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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Brian Strusz, Cyndy Behrer, Tom Neuhaus, Christine Thompson, Lisa Albrecht, Leslie Wonderlich, Keith Cavanagh, Jace Teed, Kerry Anderson, Linda Noble, Valerie Tucker, Mike Zimmer, and Dave Briden.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone and read the district’s mission statement:

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.
Directors Dickson and Wagle commended the PVCHS Drama Department, Mr. Myatt, and the members of the Orchestra Pit crew for an outstanding production of “The Mystery of Edwin Drood”.

Director Cournoyer commended the district for its collaboration with Junior Achievement, stating that JA provides excellent experiences for our students.

Mr. Strusz congratulated the PVCHS Girls Swim Team on winning the State Tournament. He also congratulated all coaches and fall athletes for their efforts and achievements.

On behalf of the board, district faculty and staff, and students, Mr. Strusz expressed sympathy to the family of Kenneth W. Brockhouse who died on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Mr. Brockhouse was a longtime supporter of the Pleasant Valley district, serving as a board member from 1979-1990 (two years as President) and serving as a member of the Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation Board from 1996-2006. As a proud veteran and an active member in the American Legion – Buffalo Bill Post #347, he made a difference in the lives of Pleasant Valley students by organizing the 5th grade Flag Essay contest and he was instrumental in the annual Memorial Day service held at Bridgeview school.

Dr. Spelhaug recognized Carol Hunt, educational aide at PVJH and Joan Hames, PVCHS Kitchen Manager. Mrs. Hunt is retiring after 13 years of service and Mrs. Hames is retiring after 26 years of service to the district. The board wished them well in their retirement.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the resignations of Carol Hunt as an aide at PVJH and Ryan Pillow as a special education/technology aide at Pleasant View; the probationary employment of Zachary Diehl as a technology support aide at Pleasant View, Mary Johnson as a special education aide at PVHS, and Roy Townsend as a year round part-time custodian at PVJH; the extra-curricular add of Brett Ahlgren as assistant sophomore boys basketball coach and Caitlin Schaeffer as assistant boys swimming coach and the extra-curricular drop of Randy Teymer as assistant sophomore boys basketball coach.
EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $131,635.28 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $55,038.69 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $8,732.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Bullock that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $24,346.86 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Bullock that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $13,961.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $33,129.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Cournoyer that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,296.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

K-12 GUIDANCE TEAM: The district’s counselors were present and shared a powerpoint with the board showing the role they play in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development and career development at each level. Also discussed was future staffing needs within the guidance department.

2014-2015 WEATHER RELATED CALENDAR PROPOSAL & 2015-2016 CALENDAR OUTLINE: As discussed at the October 27 board meeting the board again reviewed the following proposal submitted by the administration: Should the district have to cancel one or more days of school for inclement weather on or before February 6, 2015 the following schedule
will be invoked: Friday, February 13 will become a scheduled day of school for students. The student day will run on our established early out schedule. On the same day, teachers will be scheduled to work until 5:30 pm to conduct the in-service/records work currently scheduled for that day. Monday, February 16, 2015 (President’s Day) will remain a holiday with no work scheduled.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that the Board approve the 2014-15 calendar amendment as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board looked again at the district’s 2015-16 calendar. The high school administration recommends graduation the week prior to Memorial weekend. The board is in agreement on the structure of the calendar and reached consensus to hold a public hearing at the November 24 board meeting. A motion to approve the calendar will be a part of the same agenda. Key items are as follows:

2015-2016 Key Calendar Dates

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<td>Spring Break</td>
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DISCUSSION OF CITY OF RIVERDALE TIF PROPOSAL: The board again discussed the City of Riverdale’s TIF proposal and its potential effect on the school district. Dr. Spelhaug had attended an informational meeting regarding the proposal on October 28 and reported nothing presented there alleviated the concerns of the district.

As a result, a letter to the City of Riverdale in opposition to the TIF was presented for board approval. The letter reads as follows:
November 10, 2014

City of Riverdale, Iowa
Sonya Paddock, Mayor
City Council Members
Riverdale City Hall
110 Manor Drive
Riverdale, IA 52722

Re: City of Riverdale’s proposed creation of a State Street Urban Renewal Area

Dear Mayor Paddock and City Council Members:

This letter is being sent to express the views of the Pleasant Valley Community School District with the City of Riverdale’s recently proposed creation of a State Street Urban Renewal Area within the City of Riverdale. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

If our understanding is correct, the City intends to include the entire ALCOA plant property, including other areas of the City, as part of this proposed urban renewal area. The school district is very concerned about this proposal.

ALCOA has the second largest amount of property tax valuations in the Pleasant Valley Community School District. Therefore, ALCOA’s property taxes comprise a significant portion of the school district’s property tax revenue and overall revenue.

