PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Tuesday, May 26, 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, Mike Clingingsmith, Stephanie Judkins, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Andrea Mahler, 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 Wagle 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, 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.  

Mr. Bullock arrived at 6:04 p.m.  

Director Wagle commented that the commencement ceremony was very well done, and thanked district personnel, band and choir students. He congratulated the drama department for their performance of Murder in 3D, the fine arts department for the Arts Expo, and the instrumental music department for year-end performances. He also congratulated Uma Kasichainula, 6th grade student at Hopewell, upon her participation in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.  

Director Cournoyer also complimented the graduation ceremony, and she thanked the 9th grade band and flag essay winner Jayne Abraham for their participation in the LeClaire American Legion – Buffalo Bill Post #347 Memorial Day Observance.  

President Witters recognized the outstanding performance of Special Olympians Korryn Taghon and Paige Hawbaker at the state track and field meet. Korryn earned a gold medal in the 400 race/walk and sliver in the 800 race/walk. Paige earned a gold medal in the 400 race/walk and gold in the 800 race/walk. She also congratulated regional Special Olympics competitors Korryn Taghon, James McCauley, Sebastian Bladel, Paige Hawbaker, Amanda Curlee, Claire Johnson, and Caitlin Ghere.  

Mr. Strusz congratulated the girls tennis team for their very first state tournament appearance, and the girls track team upon winning the state Class 4A Track and Field Championship.  

Mr. Strusz introduced Mathcounts and Math Bee participants, and reiterated the district goal of having the finest academic and extra-curricular programs in the state. Not just in some things, but in everything. Not just for some kids, but for every kid.  

Junior High Mathcounts team: The team finished in 1st place at the regional competition and 2nd place at the state competition. Team members include Shashank Inampudi, Varun Vedula, Sujay Marisetty and Aadil Manazir; coached by Marci Furlong.
Elementary Math Bee regional results: Riverdale Heights placed 1st (Shveta Kalathur, Sanjana Raj, Aditi Nachnani, Madhu Subramanian, and Ebby Barber; coached by David Barber), Cody 2nd (Owen Jones, Emerson Peters, Cassandra Smith, Seth Clausen, and Jack Dumas; coached by Cathi Betts), Pleasant View 3rd (Kalen Bunch, Sophia Lindquist, Maegan Neil, and Michael VanDerSchaaf; coached by Zach Day), Hopewell 4th (Roshni Patel, Nathan VanUtrecht, Uma Kasichainula, Alex Clemons, and Nick Hammes; coached by Marlise Bosman), and Bridgeview tied for 9th (Jacob Townsend, Alex Melvin, Olivia Reddish, Rylee Bales, and Carson Albrecht; coached by Logan Beausoleil). Sanjana Raj placed first overall, followed by Cassie Smith and Owen Jones.

Dr. Spelhaug congratulated the students and recognized Cathi Betts, who is retiring after 38 years of service to the district, for laying the groundwork and encouraging participation in math bee competitions in our district.

Zachary Day thanked the administration for their support and for encouraging the rescheduling of the regional competition after inclement weather forced cancellation of the original event. Dr. Spelhaug noted that the district will continue encouraging the AEA’s to reinstitute the state competition.

The board congratulated the participants, recognizing their outstanding achievement, effort, and collaboration.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the following:

PERSONNEL: The employment of Andrew Lister as High School English Teacher, the resignation of Tony Hiatt as Bridgeview Principal, the reassignment of Kevin Pennekamp from Junior High Dean of Students to TLC (Teacher Leadership and Compensation) Program Coordinator, the employment of Jennifer Hanson as School Nurse at Pleasant View, the resignation of Aubrey Winslow as Junior High Aide, the resignation of Nora Anderson as Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights, the resignation of Rhonda Brockhouse as Special Education Aide at Bridgeview, the reassignment of Special Education Aide Nicholas Stader from Pleasant View to Riverdale Heights, and the Extra-Curricular add of Matthew Boots as Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach and Jacob Larsen as Head Varsity Wrestling Coach.

OTHER ITEMS: The cooperative agreement with Augustana College for student teachers, the IGHSAU cooperative swimming and diving agreement between the district and North Scott, and the Mississippi Bend AEA/PVCSD Home School Assistance Program agreement.

**EXPENSES APPROVED** Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $65,922.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Cournoyer that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $33,571.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Bullock that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $579.81 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $6,838.10 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $51,685.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Cournoyer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $29,778.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Wagle, second by Paulsen that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $480.80 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TLC UPDATES:** Mr. Strusz shared with the board an update of the process underway to implement the Teacher Leadership and compensation program. TLC supports and extends achievement gains for all students through the following:

- Building the capacity of educators to become leaders
- Empowering teacher collaboration
- Providing consistent, job-embedded professional development
- Achieving comprehensive implementation of the Iowa Core

Kevin Pennekamp will serve as the TLC Program Coordinator, and instructional coaches are in place.

