PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, September 8, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Zimmer, Tim Bradley, Rachel and Kim Souhrada, Ladonna Czachowski, and Jayne Ruckoldt.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Bullock, 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.

Rachel Souhrada addressed the board regarding adding American Sign Language (ASL) as a language in the high school’s curriculum. She presented the results of an interest survey she conducted and a list of universities that accept ASL in fulfillment of foreign language requirements. Mr. Strusz and Mr. Zimmer will investigate the possibility and report back to the Board.

Director Cournoyer thanked the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation for its special evening held on August 27 that honored Amy Milliron Donahue and family for the Jeffrey J. Donahue Memorial Scholarship; the Bettendorf Rotary Club for the Bettendorf Rotary Service Scholarship; Juanita and Dick Schillig for the Carl D. Schillig Memorial Scholarship and Maggie Tinsman and family for the R. Hovey Tinsman Jr. Memorial and the Tinsman Family Education Scholarships. These families and The Bettendorf Rotary have each contributed at least $10,000 worth of scholarships to PV graduates. The Foundation, www.pleasval.org, has given $525,500 in scholarships to PV seniors. This past year, the Foundation awarded sixty-five scholarships with a combined value of $67,500. It is affiliated with the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend. Its annual Golf Event (which will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at Palmer Hills Golf Course) provides funding for student scholarships. For further information about the Foundation, contact Jim Spelhaug, 563-332-5550, spelhaugjim@pleasval.k12.ia.us.
On behalf of the board and the community, Dr. Spelhaug thanked Chris Harvey for her 33 years of service to the Pleasant Valley Community School District. She is retiring at the end of December, 2014.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the following staff members who have earned extra credits since their contracts were issued and should advance on the salary scale for the 2014-15 school year: Ryan Arnold, Marlise Bosman, Keith Cavanagh, Marcus Cavanagh, Megan Dixon, Kaylen Dreyer, Emily Duncan, Maureen Dyer, Lydia Gatton, Carol Hamann, Josh Hoffman, Lindsey Howe, Cindy Ingleby, Traci Keppy, Kala Koehler, Lisa Lammers, Becky Larson, Jenny Lauritsen, Carrie Linnenbrink, Susan McGivern, Carrie Moberg, Erik Pedersen, Cassidy Peterson, Nicolas Propes, Amanda Reiff, Anita Roche, Sara Russell, Kim Scheerer, Heather Seibel, Megan Smith, Megan Sopher, Chelsea St. Claire, Matt Stutenberg, Rebecca Thompson, Valerie Tucker, Andrew Ward, Mallorie Ward, Jessica Werderman, Jackie Wessels, Justin Wiese, Robert Williams, Trever Zahn; the resignation and retirement of Chris Harvey at the end of December, 2014; the probationary employment of Macy Wright as a special education aide at Pleasant View, Katy Castaneda as a special education aide at PVHS, and Kim Meyer as the PVHS athletic/activities secretary, the extra-curricular drops of Jenny Lauritsen as PVJH track coach – one year leave of absence, Justin Wiese, assistant PVJH cross country coach, one year leave of absence, and Wayne Brewer as assistant track and field coach; two open enrollment applications-in-one from Bettendorf and one from Davenport schools.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:** Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $71,909.52 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $59,655.92 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Isbell that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,927.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $26,973.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Bullock that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $680,706.42 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $543.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON ENROLLMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS:** Dr. Spelhaug and the board reviewed sets of plans which affect K-8. Upgrades/additions to Bridgeview (approximately $2.6
million dollars) and Cody (approximately $3.5 million) were introduced; plans for expansion and improvements at Pleasant View (approximately ($1.0 million); and plans for expansion and improvements at the junior high in two phases (first phase approximately $3.5 million). Total approximate cost for all four projects - $10.6 million. The board discussed financing and scheduling of the projects. Next agenda, the board will see preliminary drawings of high school’s upgrades and additions.

SAFETY UPDATE: Mr. Strusz and Deputy Jayne Ruckoldt presented a safety update and possible board policy change. Ladonna Czachowski described the integration of School Messenger with Infinite Campus which will allow for communication with parents via text, e-mail and phone calls. Set up and launch date is mid-October. All schools now have monitors in the front/main offices; the ability to lock down the buildings; potential web access to cameras for the Scott County Sheriff’s Office; and cameras at the entrance of all main front doors. Items being considered or in the process of being implemented are an online bullying reporting site, impact resistant window film, and a high school monitor position.

Currently the only individuals who may have a weapon in their possession while on school grounds are law enforcement officials on duty. The board is considering expanding that to include the same law enforcement officials who are off-duty. The following language is being considered: Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials on duty will be exempt from this policy. Furthermore, an off-duty Iowa certified law enforcement officer currently employed by a law enforcement agency, a qualified retired Iowa law enforcement officer meeting the conditions of the “Law Enforcement Officers’ Safety Act”, and agents of federal law enforcement agencies are authorized to carry a concealed weapon on school district premises, or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the safety presentation update as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #02 – PV BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX: This change order is an add of $2,388.00 for an addition to the irrigation system to provide dust control in the infield between games, practices, etc.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Wagle that change order #02 for the Spartan Baseball/Softball Complex Project be approved in the amount of an add of $2,388.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOM AND CORRIDOR RENOVATION CHANGE ORDER #1: This change order is an add of $31,125.67 for the removal of a wall, repair of old equipment, raising ceiling height, replacing corroded piping and frozen valves, adding more effective soap dispensers, and leveling the floor in the high school restroom and corridor renovation.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that the board approve change order #1 as an add of $31,125.67 to the high school restroom and corridor renovation project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, September 22, 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.