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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS: President Witters welcomed everyone, and read the vision of the district: It is the vision of the Pleasant Valley Community School District that we shall provide the finest academic and extra-curricular programs in the state – not in some things, but in everything; not for some students, but for every student.

Director Cournoyer thanked Teresa Barber, District Robotics Coordinator, for the summer robotics offerings, giving even more students the opportunity to be introduced to STEM opportunities in the district.

Dr. Spelhaug commended the Run With Carl kickoff event held August 6, and encouraged district-wide involvement via running or volunteering. This year’s run, jointly sponsored by the Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf CSD Educational Foundations, will once again be held on Labor Day, September 7. The goal is 1,500 runners, and all proceeds support the mission of the districts’ Educational Foundations.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Dickson, 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 July 20, 2015 regular meeting and executive meeting.

- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

  The employment of Teresa Harrington as a Reading Specialist at Pleasant View Elementary; Ronald Litchfield as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School; and Courtney Bielis as a 6th Grade Teacher at Hopewell Elementary School.

  The resignation of Megan Van Wychen as a Food Service Worker at Pleasant View Elementary.
The probationary employment of Stacy Mausser as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School; and Sroddha Patranabis as a Food Service Worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary.

The extra-curricular adds of Collin Daniels, assistant sophomore football coach; Chris Bryant, assistant junior high football coach; Devin Schone, assistant junior high football coach; Drew Schone, assistant junior high football coach; Jeremy Bowling, assistant junior high wrestling coach; Karl Kurtz, assistant junior high wrestling coach; Thomas Davis, assistant varsity baseball coach; Brandon Nau, sophomore baseball coach; Stephen Hillman, head varsity boys basketball coach; Kisha Huffman, head high school cheerleading sponsor; Kamryn Huffman, high school cheerleading sponsor; Telly Skahill, high school cheerleading sponsor; Brittany Kissel, dance team assistant advisor; Kim Leiphon, theatre costumer; Christina Myatt, drama choreographer and assistant vocal music conductor; Paul Meyers, assistant freshman football coach; Randy Teymer, assistant boys golf coach; Christopher Foster, band assistant and drum line; Corbin Stone, head boys soccer coach; Justin Harper, assistant girls soccer coach; Jonathan Keith, assistant girls soccer coach; Richard Markham, head girls soccer coach; Victoria Hawley, assistant softball coach; Erica Miller, assistant sophomore softball coach; Steve Dougherty, assistant boys track coach; and Kenny Wheeler, co-head girls track coach.

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $649,901.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,469.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $11,056.42 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 $36,310.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $451,019.94 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $221,957.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that Internal Service fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,609.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,566.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES: The board continued its discussion of 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. Hearing no objections from the public or from the board, a motion to modify borders will be presented at the August 24 board meeting.

BOARD FORUM REVIEW: In response to a Board Forum held April 6, 2015 and subsequent board discussion of ideas raised and concerns shared, Mr. Strusz provided to the board a summary of updates and implementation plans. Special attention was paid to mental health services available to students, revisions and updates to the Human Growth & Development curriculum, social media and internet safety, connectedness and healthy relationships, appropriate use of technology and phones, college preparedness, and career readiness. The district is looking for ways to expand student opportunities in drama, large group debate/speech, robotics; exploring summer school offerings at the high school level beyond credit recovery into possibly dual enrollment or elective courses, and redefining the 6th grade science fair goals and objectives.

Director Bullock arrived at 6:35.

GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP STUDIES: Mr. Strusz reviewed the results of the two most recent graduate follow-up studies: The Two Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2012, and the Six Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2008. Comparisons with data from previous years, including trends and possible implication for change were discussed. He noted a 26% return rate for the 2008 study, and 35% for the 2012 study, compared with 28% and 37% last year.

Motion by Bullock, second by Dickson that the board accept the Graduate Follow-up Study Reports as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Dickson, Cournoyer, Witters, Isbell, Bullock. Nays – none.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Enrollment remains very active, particularly at the elementary level. Elementary enrollment pressure caused the addition of a 6th grade section at Hopewell, which means all grade levels at Hopewell are staffed at four sections except kindergarten and 5th grade.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:
Monday, August 24, 2015  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, September 14, 2015  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Wednesday, September 30, 2015  Wall of Honor nominations deadline

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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 Tuesday, 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

ALL DIRECTOR DISTRICT VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT BELMONT ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER. POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

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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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