**SECOND 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 on May 11. Policy revisions are summarized as follows:

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Motion by Dickson, second by Bullock that the board approve the second and final reading of revised board policies 201.4 *Board Elections*, 201.7 *Organization of the Board*, 202.4 *Secretary*, 202.5 *Treasurer*, 204.1 *Regular Meetings*, 204.3 *Closed/Executive Sessions*, 409.1 *Early Retirement - Teachers*, 409.2 *Early Retirement - Administrators*, 409.3 *Early Retirement - Classified Personnel*, 505.4 *Commencement*, 508.1 *Wellness Policy Administrative Procedures*, 600.0 *Table of Contents*, 601.2 *School Calendar*, 601.3 *School Day for Students*, 807.1 *Capital Asset Capitalization*, 902.7 *Tobacco Free Environment*, 903.2 *Disposition of Obsolete Equipment*, and 1004.3 *Use of District Facilities*. Roll call vote. Ayes-Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays-none. Motion carried.

**SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR VOTE CENTER PROPOSAL:** The following director districts are up for election September 2015: Director Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6. (Note that all of the open seats are located in the south end of the district.) After further discussion with the Auditor’s Office and by the board, one voting site, likely Belmont Administration Center, will be available for the upcoming election.
Motion by Cournoyer, second by Paulsen that the board approve the Scott County Auditor recommendation to utilize a consolidated voting center for the September 2015 school board election. Roll call vote. Ayes- Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays-none. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE BIDS FOR 2015-16:** Food Service Director Andrea Mahler presented her recommendations and bid information for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that the board accept the bread products bid submitted by Pan O Gold for the 2015 -16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes- Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Bullock that the Board accept the low milk products bid submitted by Prairie Farms for the 2015 -16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes- Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board accept the low pizza bid submitted by Little Caesar’s, Domino’s, and Papa John’s for the 2015 -16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes- Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that the board roll over the beverage bid with Pepsi for the 2015 -16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes- Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Isbell that the board accept the distributor bid of Fox River-Performance Food Group for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes- Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen. Nays-none. Motion carried.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Zimmer reviewed with the board graduation ceremony location options for the coming years. After board discussion, Mr. Zimmer was directed to further explore the possibility of securing the iWireless Center in Moline for future ceremonies, but only if the venue, thus the rental expense, could be shared with another district.

**HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOM RENOVATION:** Bids for updating the high school main corridor restrooms were opened Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. All bids exceeded budget. The district will redefine the project and rebid by the end of 2015.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the board reject the high school restroom remodel project bids as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes- Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle. Nays-none. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for April 2015. Through April, General Fund revenue totaled $35,636,115 and expenses totaled $29,352,795. The fund balance in the General Fund at April 30, 2015 was $10,864,681. 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 Dickson, second by Isbell that the board accept the monthly financial reports for April as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes–Isbell, Paulsen, Wagle, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson. 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, as well as more recent concerns. Additional segments will be discussed at future meetings.
EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS: The Board met in exempt session for negotiations from 8:09 p.m. – 8:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK: The settlement is based upon a 2.50% total package increase.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that the board approve the teacher, nurse, classified, custodial, and administrative wage and benefit packages as presented, pending legislative approval of funding. Roll call vote. Ayes- Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Dickson, Isbell, Paulsen Wagle. Nays-none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
Monday, June 8, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office
Monday, June 22, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Office

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Thank You!
The Pleasant Valley Schools Educational Foundation thanks the following individuals and companies for their support of its annual golf event (April 27, 2015). Proceeds provide scholarships for PV graduates. If you are interested in sponsoring a scholarship or contributing to an existing scholarship please contact Dr. Spelhaug at (563)332-5550 or spelhaugjim@pleasval.k12.ia.us. This year 71 scholarships were presented on Wednesday, May 13th to the 54th graduating class of PVCHS.

Aaron Matlock       Bob Gallagher       Charlie Horan
Adam Kunkel         Bob Schwieder       Chris Chalupa
Alena J's Bounce House Brad Boeye        Chris Cournoyer
Rentals             Brad Russman        Chris Gibney
Alex J. Brandtner Children's Dentistry    Brian & Linda Kunkel      Chris Helgersen
Amanda Friemel      Brian Hanna         Cliff Cronk
American Electric   Brian Mykleby        Cliff Pimm
Andy Merrill        Brian Schmidt        Cody Elementary PTA
Applebee's          Brian Strusz         Cookies By Design
Artsworks           Bridgeview PTA       Cravath, Swaine & Moore,
Avenue Rental, Inc. Build to Suit         LLP
BankORION           Bush Construction     Dale & Judy Barber
Bern and Milissa Hofmann Caleb Jacobi     Dan Adams
Bill Bowe            Capriotti's         D'Anne Kroemer
Blackhawk Bank & Trust Cardiovascular Medicine Dark Matter Café
Blades              Chad Ruth           Darren Erickson
                    Charlene Ruccolo      Dave Borchering
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.

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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

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!

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 ___________________________