PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, April 27, 2015 – 5:30 P.M. C.D.S.T.


Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Deborah Dayman.

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 Wagle congratulated all involved in the student directed production “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940”. He also commended all students recognized at academic awards night. He conveyed his appreciation to the district for enabling his attendance at the Iowa Association of School Board’s Strategic Governance Workshop.

Director Cournoyer also thanked the district for enabling her attendance at the IASB workshop. In addition, she congratulated the Drake Relays athletes, and participants in the STEM Trebuchet Competition sponsored by the Quad-City Science and engineering Council. Pleasant Valley teams earned the top seven scoring positions in the Trebuchet Competition.

Mr. Strusz congratulated student musicians who participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Receiving band "Best in Center" awards were the Wind Symphony, Woodwind Choir, and Percussion Ensemble of Scotty Jones, Sean McLaughlin, Patrick McMonagle, Cooper Schou and Adam Wallace. The band finished with 46 division I (Superior) ratings, 32 division II (Excellent) ratings, and 13 division III (Good) ratings.

Over 130 vocalists performed in 72 events. 33 division I, 34 division II, and 5 division III ratings were received. "Best of Center" awards were received in four of the five vocal centers and included Hannah Blaske, Caitlin Lyon, and Rishi Wagle, vocal soloists, and the 5 point Madrigal from Chamber Choir.

Orchestra students participating in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival earned 9 division I ratings and 3 division II ratings.

Dr. Spelhaug expressed his appreciation to golfers, contributors, sponsors, and organizers of the PV Foundation's annual golf outing. He reviewed that a successful golf outing is key in funding foundation scholarships. This year, 70 Foundation scholarships will be presented to the senior class.
He also encouraged parents to contact legislators to demand a decision on school funding for next year. Email addresses are attached.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Dickson, second by Bullock that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the employment of Kathleen Dankbar as sixth grade teacher at Cody, Miranda McKenna as early childhood and special education teacher at Bridgeview, Melissa Randall as special education teacher at Pleasant View, Kristine Montenguise as special education teacher at Riverdale Heights, Thomas Lovejoy as Spanish teacher at the high school, all for the 2015-2016 school year; the regular employment of Kaitlin Paris as special education aide at Hopewell, Bethany Wilson as special education aide at Hopewell, Deborah Dayman as superintendent/board secretary; the probationary employment of Patrick Thompson as part-time year round custodian at Pleasant View, Shane McCubbin as grounds and maintenance assistant for the district, and the extra-curricular drops of Jordan Strawser Paxton as assistant girls tennis coach and Chad Ruth as assistant girls basketball coach.

EXPENSES APPROVED Motion by Isbell, seconded by Bullock that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $295,054.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, seconded by Paulsen that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $39,671.65 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,781.95 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, seconded by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $22,851.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, seconded by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,295.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, seconded by Bullock that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $3,778.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, seconded by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $576.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2015-2016 CALENDAR FINALIZATION: The board discussed two final matters regarding the 2015-2016 calendar. A determination needed to be made as to whether the day before Thanksgiving would be a regular or an early dismissal day, and whether February 12 would be considered a snow day make-up day, in the same manner as this year (if a day is lost prior to February 5, 2016, that day will be made up as an early out day for students on February 12, 2016).

Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that the board approve Wednesday, November 25, 2015 to be an early out day schedule, and that February 12, 2016 be designated as a make-up day on an early out schedule should there be a day of school cancelled on or before February 5, 2016. Roll call vote. Ayes – Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters. Nayes – none. Motion carried.

2014-2015 AMMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET: Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the proposed budget amendment for 2014-15. This is a routine procedure done each year at about the same time of year. The main reasons for amending the budget are to reflect spending actual miscellaneous income received during the year, which was not included in the original certified budget for the year and to
reflect spending all of the district’s fund balances down to a zero balance at the end of the fiscal year. By amending the budget in this manner, the amended budget reflects the maximum amount of expenditures that the district could possibly incur and pay for during the fiscal year. Per Section 257.7 of the Iowa Code, the authorized expenditures of a school district may not exceed (1) the lesser of the certified budget plus any amendments for the fiscal year or the district’s total authorized spending authority for the year which includes the combined district cost for that year, (2) the actual miscellaneous income received for that year, and (3) the actual unspent balance from the preceding year.

President Witters began the public hearing at 5:52 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 5:52 p.m.


MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for March 2015. Through March, General Fund revenue totaled $27,894,858 and expenses totaled $25,907,951. The fund balance in the General Fund at March 31, 2015 was $6,568,268. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. There were no significant variances from projections in the financial reports.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Bullock that the board accept the monthly financial reports for March as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen. Nays – none. Motion carried.

BOARD FORUM REVIEW: Directors Cournoyer, Isbell, and Wagle participated in a Board Forum on Monday, April 6 at the high school library. The board discussed a segment of the notes from that evening. Additional segments will be discussed at following meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, May 11, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office.
Sunday, May 24, 2015 – Commencement 1:00 p.m.
Monday, May 25, 2015 Memorial Day Service at Bridgeview elementary – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 2015 Regular School board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office

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GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATOR E-MAIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS - 2015

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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.

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Pleasant Valley Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. 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.

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 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 Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563) 332-5550.

James R. Spelhaug, Ph.D.
Superintendent
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us. Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian’s name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

“Swing” into Spring

The Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation’s annual golf outing, the organization’s primary fundraiser to finance student scholarship opportunities is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at the Palmer Hills Golf Course. Foursomes, monetary contributions or prizes are all welcome to support this worthwhile endeavor. For registration or other information, contact Beth Marsoun at marsounbeth@pleasval.k12.ia.us. For information on participating in the golf event: http://www.pleasval.org/annual-golf-outing/ Hope you can join in!

PLEDGE A PENNY TO BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation’s Golf Benefit was held at Palmer Hills Golf Course. All proceeds from the benefit will be used to provide funding for student scholarships. The Foundation has given over $450,000 in scholarships to PV seniors.

On May 13, the Foundation will present 70 scholarships with a combined value of approximately $74,000 to PV seniors. Our community values youth and education. The Foundation’s scholarship program puts an exclamation point behind that belief!

Birdies for Charity pledges contribute to this scholarship fund. Please consider Pledging a Penny on behalf of the PV Foundation, (Birdie #587). Thank you!

Pledge forms can be obtained at http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/index.php or by filling out the following and mailing to: PV Foundation, %Beth Marsoun, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722. Thank you!

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I pledge and promise to donate $______.___________ for every birdie made during the 2015 John Deere Classic to the John Deere Classic Charitable Corporation for use by participating charities. I guess that _______ birdies will be made. No donation is required to be eligible to win a prize. Void where prohibited by law.

PLEDGE INFORMATION (please print)

Name ___________________________