PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, July 20, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, and Doug Chervek.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED: Motion by Paulsen, second by Wagle 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, Wagle, 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.

Director Cournoyer thanked Deere and Company for their “Dollars for Doers” program. Deere's "Dollars for Doers" program lets employees earn a $1,000 grant for approved charities if they volunteer at the agency for more than 40 hours in a year. The district, most notably the robotics teams, trap team, and elementary PTA’s, has benefitted from this program.

Mr. Strusz congratulated and thanked Marta Brooks for representing the district and the state of Iowa at the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences annual meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Marta presented “Caring for Exceptional Children” at the AAFCS event.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer 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 22, 2015 regular meeting and executive meeting.
PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

The employment of Katie Casper as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High.

The resignations of Heidi Hoffman as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, Leann Noack as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School, Evan Arnold as an Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, Lauri Stoneking as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, and Lori Krug as a Food service Worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary.

The probationary employment of Kaitlynn Capper as a special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary.

The extra-curricular adds of Jamie Bice, Junior Varsity Dance coach; Sophie Haarrhues, Freshman Volleyball Coach; Mari Noga, co-Theatre Technical Advisor and Light/Sound Designer; Mara Cantrell-Paulson, co-Theatre Technical Advisor and Light/sound Designer; Brett Ahlgren, Head Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach; Joe Ambrose, Assistant Freshman Football Coach; and Michael Firth, Head Girls Swimming Coach.

The extra-curricular drops of Brett Ahlgren, Assistant Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach; Sophie Haarrhues, Junior High Volleyball Coach; Joe Ambrose, Assistant Sophomore Football Coach; Erin Ahnquist, Freshman Volleyball Coach; and Randin Letendre, Drama Accompanist.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two open enrollment applications in from Bettendorf, and one in from North Scott for the 2015-16 school year.

APPROVAL OF 2015-16 RIVER BEND TRANSIT CONTRACT: This is the renewal of a contract which has been in place for a number of years.

APPROVAL OF 2015-16 AGREEMENT REGARDING ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES: This is a renewal of the district’s existing relationship.

APPROVAL OF NOMINATION TO THE SCOTT COUNTY ASSESSORS EXAMINING BOARD: Mr. Jorge Rodriguez has been approved for the position.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Wagle, second by Paulsen that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $989,358.67 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,703.84 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Paulsen, second by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $697.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Paulsen that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $52,577.78 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Cournoyer that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $43,743.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $349,702.61 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Paulsen that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $165,302.90 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $831.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE AND LOCATION UPDATE: Mr. Zimmer updated the proposed schedule of 2016 commencement activities at the iWireless Center. For 2016, the ceremony will be held Sunday, May 29 at noon. To defray cost, the facility will be shared with North Scott Community School District, who will hold commencement at 3:30 that day. It is hoped that similar arrangements can be scheduled for future years.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the board approve renting the iWireless Center for the 2016 graduation ceremony. Roll call vote. Ayes – Paulsen, Witters, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – CODY ELEMENTARY AND PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH: Doug Chervek from FRK Architects + Engineers presented schematic design and cost projections for the Cody and Junior High projects.

The proposed Junior High expansion and improvements include the addition of six classrooms to the north of the existing classroom area, the addition of industrial tech, health, and multi-purpose rooms near the PE wing, expansion of two existing classrooms into science rooms, conversion of the current industrial tech area to an orchestra room, and improvements to the kitchen, staff, and guidance areas. Mechanical and electrical upgrades, as well as parking and driveway improvements, are also included. Anticipated project costs approach $7 million dollars.

At Cody, six classrooms, as well as associated restrooms and mechanical/electrical, are proposed to be built to the south of the existing building. Remodeling of the Media Center and classrooms, and site improvements including additional parking and an expanded drive are also proposed, for an estimated cost of $4.5 million dollars. For Cody, as with the current Bridgeview project, this is the first step in positioning the building to become a full three section building.
The plans presented are within our five year plan budget projections, and will require borrowing. Construction is anticipated to begin summer of 2016.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that the board approve the schematic design and authorize FRK Architects to proceed with design development for the Cody addition and renovation, and the Pleasant Valley Junior High addition and renovation projects. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Paulsen, Witters, Cournoyer. Nays – none.

HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES: The board reviewed Hopewell boundaries in light of current elementary enrollment and housing expansion in the area. Important to keep in mind, should boundaries be revised, is that a “grandfather” clause would be in place to avoid displacement of current elementary students. Boundaries are proposed as follows:

- South of 53rd Street, North of Tanglefoot Lane, west of Middle Road and east of Devils Glen Road: Pleasant View
- North of Belmont Road, South of Tanglefoot Lane, west of Middle Road and east of Devils Glen Road: Riverdale Heights

Still important to all elementary boundaries is the district’s *next closest school with room* policy, should a building reach capacity at a grade level.

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, and updates provided regarding implementation plans impacting the 2015-16 school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: The board met in closed session from 8:02 – 8:56 p.m. with Dr. Spelhaug for the purpose of reviewing the Superintendent’s annual evaluation.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, August 10, 2015  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, August 24, 2015  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

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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.scottcountyiowa.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

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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