BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, March 9, 2015 – 5:30 P.M. C.D.S.T.


Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Christine Harvey, and Jackie Stepaniak.

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 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.

Director Cournoyer thanked the district for being well represented at the Junior Achievement Bowlathon and thanked JA for being an important district partner. She also congratulated students who participated in the high school Jazz Night performance. Director Bullock congratulated the Junior High drama department for an excellent production of “Aladdin”. President Witters congratulated the High School drama department for its entertaining and well-done production of “Amadeus”.

Director Paulsen arrived at 5:45 p.m.

The Board has decided to hold a Board Forum at the high school on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. This is an open forum for public input related to school improvement ideas.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wagle, second by Bullock that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists the resignations of Lindsey Bennett as a 6th grade teacher at Pleasant View and Jaime Montreal as a first grade teacher at Riverdale Heights both effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year; the employment of the following Instructional Lead Teachers at the high school level: Chris Kohn, 7-12 Science, Craig Clark, 7-12 Math, Aimee Peters, 7-12 Art, Don Fry, 7-12 Language Arts, Linda Noble, 7-12 Guidance/At Risk, Stacie Giesecke, 7-12 Special Education, Meg Byrne, 7-12 Vocal, Jane Wheeler, 7-12 Wellness, Sara Russell, 7-12 Social Studies, Marta Brooks, 7-12 CTE, and Steph Risius, 7-12 World Language; at the junior high level: Cassidy Peterson, 7-8 Science, Amanda Maurer, 7-8 Math, Julie Small, 7th grade Language Arts, Carolyn Vineyard, 8th grade Language Arts, Ruth Roseman, 7-8 Special Education, Jason Vice, 7-8 Wellness, and Jeff Paul, 7-8 Social Studies; at the elementary level: Lisa Bradley, Kindergarten, Megan Radosевич, 1st grade, Jodi Buzzell, 2nd grade, Sarah Vice, 3rd grade, Meghan Ruth, 4th grade, Jessica Werderman, 5th grade, Patrick Seamer, 6th grade, Grant Erickson, K-6 Science, Justin Wiese, K-6 Wellness, Kristine Gray, K-6 Music, Ali Kirsch, K-6 Art, Bev Anderson, K-12 Teacher Librarian and ELP, Lisa Albrecht, K-6 Guidance, Traci Keppy, K-6 Special Ed-Resource, Kelly Pennekamp, K-6 Special Ed-Self contained, Tina Young, K-6 Reading Specialist; two open enrollment applications-in – one from Bettendorf and one from North Scott; and the student teaching agreement with Luther College.
EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Bullock, second by Wagle that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $309,268.93 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 $75,112.71 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Bullock that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $9,648.45 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 $43,325.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $8,978.50 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Paulsen that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $11,052.91 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $750.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Bullock that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,050.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

SIAC (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE) FIVE YEAR PLAN APPROVAL: As a follow up to the draft plan presented on December 1, 2014, the Five Year SIAC Plan has been vetted across all curricular groups. The board reviewed it a final time.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Bullock that the board approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) Five Year Plan as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2015-2016 CALENDAR: While the state has not yet resolved the school start date issue, Mr. Strusz updated the board on some additional professional development structure using an August 24 start date version of the calendar. The board expressed its preference for a full day (rather than an early dismissal) of school the day before Thanksgiving, November 25. As discussed at the previous board meeting, other key dates with this model calendar would be: Winter Break – December 23 – January 1, 2016; Spring Break – March 21-25, 2016; May 27 – last day of school (with no snow days); Commencement – May 29, 2016.

Since there is no progress within the Legislature, a draft of a calendar using the August 31 start date will be presented at the March 23 board meeting. The board also confirmed that if this is left as a local control issue, the original calendar adopted last fall will stay in place (August 12 start).

DISCUSSION/ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 2015-2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE: After discussions and the board reaching consensus, it is the administration’s recommendation to decrease the levy by $0.15. This would still be a tax increase for residential because of a change in the rollback. It would be a tax decrease for commercial.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the board approve directing the Business Office to prepare the 2015-16 Aid & Levy and Certified Budget based on a $0.15 decrease (rounded to the nearest penny) in

**2015-2016 LUNCH PRICING AND BREAKFAST PRICING:** Schools are required to raise their lunch prices on an annual basis until their average paid lunch price (currently $2.30) is equal to the difference between free meal and paid meal reimbursement (currently $2.70). Andrea Mahler, Food Service Director, recommended a $0.10 increase for all lunches and a $.10 increase for all student breakfasts. Dr. Spelhaug and Mrs. Mahler both emphasized that the food service program strives to make school lunches as attractive as possible within the guidelines and that this is a price increase mandated by the federal government.

Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson that the board approve the recommended increases of $0.10 for all lunches and for all student breakfasts for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PVHS ACCESS DRIVE AND PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** Dr. Spelhaug described a proposed parking lot and access drive construction project at the high school. The new construction would add 52 parking places in an area east of the tennis courts and exit access to the college drive.

President Witters opened a public hearing on the 2015 PVHS Parking Lot Expansion Project at 5:30 p.m. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 5:31 p.m. Bids for the project are due on April 7.


**PUBLIC HEARING – PLEASANT VIEW AND BRIDGEVIEW PROJECT BIDS:** On Thursday, February 26 the district opened bids from six contractors for the Pleasant View addition and remodel project. The low bid was $1,669,500 and the high bid was $1,746,490. All of these are substantially over budget and Dr. Spelhaug recommended they all be rejected. FRK architects have been authorized to rebid the project with just the creation of the new classroom addition portion of the project. This will be re-bid on March 12th.

On Thursday, March 5 the district opened bids from five contractors for the Bridgeview Elementary Expansion and Remodel Project. The base bid range was from $2,905,000 to $2,999,750. The base bid did not include three items that were presented as alternates (restroom renovations; painting the gold exterior metal wall panels, and a regional detention pond which was neutral for the district as the city would pay the cost.) The base bid amount is about $300,000 over budget.

The administration’s recommendation was that the board take no action on the Bridgeview project at this meeting; that the project be re-worked in order to get in line with the current budget. The goal would be to have that information for the March 23 board meeting.

President Witters opened a public hearing on the Pleasant View and Bridgeview project bids at 6:45 p.m. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that the board reject all bids for the Pleasant View expansion and remodel project and approve re-bidding the expansion portion of the project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock. Nays – none. Motion carried.
The board will take action on the Bridgeview project at the March 23 board meeting.

2013-2014 AUDIT REPORT: Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed with the board the audit report from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the year ended June 30, 2014. The auditors issued an unmodified opinion on the district’s financial statements. An unmodified opinion is the most favorable outcome an entity can receive from an audit report.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Bullock that the Board accept the audit report from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the year ended June 30, 2014. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, March 23, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office.

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.
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Pleasant Valley Community School District to not discriminate in its educational activities on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, or age.

The district requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

The district is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded from educational activities on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, or age. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment.

Inquiries concerning the application of federal and state nondiscrimination statutes and the implementing regulations to the district may be referred to Brian Strusz, who has been designated by the district as Educational Equity Coordinator, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of HEW, Washington, D.C. Mr. Strusz’ office is at Pleasant Valley Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563)332-5550.

James R. Spelhaug, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Asbestos Notice

In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 (Public Law 99-519) the School District has had each building inspected by a Certified Asbestos Inspector. In the past year, we have conducted six month periodic surveillance and minor insulation removal at Pleasant Valley High school.