It is our understanding that some city representatives believe that the school district is “held harmless” by tax increment financing (TIF). That belief is not accurate. While the school district will continue to receive property taxes on the base valuations included in the proposed urban renewal area, property taxes on the incremental valuations created in the proposed urban renewal area will be diverted from the school district, county and city to the developers. Because of how the State Foundation formula works for school districts in Iowa (which determines how schools General Funds are funded), property taxpayers in all of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, including those not living in Riverdale, will have to pay more in property taxes than they would otherwise have to pay (a higher property tax levy rate), to make up for the property taxes from the increased valuations in the TIF area being diverted to the developers. In addition, if the City of Riverdale goes down the path of creating residential areas with TIF dollars, the school district will have increased costs of serving the students from those residential areas, but will not be receiving the property tax revenues from those areas. It is very misguided to believe that the school district is not negatively affected by TIF.
As the proposal now stands (including as was amended by your November 6, 2014 letter), the Pleasant Valley Community School District objects to the creation of this urban renewal area.

We would be happy to answer any questions that City officials may have. Please direct any questions to James Spelhaug, Superintendent of Schools or Mike Clingingsmith, Chief Financial Officer at (563) 332-5550 or at their e-mail addresses, which are spelhaugjm@pleasval.k12.ia.us and clingingsmithm@pleasval.k12.ia.us. Thank you for your consideration of the concerns in our letter.

Sincerely,

Pleasant Valley Community School District

James Spelhaug, Superintendent of Schools

Mike Clingingsmith, Chief Financial Officer

Pleasant Valley Community School District Board of Education

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the board approve the letter of opposition to the proposed Riverdale TIF. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**DESIGN DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL:** Dave Briden of FRK Architects presented the Design Development plans, elevations, updated cost estimates and schedules for the Bridgeview addition and renovation project, Pleasant View addition and renovation project, and the HS STEM addition and renovation project, and requested the board’s authorization to proceed with preparing Construction Documents for the three projects.

The current budget estimates for the three projects are as follows:

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For the High School project, the STEM addition is $869,400 and the HVAC remediation is $387,500. Of the Pleasant View project, $200,000 of this is kitchen equipment and will be ultimately paid by the food service department.

Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson that the board approve the design development plans for the Bridgeview addition and renovation project, Pleasant View addition and renovation project, and the HS STEM addition and renovation project as presented and authorize FRK to proceed with preparing construction documents for the three projects. Roll call vote. Ayes – Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PROPOSED 2015-16 NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS: Mr. Zimmer and Mr. Strusz introduced the proposed course offerings for 2015-16 with anticipation of a motion to approve at the November 24 meeting. New courses are:

Level 1 – Introduction to Robotics Engineering 1.0 Unit. Elective Grades 10-12, Full Year Course. Prerequisite – Intro to Technology Engineering and Design.

Microsoft Office Certifications. Elective Grades 9-12, Second Semester only for 9th grade. Prerequisite – Microsoft Computer Applications.

PLTW (Project Lead the Way) Computer Science and Software Engineering. Elective Grades 9-12, Full Year Course. Prerequisite – None.

AP Studio Art. Elective Grades 11-12, Full Year Course. Prerequisite – majority of art classes and permission of instructor.

AP Physics 2, Elective Grades 11-12, Full Year Course. Prerequisite – AP Physics
1. Concurrent Enrollment: Pre-Calculus or Equivalent.
CHANGE ORDER #4-PV BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX: Dr. Spelhaug presented Change Order #4 which is comprised of two different issues. The total change order is an add of $3,308.42. The first part of this is $2,205.52 was for gravel over excavation due to bad soils in a length of the storm sewer installation. The second part of the $2,205.52 was the need to relocate a manhole for the storm sewer in order to avoid having to move an electrical line for the field lights. Changing the location of the manhole was cheaper than moving the electrical.

The second portion of the $3,308.42 was due to having to move an underground electrical line to one of the score boards. In this instance the storm could not be moved so the cost to move the electrical was $1,102.90.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Isbell that the board approve a change order for the baseball/softball complex reconstruction project in the amount of an add of $3,308.42. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK (WEEK OF Nov. 16-22, 2014) PROCLAMATION: The week of November 16-22 is American Education Week. President Witters read the following proclamation:

American Education Week
Proclamation

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work diligently to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Witters serving as President of the Pleasant Valley Board of Education do hereby proclaim Nov 16-22, 2014 as the observance of American Education Week.

Signed this 10th day of November 2014.
Heather Witters
President, Board of Education

Cookies will be sent to all employees on behalf of the board.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, November 24, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office.

Monday, December 1, 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.