PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, August 24, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.

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

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

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Bullock 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 requested that an eNews announcement be issued immediately prior to the school board election on Tuesday, September 8 to remind voters of poll location and hours. All director districts involved in this election (PV3, PV4, PV5, PV6) will vote at the Belmont Administration Center.

Director Witters complimented the New Teacher Breakfast, held jointly with Bettendorf Community School district and sponsored by Alcoa, and the enthusiasm of the district’s 35 new teachers. Director Witters also brought to the board’s attention the renewed focus of developers of The Links at Pebble Creek and the additional students which further development may bring to the district. As the board’s representative to the Scott County Conference Board, she recognized Dale Denklau, Scott County Assessor, who is retiring at the end of 2015 when he will have completed 45 years of service to Scott County, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Jorge Rodriguez for his willingness to serve on the Scott County Assessors Examining Board.

Dr. Spelhaug recognized Beth Johannsen, Eleanor Snowbarger, and Beverly Soenken for their service to our district and to education. Each will retire at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Strusz shared with the board a note from Valerie Tucker, high school counselor, expressing her appreciation to the district for sponsoring her attendance at the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle 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 August 10, 2015 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:
The employment contract of Kala Koehler is revised from .94 to full-time Art Teacher at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year.

The retirement/resignation of Beth Johannsen as a kindergarten through third grade Special Education Resource Teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary School effective the end of the 2015-16 school year, when she will have completed 35 years in education; 15 years at Pleasant Valley.

The retirement/resignation of Eleanor Snowbarger as a Special Education Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the end of the 2015-16 school year, when she will have completed 41 years in education; 15 years at Pleasant Valley.

The retirement/resignation of Beverly Soenksen as an English/Language Arts Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the end of the 2015-16 school year, when she will have completed 28 years in education; 23 years at Pleasant Valley.

The resignation of Thomas Griffin as custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, and the resignation of Lori Graham as an aide at Pleasant Valley High School.

The probationary employment of Tony Cox as Campus Monitor at Pleasant Valley High School; Amy Schissler as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary School; Heather Angell as a Special Education Aide at Cody Elementary School; Tammy Gomez as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School; Josh Stewart as a full-time Custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High School; Linda Fullmer as a part-time food service worker at Pleasant View Elementary School; and Wendy Clifton as a part-time food service worker at Riverdale Heights Elementary School; all for the 2015-16 school year.

The extra-curricular adds of
- Barb Pischke, head junior high volleyball
- Brenna O’Neill, junior high cheerleading sponsor
- Brian McGurk, assistant junior high volleyball
- Jacob Grafenberg, assistant junior high football
- Jessica Mente, assistant junior high cross country
- Kate Beausoleil, assistant junior high cross country
- Marcus Cavanagh, head junior high cross country
- Sarah Larsen, head junior high cross country
- Jennifer Goetz, assistant junior high volleyball
- Brett Ahlgren, assistant junior high football

The extra-curricular drops of
- Emily Duncan, junior high cheerleading sponsor
- Chad Ruth, assistant junior high football
- Sarah Larson, assistant junior high cross country
- Marcus Cavanagh, assistant junior high cross country
- Jenny Lauritsen, head junior high cross country
- Angie Musal, assistant junior high volleyball
OPEN ENROLLMENT: Three open enrollment applications in from Bettendorf, one open enrollment in from Davenport, and one open enrollment out to 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 $437,160.22 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Bullock that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $3,207.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Cournoyer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,710.93 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Paulsen that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $28,019.46 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Bullock that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $178,690.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $373,367.55 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 $618,159.39 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that Internal Service fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $138.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Bullock that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $933.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES: The board concluded its discussion regarding modification of the original Hopewell Elementary attendance boundaries.

Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen that the board approve the modification of Hopewell Elementary boundaries as follows:

- South of 53rd Street, North of Tanglefoot Lane, west of Middle Road and east of Devils Glen Road is assigned to Pleasant View, and
- North of Belmont Road, South of Tanglefoot Lane, west of Middle Road and east of Devils Glen Road is assigned to Riverdale Heights.
A “grandfather” clause will be in place to avoid displacement of current elementary students. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Witters, Isbell, Paulsen, Bullock, Wagle, Dickson. Nays – none.

**COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:** Beth Marsoun, Communications Director, presented to the board new eNews parameters and presented revised newsletter formats. In an effort to avoid cluttering the mailboxes of district eNews subscribers, a weekly eNews containing information and announcements for the coming week is proposed. A monthly district newsletter containing targeted information from each building, as well as important dates and updates, is under consideration.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INTER-FUND LOAN:** Consistent with prior years, the district will use interfund borrowing to help finance district construction projects during the 2015-16 fiscal year to minimize interest expense. External borrowing will be necessary later this fiscal year to finance upcoming building additions at Cody Elementary, the junior high, and at the high school, but interfund borrowing is currently sufficient.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the Board approve the “Resolution Approving Interfund Loan” that reflects a PPEL Fund borrowing of $1,500,000.00 from the General Fund, at a beginning interest rate of 0.50%, to be adjusted monthly for the actual interest rate that the General Fund is earning, payable in full no later than June 30, 2016. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Cournoyer, Witters, Isbell, Paulsen, Bullock, Wagle. Nays – none.

**2014-2015 INDICES OF EXCELLENCE UPDATE:** Last fall the district developed goals and accountability measures called the Indices of Excellence to determine progress toward our Guiding Vision and Mission Statement. Baseline data from 2014-15 was shared. The board discussed progress made based upon assessment data, whether the indices as defined continue to be relevant, and changes to be considered so that appropriate data is collected and relevant indices analyzed.

The indices are as follows:

- By the end of each school year, every student will read and write at or above grade level.
- By the end of each school year, every student will demonstrate grade level or above math proficiency.
- By graduation, every student will be college or career ready.
- Annually, every 7-12 student will be an active and contributing member to an extra or co-curricular activity.
- Extra and co-curricular teams/programs will annually be regarded among the top in the state and will produce all state performers and performances, champions and championships.
- Annually, the PVCS&D will be regarded among the top districts in the state.
- Annually, our parents and students will regard their school experience as exceptional.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:
Monday, September 14, 2015  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, September 28, 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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or contact
Beth Marsoun 563-332-5550 extension 1026
marsounbeth@pleasval.k12.ia.us

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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.

**2015-2016 NOTIFICATION 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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