BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, January 26, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Absent – Bullock.
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Michelle Jacobsen, Jacqueline Stepaniak, and others.

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 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.

Dr. Wagle thanked the district, Mr. Myatt, Mr. Zimmer, and the drama club for hosting the large group drama competition at the high school and for the installation of a safety net above the orchestra pit.

Mrs. Cournoyer congratulated band students on their performance at the SEIBA honor band concert and the Lego League for their success at the First Lego League (FLL) competition held at Iowa State University.

Mr. Strusz congratulated elementary students participating in the robotics competition, and high school students participating in the Tech Challenge.
- Team 8487 Interlocking Plastic Bricks (Pleasant View) – 1st Place Robot Performance
- Team 13410 RoboMinions (neighborhood team) – 1st Place Overall Core Values: This award celebrates a team that displays extraordinary enthusiasm, shared goals, effective communication, problem solving and time management, and shows competitors respect.
- Team 2838 Riverdale Rocks Robots Blue – Honorable Mention Overall Core Values
- Team 3270 Hopewell Pancakes – Judge’s Award: This award recognizes a team that is so close to winning an award that the judges choose to give special recognition to the team.
- Madison Brady (Pleasant View) – Grace Murray Hopper Award: This award honors a female FLL team member who shows persistence in finding solutions, the courage to be innovative, and is a gracious professional.
- The high school varsity Tech Challenge team will continue on to the state competition, and the junior varsity team earned 5th place.

Mr. Strusz also discussed in some detail the Attendance Center Rankings System, a new disclosure resulting from statewide educational reform, which will provide a snapshot of how Iowa public schools and districts are performing in two areas: student proficiency rates and growth toward college and career readiness. In the coming week, rankings will be announced regarding student proficiency rates in math and reading, as well as academic growth. Rankings in seven additional categories will be released over the coming two years. The website will launched January 30, 2015. http://reports.educateiowa.gov/acr. There is still much to be learned about this ranking system.

Dr. Spelhaug expressed sympathy on behalf of the district to the family of Ray Bauwens, who served the district for over 45 years – first in the maintenance department, then as a bus driver.

Dr. Spelhaug recognized Connie Kroeger, nurse at PVJH; and Nadine Roth, third grade teacher at Bridgeview. Mrs. Kroeger is retiring after 19 years of service with the district, and Mrs. Roth after 18 years of service to the district. Both retirements are effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. The board thanked and wished them well in their retirement.

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 of the resignation/early retirements at the end of the 2014-2015 school year of Connie Kroeger, nurse at PVJH, when she will have completed 32 years in nursing and 19 with the district; Nadine Roth, third grade teacher at Bridgeview, when she will have completed 18 years in education, all with the district; Merry Jo Harman, regular education/special education aide at PVJH after 17 years; and Jane
Richardson, regular education/special education at PVJH after 17 years; the resignation of Michele Vlasic, special education aide at Riverdale Heights, the regular employment of Katharine Mullfinger as Junior High Language Arts teacher for the 15-16 school year, the regular employment of Roy Townsend as a custodian – part-time at PVJH, the probationary employment of Johnnie Bunce as a year round part-time custodian at Hopewell; the probationary employment of Bethany Wilson as a special education aide at Hopewell, and the extra-curricular add of Victoria Hawley as assistant varsity softball coach.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:** Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $271,305.30 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $39,545.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,536.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $17,237.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $29,447.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,960.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $85,993.88 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,828.36 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETTENDORF 2023 PRESENTATION – LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT:** At the January 12th Board meeting, Mayor Bob Gallagher & Committee Member Pat Eikenberry presented the City’s long range economic development plan titled
“Transformation Bettendorf 2023”. The Committee asked the Board to sign a letter of commitment relative to the District’s support of this plan. The letter reads as follows:

Our organization is pleased to endorse the Bettendorf 2023 Plan with the hope that Bettendorf will indeed increase its long-term vitality through the collective and collaborative efforts of many individuals and groups.

We pledge our support, cooperation and collaboration toward this end.

We have adopted the specific objective(s) in the Bettendorf 2023 Plan for which we are identified as the lead entity.

Pleasant Valley Community School District
Heather Witters, PVCSD School Board President
January 26, 2015

The district is identified as a lead entity in advancing life-long learning and supporting the development of a skilled workforce in advanced manufacturing.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the Board approve the Transforming Bettendorf 2023 Partnership Agreement as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2015-2016 CALENDAR: The board continued discussion in response to Governor Branstad’s announcement prohibiting school start dates prior to August 31. Dr. Spelhaug shared his impression that it will be virtually impossible to obtain a waiver to implement an earlier start date. Under the standards currently in effect, it is highly unlikely that any jurisdiction will qualify for a waiver. Dr. Spelhaug recommended that the focus should now be attempting to educate and influence the legislature regarding the matter. It is a dangerous assault on local control to have the authority of locally elected school boards usurped in this fashion. The board urged all citizens to express their views to their legislators on this issue. Legislative contact information is at the end of this document.

Other items of note:

AP – Mr. Zimmer made inquiries and learned absolutely no flexibility exists regarding Advanced Placement test dates. These dates are set on the national level. Starting later reduces the days of AP instruction.
Concurrent Courses – Mr. Zimmer reported that Scott Community College is completely unable to adjust their final exam schedule so that it might coordinate with January final exams at the high school. He noted that 362 students and 5 instructors are involved in concurrent courses at this time.

Wednesday Starts – Starting school on Wednesday has provided a very positive start to the school year over quite a few years. This will no longer be possible.

Additional items discussed by the board include:

- The likelihood of the day before Thanksgiving now being a school day.
- The pros and cons of shortening winter break.
- The board decided it would not eliminate spring break but did discuss the possibility of connecting it to Easter for the 2015-16 school year.
- The possibility of increased costs should the new calendar requirements force a separation between the elementary and secondary schedules.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT APPROVAL: BRIDGEVIEW, PLEASANT VIEW ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS AND PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STEM ADDITION: The board reviewed construction documents and cost projections provided by the architect for the following projects: PVHS STEM classroom addition/renovation and HVAC enhancements, Pleasant View building addition and remodeling of the kitchen, restrooms and staff areas, and Bridgeview addition of five classrooms, remodeling of the media center and classrooms, restrooms, and improvements to parking areas and driveways. The combined budget for these three projects is approximately $5,500,000.

Motion by Wagle, second by Paulsen that the Board approve construction documents for Bridgeview, Pleasant View additions and renovations, and Pleasant Valley High School STEM addition and authorize the architect to receive bids. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for December, 2014. Through December, General Fund revenue totaled $18,809,398 and expenses totaled $15,679,452. The fund balance in the General Fund at December 31, 2014 was $7,711,307. 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 Dickson, second by Isbell that the board accept the monthly financial reports for December as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**
Monday, February 9, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Belmont Administration Office. (Note earlier start due to district choral festival)

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**GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATOR E-MAIL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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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.