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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Kevin Pennekamp, and others.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that the board hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to consider the hiring and to evaluate the professional competency of individuals whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to those individuals’ reputations, as those individuals have requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Cournoyer, Isbell, Dickson. 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.

Director Cournoyer congratulated the Girls Soccer Team, runners up in the 2A state soccer tournament held in Des Moines June 11-13. Congratulations also to Addie Royer and Ellie Kurth, selected to the 1st all-state team; and to Cora Meyers and Megan Foltz, selected to the 2nd all-state team. Director Cournoyer also expressed her appreciation to D'Anne Kroemer, Associate Principal for Student Activities, for her support of our students and her fine representation of our district.

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

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular meeting and executive meeting.
• PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:
The employment of Jacob Grafenberg as a Sixth Grade Teacher at Cody Elementary and the regular employment of Shane McCubbin as a Grounds/Maintenance Assistant.

The resignation of Ashlee Martin as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary.

The probationary employment of Dawn Dittmer as a special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, Kelly Fiscus as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, and Pamela Karzin as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary.

The extra-curricular add of Joe Teymer, Head Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, and drops of Joe Teymer, Head Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach and Drew Croegaert, Head Freshman Boys Basketball Coach.

• OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two open enrollment applications in from Bettendorf for the 2015-16 school year.

• APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE BUSINESS TRAVEL MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE: Based on the increased price of gasoline, the employee business travel mileage reimbursement rate will increase from $0.27 per mile to $0.32 per mile effective July 1, 2015. The district reviews the price of gas and the employee reimbursement rate every six months (January 1st and July 1st) and makes adjustments to the employee reimbursement rate if necessary.

EXPENSES APPROVED Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $866,136.28 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 $11,288.71 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,322.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $25,226.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,929.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $157,810.96 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $158.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $7,147.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: The board established the following Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Legislative Priorities for 2016:

1. **Supplemental State Aid:** The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports the state committing to funding supplemental state aid (SSA) on the schedule currently in the law. It also supports the state committing to resolving FY17 funding prior to January 30, 2016. Finally, the district believes SSA should be set at a minimum of 4% for FY 17.

2. **State Penny for School Infrastructure:** The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions of buying down the highest additional levy rates to the state average, and supports the extension of the statewide penny by the repeal of the December 31, 2029 sunset.

3. **Assessment:** The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports establishing a state-wide assessment system which reflects world class standards.

4. **TIF Reform:** The Pleasant Valley Community School District supports Tax Increment Financing (TIF) transparency, limitation, reform, and regulation. The state shall require the approval of the board of any impacted school district for a TIF action to be approved by another taxing body.

At the June 8, 2015 meeting, Director Cournoyer agreed to once again represent the board at the IASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the four IASB Legislative Action Priorities as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Cournoyer, Isbell, Dickson. Nays – none.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that the board approve the appointment of Chris Cournoyer as Pleasant Valley Community School District’s representative to the 2016 IASB Delegate Assembly. Roll call vote. Ayes –Dickson, Witters, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for May 2015. Through May, General Fund revenue totaled $39,087,931 and expenses totaled $32,529,602. The fund balance in the General Fund at May 31, 2015 was $11,139,690. 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 Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the board accept the monthly financial reports for June as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none.

**MID-AMERICAN ENERGY EASEMENT:** Mid-American Energy has requested an easement along Devils Glen Road across the front of the maintenance center property. The easement is not expected to materially impact district operation or expansion in any way.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the Mid-American Energy easement as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Cournoyer, Isbell, Dickson. Nays – none.

**EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT EASEMENT:** Legal counsel has recommended an easement agreement with EICCD as expansion of the high school parking lot system commences.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson the board approve the easement agreement with Eastern Iowa Community College District as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none.

