SBRC for supplemental aid. Supplemental aid is a distribution of the positive special education balances in the state to districts that have a special education deficit. This supplemental aid is prorated based on the amount of a district’s special education deficit. These requests to the SBRC are a standard procedure that is done every year. The 2013-14 special education supplement will be due to the state on September 15th. The special education deficit for the 2013-14 fiscal year is still being calculated. Therefore, the required motion does not list an amount.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of the district’s final 2013-14 special education deficit and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the district’s final 2013-14 special education deficit. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, September 8, 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, 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.