
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Bill Decker, Steve Zelle, Lisa Zelle, Doug Chervek, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, 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 Wagle congratulated the cast, crew, orchestra, and drama department for their outstanding performance of Fiddler on the Roof.

Director Cournoyer noted the passing of Gordon Pelo, longtime LeClaire resident and member of the original LeClaire Township School Board of Education. She shared observations from the Mississippi Bend AEA legislative forum held November 2, and reminded board members and district residents to become acquainted and be in touch with their state legislators. She also announced the annual District Robotics Showcase to be held Sunday, December 6th; 3:00-5:00 pm in the PVHS gymnasium. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature PV robotics participants from all grade levels.

Mr. Strusz congratulated fall athletes on outstanding seasons. Girls cross country runner McKenzie Yanek was the individual state champion and the district’s first 2-time state champion. The girls’ team placed second at state, and the boys placed 4th. Claire Park captured the state individual diving title, helping the girls’ swim team finish 2nd at state. See full fall sports details at http://pleasval.org/amazing-athletics-fall-sports-make-waves/. Mr. Strusz also congratulated the Spartan Shield and Valenian staff for awards won at the Student Journalism conference. Sara Herzberg won 1st place for Newswriting. The yearbook earned third place for the Iowa Yearbook of the Year.

Dr. Spelhaug shared the condolences of the board and district with the family of John Kempton, school board member from 1974-1985, and with the family of district parent Elizabeth Carius.

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 October 26, 2015 regular meeting.

PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

The retirement of Susan Mercier, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary School effective the end of the 2015-16 school year, when she will have completed 21 years with the district.

The resignation of Chelsey Thomsen, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View/Riverdale Heights Elementary Schools effective October 22, 2015

The following classified employees are nearing the end of their probationary employment period and are recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2015

Heather Angell, Special Education Aide at Cody
Tony Cox, Campus Monitor at Pleasant Valley High School
Cecilia Berazaluce Decanini, Educational Aide at Bridgeview
Kaitlynn Capper, Special Education Aide at Hopewell
Dawn Dittmer, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights
Kelly Fiscus, Special Education aide at Pleasant View
Michelle Johns, Educational Aide, Pleasant Valley Junior High
Pamela Karzin, Special Education Aide at Hopewell
Stacy Mausser, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School
Juana Ransom, Special Education/Educational Aide, Pleasant Valley Junior High
Amy Schissler, Special Education Aide, Pleasant View
Wendy Clifton, Food Service Worker, Riverdale Heights
Linda Fullmer, Food Service Worker, Pleasant View
Sroddha Patranabis, Food Service Worker, Riverdale Heights

Tammy Gomez, Special Education Aide, Pleasant Valley High School, completed her probationary employment period on September 30, 2015 and is recommended for regular employment retroactive to October 1, 2015.

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

AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. BOND COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT: The law firm of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. is recommended to act as district legal counsel for the borrowing of funds and bond issuance.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $128,538.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $24,851.54 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,638.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $26,204.31 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $94,288.95 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $276,761.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $638.78 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH AND CODY ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION AND REMODEL DOCUMENTS:** Doug Chervek of FRK presented a final review of the Cody and Junior High construction documents. This is the final step prior to the projects going out for bid.

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 $8.5 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 approaching $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.

Although current projected costs are in excess of amounts presented in the design development phase, the board favors proceeding with the bid process as sufficient contingency has been built into our five year plan budget projections to cover the increase. If bids are not favorable, certain aspects of the projects may also be delayed or revised.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve the Pleasant Valley Junior High construction and remodel documents as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FORUM: The board began Phase I of the exploration of the Construction Management model with a presentation by Steve Zelle of Precision Builders. Precision has been the general contractor on projects across the district since 2004. Precision’s view is that some projects would benefit from a Construction Management model, but for others the traditional general contractor model is likely to be most effective. That divide tends to be based upon the cost of projects, with those over $6 million being candidates for Construction Management.

At our next meeting, Jim Russell, President of Russell Construction and Kent Pilcher, President of Estes construction will jointly present to the board their view of the Construction Management model.

No required motion.

MISSISSIPPI BEND AEA PRESENTATION: Bill Decker, Chief Administrator of the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, updated the board on AEA priorities, resources, and activities. He presented The New Compact, the AEA’s promise pledging co-ownership for student learning goals between the AEA and school districts, with the goal that, by 2018, every child in Iowa who graduates will be fully prepared for success in post-secondary studies, a career, citizenship, and in life.

As part of the AEA presentation, Brian Strusz discussed the support the AEA offers to assist our English Language students in the area of listening, speaking, reading and writing to obtain English proficiency and to achieve high levels of academic success. It was reported the district met the annual Federal and State growth and language proficiency expectations for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

No required motion.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 802.4 “DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY” AND BOARD POLICY REGULATION 802.4R “POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY FOR TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS”: Because future construction projects will require significant borrowing, the district’s Bond Counsel recommends modification of Board Policy 802.4 (currently titled “Sale of Bonds” – will be retitled “Debt Management Policy”) and add Board Policy Regulation 802.4R (“Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations”). Drafts were presented to the board for review and discussion. A second reading will take place at the November 23 board meeting, and a final reading and motion is scheduled for December 21.

No required motion.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING PROPOSALS OPENED AND REVIEWED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND THE PLACEMENT AGENT: Piper Jaffray issued bid packets to numerous financial institutions to facilitate the borrowing of $10,000,000. Bids were due on November 4th. The low bidder was BOF, N.A. d/b/a Bank of Kansas City, Tulsa, Oklahoma (also known as Bank of Kansas City). The interest rate will be 1.78%. All legal documents necessary for this transaction will be approved at the November 23rd board meeting. The closing date for the transaction is scheduled for December 8th, at which time proceeds will be deposited with the district.

No required motion.
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF $10,000,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the Board approve the Resolution Directing the Sale of $10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Wagle, Anderson, Isbell, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Dr. Spelhaug reviewed with the board current district enrollment. Total students served has increased by 107 students since October 2014 count day. Of special note is elementary growth on the north end of the district, and the fact that incoming junior high class counts are larger than the current junior high population. Both observations underscore the need for planned or currently underway building expansion projects at Bridgeview, Cody, and the junior high. Considerable discussion was also held concerning open enrollment.

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No required motion.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION: The week of November 15-21 is American Education Week. On behalf of the board, President Witters the following proclamation:

American Education Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and
WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and
WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work diligently to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and
WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Witters serving as President of the Pleasant Valley Board of Education do hereby proclaim Nov 15-21, 2015 as the observance of American Education Week.
Signed this 9th day of November 2015.

Heather Witters
President, Board of Education

No required motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:

Monday, November 23, 2015  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, December 21, 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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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