PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, October 12, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. C.D.S.T.


Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, 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.

Directors Wagle and Cournoyer congratulated and thanked the vocal music department and high school staff for the Metrofest event. 1027 musicians from 8 school districts participated.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Principal Chris Welch introduced Colin Abbott, son of Amber Keckler; as well as his teacher, Kim Powers, and art teacher Kala Koehler. Colin, a visually impaired 3rd grade student at Hopewell, delightfully shared his experiences as an artist. He recently won the “Yo Soy Je Suis I am” contest through the Kennedy Center. Colin’s work has been sent to Washington, D.C. to be exhibited in the Department of Education building and will become part of their permanent collection. The contest is presented by the VSA International Art Program for Children with Disabilities. View photos at http://pleasval.org/pv-artist-nationally-recognized/

Principal Mike Zimmer introduced National Merit Semifinalists Alex de la Bruere, son of Amy and Kevin de la Bruere; Cortland Johns, daughter of Ron and Michelle Johns; Rishi Wagle, son of Archana and Nikhil Wagle; Ted Sergesketter, son of Debra and Randal Sergesketter; Karson Sommer, son of Jill and Kevin Sommer; Aishwarya Pradeep, daughter of Ramarao Pradeep and Bhanu Ravindran; and National Merit Commended Students Megan Guest, daughter of Tamara and James Guest; Michael Li, son of Jinqing Gu and Yan Li; Susan Li, daughter of Lisha Cui and Yu Li; Hannah McDonald, daughter of Darla and Thor McDonald; Daniel McNamara, son of Linda and William McNamara; Peter Molyneaux, son of Jenny and Dan Molyneaux; and Sara Stickney, daughter of Julie and Jordan Stickney. The board congratulated each on their outstanding academic achievements. Please see http://pleasval.org/pvhs-honors-national-merit-semifinalists-and-commended-scholars/ to learn more about these outstanding students.
CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wagle, 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 September 28, 2015 regular meeting.

- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:
  
  The probationary employment of Taylor Lindsay, special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary School.

  The extra-curricular add of Bill Myatt, speech advisor, and drop of Lynn Lundberg, speech advisor.

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

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $209,297.77 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 $63,218.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $10,915.46 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $34,633.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,089.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $116,891.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $884,596.87 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,966.66 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

5-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE- DISTRICT BORROWING: Matthew Gillaspie, Senior Vice President - Public Finance Services, Piper Jaffray & Co. was present telephonically to give an overview and answer questions related to the district’s borrowing in order to finance the current and upcoming building addition projects.
The plan that has been developed proposes borrowing $10 million before the end of the current calendar year and each of the next two calendar years. An advantage to borrowing the first $10 million before the end of the current calendar year is the opportunity for lower interest rates due to bank qualification status.


SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT: Stephanie Judkins presented evaluative information for the district’s 2015 summer school program. 637 children were enrolled; 389 for band and 248 for remedial intervention. The elementary program was held at Hopewell Elementary, and bussing was provided to Hopewell from the other four elementary buildings in the district. Classes were held daily for three weeks; three hours and 30 minutes per day. The morning included intensive reading instruction, as well as math, writing, and intercessions including music, PE and robotics. At the junior high, students met for ten days to receive literacy and/or math support. The district will seek to expand the program’s reach and intensity for next summer.


MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
Monday, October 26, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, November 9, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS: Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at

http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us.
Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian’s name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.

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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