PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Monday, November 24, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Brian Strusz, Jennifer Gertson, LeAnn Sokolik, and others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED: Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson the Board hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone.

Director Cournoyer thanked Mr. Strusz for incorporating “Breaking Trafficking” in the ninth grade curriculum. She congratulated the musicians and directors for the Jazz Showcase. She thanked the board for allowing her to attend the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) convention and serve as the board’s representative on the Delegate Assembly.

Mr. Strusz informed the Board that Pleasant Valley is one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. This is the second consecutive year the district has received this honor.

He congratulated Rishi Wagle and Joey Dwyer for a statewide 3rd place finish in Group Improvisation and Liz Coin for a 3rd place finish in Solo Musical Theatre at the Iowa Thespian Festival. Rishi was also elected to the Iowa Thespian State Student Board.

President Witters thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) convention.

Dr. Spelhaug thanked the fifteen faculty members who participated in the district’s annual Interest Based Bargaining training and the trainers Dr. Dale L. Barber, former PV Superintendent Emeritus, and Chris Rembold, former Uniserv Director.

He also congratulated the student athletes who have signed letters of intent:

Elizabeth Sharis (Peter and Christy Sharis)  
Rowing, Stanford University
Claire Schwarz (David and Elizabeth Schwarz)  
Track and Field, Missouri State University

Erin Mullen (Scott and Laura Mullen)  
Softball, South Dakota State University

Hailey Duwa (Dallas and Amy Duwa)  
Softball, Western Illinois University

Jack Kennedy (Brian and Beth Kennedy)  
Golf, Drake University

Ashton Ehrecke (Ralph and Linda Ehrecke)  
Swimming, Iowa State University

Sydney Angell (Tom and Heather Angell)  
Swimming, University of Arkansas

Nick Staver (Don and Jenny Staver)  
Swimming, University of Missouri

Jennifer Gertson, Riverdale Heights Principal, and LeAnn Sokolik, Riverdale Heights Sixth grade teacher, were present to share with the Board the award Riverdale Heights received from the State Board of Education for their work “to raise achievement among students who traditionally face challenges in the classroom”. More information on the award can be seen at the following link:


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 regular employment of Tammy Gomez as a food service worker at Riverdale Heights, Elena Rodriguez as a preschool aide at Bridgeview, Dana Steinhart as a food service worker at PVCHS; the resignations of Catherine Loyd as a special education aide at PVCHS, Shelly Riley as a preschool special education aide at Bridgeview, and Susan Wardlow as a special education aide at Hopewell; the transfer of Aaron Shannon to the position of PVCHS kitchen manager for the 2015-16 school year; and the probationary employment of Mary Carlson as a junior high aide. Eight PVCHS seniors were approved for early graduation.

The following were approved as members of the School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC) for the 2014-15 school year: Joe Adam, Lane Bleeker, Bennett Cournoyer, Trampus Budd, Marcus Cavanagh, Chris Cournoyer, Ladonna Czachowski, Zach Day, Katherine Ramsdell, Andy Fermoy, Jennifer Gertson, Deb Hartman, Stephanie Judkins, Ann Kardell, John Kempton, Kelby LaBarge, Amy Miller, Ajay Penmatcha, Gabrielle Petkova, Bailie Rasmussen, Karen Reed, Stephanie Risius, Barbara Schadt, Deb Schwake, Steve Sorensen, Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Matt Stutenberg, Celal Tekeli, Christine Thompson, Maggie Tinsman, Todd Vershaw, Tina Young, and Mike Zimmer.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $147,585.74 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $51,842.04 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,876.30 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Paulsen that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,032.58 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 $13,924.00 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 $84,425.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $885.69 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED 2015-16 NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS:** Mr. Strusz presented the proposed course offerings for 2015-16 which had been introduced at the November 10 meeting for approval. 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 2D.** 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.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that the board approve the 2015-2016 new high school course offerings as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2015-2016 CALENDAR:** President Witters opened the public hearing regarding the calendar at 6:41 p.m. With no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 CALENDAR:** Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the Board approve the 2015-2016 Calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**2015-2016 Key Calendar Dates**

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<td>First Day of School</td>
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Spring Break: March 11, 2016 – March 20, 2016 (Including In-Service Day March 11)
Commencement: Sunday, May 22, 2016
Last Day of School: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for October, 2014. Through October, General Fund revenue totaled $12,201,761 and expenses totaled $8,755,874. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2014 was $8,027,249. 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 Paulsen, second by Isbell that the board accept the monthly financial reports for October as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. – Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL-SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION: The board met in executive session for the purpose of the superintendent’s evaluation from 6:45 – 7:41 p.m. This is the first of three check points built into the state’s evaluation system for superintendents.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, December 1, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office.

Monday, January 12, 2015 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.