PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale 

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER 
Monday, May 11, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Deborah Dayman, Tony Hiatt, Tim Bradley, Steven Cotton, Bob Waetke, and others.  

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

EXEMPT SESSION APPROVED: Motion by Paulsen, second by Isbell that the board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson Isbell, Paulsen. Nays – none. Motion carried.  

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone.  

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.  

Bob Waetke addressed the board and requested the district consider scheduling a Type I Diabetes recognition and education day.  

In honor of School Board Recognition Month Dr. Spelhaug presented certificates to board members which read “For dedicated excellence and leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.” The Riverdale Heights PTA, represented by Wendy Bock, President, thanked the board for their service to the district, and provided board members with treats.  

Bob Brockhouse (U.S. Army, who was assigned to Alaska and served at Ft. Lewis Washington) on behalf of The American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347, introduced Legion members present: Ray Joens, U.S. Army, who served in Korea, Tom Bloomingdale, U.S. Navy who served in Korea, Steve Noack, U.S. Army who served in Vietnam, and Karl Kreiling, retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer. Mrs. Alberta Spies President of the American Legion Auxiliary Buffalo Bill Post #347, whose father served in WWI, was also introduced.  

Winners of the American Legion Fifth Grade Flag Essays were introduced along with their parents. Jayne Abraham read her essay.  

Bridgeview  
Annalise Mohrman– Parents: Betsy and Tony Mohrman  

Cody  
Ava Kwak– Parent: Kevin Kwak  

Hopewell  
Natalie Carslake – (unable to attend)  

Pleasant View
Jayne Abraham – Parents:  Jayne and Sunday Abraham

Riverdale Heights
Vinay Joshi – Parents:  Janki and Deepak Joshi

Director Wagle congratulated the students and directors who participated in IHSMA Large Group Festival. The PVHS String Orchestra and Full Orchestra received Division I (superior) ratings. The PVHS Wind Symphony and Concert Band received Division I ratings, and the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band received Division II (excellent) ratings. PV earned two of only four Division I ratings awarded, and the only bands to receive Division I ratings from each judge. Congratulations also to the Women’s Ensemble, Concert Choir, Bass Choir, Chamber Choir, Chamber Women’s Choir and Concert Women’s Choir, for receiving Division I ratings. Pleasant Valley choirs were the only choirs in the state to receive six Division I ratings.

Director Cournoyer expressed her appreciation to the RAP (Right After Prom) committee, as well as all parent volunteers and community donors for hosting and supporting a fun, safe event for students.

Mr. Strusz congratulated the boys and girls track and tennis teams for earning MAC championships.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the: the employment of Alexandra Howard as an interim 1st Grade Teacher for 2015-16 and Pre-K teacher for 2016-17, the resignation of Anne Walden as a 1st Grade Teacher at Hopewell, the move from probationary to regular employment of Mary Carlson as a Junior High aide and Lori Krug as a Food Service worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary; the Extra-Curricular additions of Andrew Ward, Head Boys Golf Coach, Patrick Meyer, Head Bowling Coach, Grant Housman, Assistant Robotics Advisor, and the Extra-Curricular drops of Adam Pfluger, Lighting and Sound Designer and Technical Theatre Advisor, Chad Ruth, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Liz Moritz as Head Bowling Coach, and Audrey Holland as Co-Robotics Advisor; open enrollment applications in: 1 from Bettendorf Schools, 1 from North Scott Schools for the 2014-15 school year, and the approval of cooperative agreements with Ashford University and St. Ambrose University for student teachers.

EXPENSES APPROVED Motion by Dickson, seconded by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $150,952.03 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, seconded by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $53,108.06 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, seconded by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $11,387.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, seconded by Paulsen that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $24,480.74 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,243.96 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, seconded by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $64,183.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Dickson, seconded by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,500.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, seconded by Paulsen that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,125.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,080.53 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY: In response to findings and suggestions from the Iowa Department of Education’s Comprehensive School Improvement Site Visit conducted in March, revisions have been made to a number of board policies. The proposed changes were presented to the board for a first reading. A second reading and a motion to approve will appear on the May 26 agenda. Policy revisions are summarized as follows:

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SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR VOTE CENTER PROPOSAL: The district received a letter from Roxanna Moritz, Scott County Auditor and commissioner of elections asking the district to review the options available to us for conducting the upcoming school board election. Some larger counties in Iowa have used poll centers for lower turn out elections with apparent success. The board discussed the advantages and disadvantages to offering one, or possibly two polling places to voters in the September 2015 election, as all director districts up for reelection are located in the south end of the district. Further discussion will occur and a decision made at the May 26 board meeting.

Director Dickson left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

2015-2016 BOARD MEETING DATES: 2015-16 board meeting dates were proposed as follows:
August 10 & 24
September 14 & 28
October 12 & 26
November 9 & 23
December 21
January 11 & 25
February 8* & 22* (8th - District Choral Festival, 22nd - HS Winter Band Concert)
March 7 & 28
April 11 & 25* (25th - District Band Night)
May 9 & 23
June 13 & 27
July 18

*5:30 start to minimize conflicts

Motion by Cournoyer, Second by Paulsen that the board accept the 2015-16 board meeting dates/times as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM NUTRITION FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: A permanent transfer of funds is being made so that the Nutrition Fund reimburses the Capital Projects Fund for High School food service equipment originally purchased with cash from the Capital Projects Fund. Making the transfer at this time will strengthen cash flow in the Capital Projects Fund and will satisfy the balance due from the Nutrition Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

The total cost of the High School food service equipment was $249,500.00. The Nutrition Fund reimbursed $49,500.00 in the 2011-12 fiscal year and $50,000.00 for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years. The Nutrition Fund also reimbursed the Capital Projects Fund $50,000.00 on October 31, 2014 in the current 2014-15 fiscal year. This payment is the final installment due on the High School food service equipment. The amount due has been spread over five payments so that the Nutrition Fund cash balance could be maintained. Because this is being considered a permanent transfer of funds, rather than an interfund loan, it is not necessary for the Nutrition Fund to pay interest to the Capital Projects Fund as part of these transactions. Motion by Wagle, Second by Isbell, that the Board authorize a permanent transfer of funds to be made from the Nutrition Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of $50,000.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Director Bullock Arrived at 7:12 p.m.

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 future meetings.

EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS: The Board met in exempt session for negotiations from 7:20 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
**FUTURE DATES:**

May 2015  
School Board Recognition month

Sunday, May 24, 2015  Commencement 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 25, 2015 American Legion Memorial Day Program Bridgeview  11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 Regular School board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office

Monday, June 8, 2015  Regular School board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office

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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.

2014-2015

**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.

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 ____________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City State Zip _________________________________

Phone or E-mail ____________________________________________