**REVIEW OF STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOKS:** Additions and revisions to the elementary, junior high, and high school student/parent handbooks were presented to the board. Most notable is the addition of the Indice of Excellence:

**INDICE OF EXCELLENCE**

1. By the end of each school year, every K-10 student will read at grade level. Students reading at grade level will meet or outpace their individual growth projections
2. By the end of each school year, every K-10 student will demonstrate math proficiency. Students demonstrating proficiency will meet or outpace their individual growth projections
3. 90% of PVHS graduates will have scored at the college readiness level on each of the English, Reading, Math, and Science sub tests on the ACT exam
4. 80% of secondary students will be involved in at least one extra or co-curricular activity in 4 of 6 years
5. Extra or co-curricular teams/programs will routinely be regarded among the top ten in the state.
6. On the annual Parent/Student Survey, 95% of responses will be in the combined agree & strongly agree for each category
7. Annually, the PVCSD will be regarded among the top five districts in the state

Other revisions include clarification of attendance, “Good Standing”, 8th hour resource, and academic awards guidelines and expectations.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that the board approve proposed changes to the student/parent handbooks for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Witters, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none.
Director Bullock arrived at 6:45 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE, DISCIPLINE AND LIAISON REPORTS:** Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Pennekamp presented reports for the 2014-15 school year. No significant fluctuations were noted. Once again the data supports the value of having the Junior High Dean of Students, Sheriff’s Liaisons, and Juvenile Court Services Liaison on staff to help students, build relationships, assist staff, and enhance the overall climate and culture of the district.

Motion by Dickson, second by Bullock that the board approve the junior high and high school attendance and discipline reports as presented. Roll call Vote. Ayes –Dickson, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Isbell. Nays – none.

**HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY FINAL ADDITION CHANGE ORDERS:** Two change orders were presented to the board as part of the process of satisfactorily completing the Hopewell final addition. Change Order #2, an add of $35,199.90, consists primarily of mitigating topsoil and drainage problems and modifying design to better tie into existing mechanicals. Change Order #3, a deduct of $9,710.72, simply closes out the contingency and reduces the final contract price.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Bullock that the board approve change order #2 for the Hopewell Elementary School final addition in the amount of an add of $35,199.90. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none.

Motion by Bullock, second by Isbell that the board approve change order #3 for the Hopewell Elementary School final addition in the amount of a deduct of $9,710.72. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Bullock. Nays – none.

**BOARD FORUM REVIEW:** Agenda item was moved to next meeting’s agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL:** The board met in closed session from 7:10 – 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment of the Junior High Dean of Students, Cody Principal, and Bridgeview Principal.

**APPROVAL OF PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH DEAN OF STUDENTS:** Jason Jones was recommended for the position. Most recently he served as the At-Risk & Transition Coordinator at Clinton High School. Prior to that, he taught in the Moline School District both at the middle and high school levels.

Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson that the board appoint Jason Jones as Pleasant Valley Junior High Dean of Students for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Bullock. Nays – none.

**APPROVAL OF CODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Laurie Brasche was recommended for the position. Since 2011 she has served as principal at Colona Elementary School in Colona, IL. She started in education as a second grade teacher, and also served as an elementary school counselor.
Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the board appoint Laurie Brashe as Cody Elementary School Principal for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Dickson, Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer. Nays – none.

APPROVAL OF BRIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: It was recommended to the board that Cyndy Behrer serve as interim principal for the 2015-16 school year. A retiree of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, Ms. Behrer has served as counselor, building principal, assistant superintendent, and most recently, interim counselor at Hopewell School.

Motion by Dickson, second by Bullock that the board appoint Cyndy Behrer as Bridgeview Elementary School Principal for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Bullock, Cournoyer, Isbell, Dickson. Nays – none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: The board met in closed session from 7:37 – 8:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing and compiling the Superintendent’s annual evaluation.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
Monday, July 20, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Office

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
School board elections are held in odd-numbered years to elect school district board members. The election will be held September 8, 2015. The following director districts will be voted upon:

PV 3 – Four year term
PV 4 – Four year term
PV 5 – Four year term
PV 6 – Four year term

Request a director district map and additional information at daymandeborah@pleasval.k12.ia.us

Candidate packets are available at the administration center or at http://www.scottcounty.iowa.com/auditor/candidate_resources.php?folder=candidate_packets/20150908_School_Candidate_Packet

Dates to keep in mind:
- Monday, July 6 – First day to file nomination papers with the Board Secretary
- Thursday, July 30 – Last day to file nomination papers with the Board Secretary
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.

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