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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Christine Harvey, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Brian Strusz, Shirley Brockhouse, Carol and Bob Brockhouse, Beth Marsoun, Ladonna Czachowski, Steve Noack, State Senator Rita Hart, Jacqueline Stepianiak and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson 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.

The Board and guests said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Brockhouse and members of the American Legion – Buffalo Bill Post #347 were in attendance. In appreciation of the district’s support of their post’s programs, they presented a 5’ X 8’ flag to the district. They also presented a 4’ X 6’ flag to Christine Harvey in honor of her retirement and Shirley Brockhouse presented her an engraved crystal plaque chosen by her husband, Ken Brockhouse, who passed away on November 9, 2014, for her assistance to the Legion over the years.

Dr. Wagle attended the National Honor Society induction program and complimented the Intro to Baking class students and their teacher, Debbie Claussen, for preparing the food and serving the reception following the program.

Director Cournoyer conveyed an invitation from Steve Morency, CEO of M.A. Ford, to the board to tour the company to see some of the job options it offers a student following his/her graduation.

She also introduced State Senator Rita Hart, Iowa District 49, which takes in Clinton and northern Scott Counties. Senator Hart encouraged the board and community to convey concerns and issues to her during this year’s legislative session.

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 Zachary Diehl as a tech/educational aide at Pleasant View, Lori Graham as an educational aide at PVCHS, and Amanda Morrison as a special education aide at Hopewell and the probationary employment of Debbie Dayman as superintendents/business office secretary/board secretary (to start in April) and Beth Marsoun as communications director/foundation secretary.

Dr. Spelhaug explained that, Mrs. Harvey has agreed to serve in an interim role for the next several months in order to facilitate Mrs. Dayman’s transition in her current job.
**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SIAC) INPUT:** A draft of a five year school improvement plan was presented to the board. Various thoughts and ideas were shared.

**SBRC APPLICATION RESOLUTION:** Mr. Clingingsmith presented the district’s School Budget Review Committee application to the board. The district is applying to the SBRC for modified allowable growth/on-time funding due to increasing enrollment (97.5 resident students) for this year. It is also applying to the SBRC for modified allowable growth for Open Enrollment Out and Limited English Proficient Program Instruction Beyond Five Years. The application, if approved, would provide the district with a total of $639,372 in additional spending authority for the 2014-15 fiscal year for the general fund budget.

While the district will not actually receive the cash funding for the increased number of students until next year (funding runs a year behind), this would allow the district to use its cash reserves, if necessary, to make expenditures related to these additional students in the current fiscal year.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the Board request from the SBRC modified allowable growth for increased enrollment in the maximum amount allowable of $633,653 and modified allowable growth for LEP Program Instruction Beyond Five Years in the maximum amount allowable of $5,719 for a total of $639,372 modified allowable growth for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS BALLOT FOR DISTRICT #6 BOARD MEMBER:** During the IASB District Caucus held at the Delegate Assembly, Wednesday, November 19, the following person was nominated for a three-year term on the IASB Board of Directors commencing January 2015: Keith Westercamp, Cedar Rapids Community School District, incumbent.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the Board cast its ballot for IASB District #6 Board Member for Keith Westercamp of Cedar Rapids Schools. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER:** Ladonna Czachowski, District Technology Facilitator, shared information regarding The SchoolMessenger system which has just been rolled out. This will allow the district to send messages via phone, email, and text, with the ability to reach all parents within a matter of minutes.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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](http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us), email or call Kelly Hatler, hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.