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

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Christina Anderson, Jodi Hoskins, Tammy Koppedryer, and Doug Chervek.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Paulsen 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 Beth Marsoun, PV Director of Communications, Dave Borcherding, PV Educational Foundation, Dan White, race director, and the many participants and volunteers for a successful Run With Carl, held on Labor Day.


Director Bullock also thanked the board and the administration for the privilege of serving on the board. Mr. Bullock served from 2006 – 2015.

Mr. Strusz expressed his thanks on behalf of the board and administration to Directors Paulsen and Bullock for their dedicated service to the board and to the students of the Pleasant Valley Community School District.

The retiring 2014-2015 board was adjourned.

The new board was called to order by the board secretary. The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected directors Nikhil Wagle, Director District 3, Scott Isbell, Director District 4, Jodi Hoskins, Director District 5, and Christina Anderson, Director District 6.

The 2015-16 Board of Education was convened with Directors Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, and Witters present. Absent – none. Election of officers was held. Heather Witters was elected President with a unanimous vote. Jean Dickson was elected Vice President with a unanimous vote. The Oath of Office was administered to President Witters and Vice President Dickson by the secretary.
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 August 24, 2015 regular meeting.

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

  The expansion of Deborah DCamp’s letter of assignment to include PVHS PV Singers Accompanist for approximately one hour each day and performances as required.

  The probationary employment of Michele Kipp, Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley High School; Sheila Dixon, Special Educational Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary School; and Mary (Katie) Yoeckel, Technology Liaison/Data Specialist at Belmont Administration Center.

  The extra-curricular adds of Mollie Bonney, Junior High Cheerleading co-sponsor; Chad Schmertmann, Drama Accompanist; and Francis Dunbar, Assistant Drama Director. The extra-curricular drops of Meghan Ruth, Junior High Cheerleading co-sponsor; Justin Wiese, Junior High assistant cross country; Simon Brown, Sophomore head boys soccer; and Tom Davis, Varsity assistant baseball.

  The following teachers earned graduate credits sufficient to advance on the salary schedule: Emily Backus, Rebecca Blythe, Nikki Boehl, Marlise Bosman, Catharine Casey, Tara Daurer, Danielle Davenport, Kelly Dirks, Megan Dixon, Michael Duncan, Dallas Duwa, Rachel Isaacson, Brian Gartner, Emily Graves, Nicole Guldenstein, Amber Hall, Leah Hodgin, Amanda Hornick, Bethany Hovland, Traci Keppy, Chris Kohn, Tammy Koppedryer, Eric Larew, Jacob Larsen, Carrie Linnenbrink, Catherine Lyon, Erin Merrill, Jeffrey Meyers, Glen Naber, Jill Nedved, Stephanie Peterson, Nicolas Propes, Cassandra Puls, Megan Radosevich, Anita Roche, Eric Royer, Chad Ruth, Meghan Ruth, Lindsay Seamer, LeAnn Sokolik, Megan Sopher, Ian Spangenberg, Matt Stutenberg, Erin Thiessen, Rebecca Thompson, Margaret Thompson, Lyra VanLanduyt, Kimberly VerHeecke, Mallorie Ward, Justin Wiese, Robert Williams, Rebecca Yerinton, Joe Youngbauer, Trever Zahn.

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Three open enrollment applications in from Bettendorf, two open enrollment applications in from Davenport

The Oath of Office was administered to Deborah Dayman, Board Secretary, by President Witters. The Oath of Office will be administered to Joyce Bauwens, Board Treasurer, by the board secretary.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $531,954.26 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $69,880.68 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $18,183.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $60,105.43 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $564,581.67 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $10,261.09 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 $8,730.69 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $631.82 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**DESIGN DEVELOPMENT - PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH AND CODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Doug Chervek from FRK Architects + Engineers presented design development plans, elevations, updated cost estimates and schedules for the PVJH and Cody expansion and improvement 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 design development plans for the Pleasant Valley Junior High School addition and renovation project and the Cody Elementary School addition and renovation project as presented, and authorize FRK to proceed with preparing construction documents for the projects. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.
ELI (EARLY LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION) UPDATE: Stephanie Judkins, Director of Literacy / Elementary Curriculum provided an update on the following:

- C4K (Collaboration for Iowa’s Kids)
- Action plan for substantially deficient students
- Summer school changes
- WIN (What I Need) time focus

State law now requires that children who are substantially deficient readers by the end of grade 3 be retained. During grade 2, a series of intensive interventions will occur, including attendance in mandatory summer school. The C4K and WIN initiatives are designed not only to help deficient students, but aim to improve the performance of every student, regardless of ability.

No required motion.

SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2014-15 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT: The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the district’s special education deficit for the 2014-15 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. We are also required to file a request to the SBRC in order to receive supplemental aid. Supplemental aid is a distribution of the positive special education balances in the state to districts that have a special education deficit. This supplemental aid is prorated based on the amount of a district’s special education deficit. These requests to the SBRC are a standard procedure that is done every year that the district has a special education deficit. The calculated special education deficit for the 2014-15 fiscal year is $565,235. The motion does not list a specific amount in case the state were to make an adjustment to the district’s special education deficit.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of the district’s final 2014-15 special education deficit and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the district’s final 2014-15 special education deficit. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR THE 2014-15 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (E.L.L.) DEFICIT: The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for additional allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the district’s English Language Learners (E.L.L.) deficit for the 2014-15 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. The state began allowing districts to request additional allowable growth for their E.L.L. deficits beginning with deficits that were incurred for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The district currently has 107 E.L.L. students, up from 12 E.L.L. students two years ago. We have calculated the district’s 2014-15 E.L.L. deficit to be $112,614. The motion does not list a specific amount in case the state were to make an adjustment to the district’s E.L.L. deficit.
Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth in the amount of the district’s final 2014-15 E.L.L. deficit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

BRIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY ADDITION AND RENOVATION CHANGE ORDER: Change Order #1 for the Bridgeview Elementary addition and renovation project includes the following:

1. Poor soil conditions for footings add $4,588.75
2. Manhole to slow the flow of water to new detention area. The district will pay 1/3 of the total. add $5,273.15
3. Installation of non-reinforced EPDM membrane deduct $2,053.80
4. Poor soil conditions for footings add $2,694.10
5. Poor soil conditions in new parking island, over excavation and a 24” crushed stone base required add $20,548.20

Net Add $31,050.40

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that the board approve change order #1 for the Bridgeview Elementary School addition and renovation project in the amount of a net add of $31,050.40. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
Monday, September 28, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 Wall of Honor nominations deadline

Monday, October 12, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

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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