
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Jane Wheeler, Kent Pilcher, Jim Russell, A.J. Loss, and others.

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

CLOSED SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS: Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the Board go into closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential as provided in Section 21.5(1) (a) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Anderson, Witters, Wagle, Isbell, Hoskins, Dickson. Nays – none. 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.

Brant Carius shared his gratitude and appreciation for the care and concern shown to him and to his children by district faculty, staff and district families upon the passing of his wife, Elizabeth Carius.

Director Wagle congratulated all students involved in the Iowa High School Music Association All-State performance held November 21 in Ames. He reminded the board that the concert will be televised by IPTV on Thanksgiving evening, and again on November 29.

Director Hoskins thanked district PTAs for their support of visiting author Mary Amato. Says Ms. Amato, “I give voice to the funny, sad, messy, and wondrous stories of life, especially the stories of children and young adults. My mission: each book has humor, heart, and grit.” She visited each elementary school during the week of November 9.

Director Cournoyer thanked the district for supporting her attendance, and that of Heather Witters, Jodi Hoskins, and Nikhil Wagle at the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) State Convention, for the opportunity to learn how to be a better board member, and to meet board members from other districts across the state. She recognized Beth Marsoun, district Communications Director, for the workshop on social media co-presented at the convention by Director Cournoyer and Ms. Marsoun.
Director Witters congratulated Director Cournoyer upon receipt of the Better Boardsmanship Award at the IASB convention. The award is presented to board members who put forth extra time and energy to strengthen their boardsmanship abilities through formal in-service programs and services to other board members.

Mr. Strusz congratulated the 19 Pleasant Valley students selected to participate in the Opus Honor Choirs November 19 concert: Erika Holmberg, Isabella Burkhart, John Mendelin, Bradley Hamilton, Jackson Moats, Nolan Yoerger, Beth Mooy, Rachel Lyon, Morgan McCartney, Amy Oberhart, Alex Boyd, Eric Clifton, Emily Johnson, Sophia Dahm, Ruth Davidson, Mackenzie Wisneski, Alex Jungers, Christine Lyon, and Natalie Murphy. Mr. Strusz also recognized student and resident participation in the Student Hunger Drive. Students collected 40,550 pounds of food, enough to generate 33,792 meals. Donations increased 17% over last year’s drive.

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 November 9, 2015 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

  - Jeraldine Ingalls, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her letter of resignation/retirement after 15 years with the district.

  The resignations of Nicholas Stader, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary; Diane Barroso, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High; and Christine Paris, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary,

  - Margarita Payne is recommended for probationary employment as bus attendant/Special Education Aide at Pleasant View Elementary; Rita Hardaway is recommend for probationary employment as Junior High Library Aide; and Kenneth Ehlers is recommended for probationary employment as a part-time Custodian at Pleasant View Elementary.

  - Maida Dippel, Special Education Aide at Cody Elementary, will complete her probationary employment period on December 15, 2015 and is recommended for regular employment starting December 16, 2015; and Sheila Dixon, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will complete her probationary employment period on November 30, 2015 and is recommended for regular employment starting December 1, 2015.

  - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADDS of Justin Fah, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach; Jason Bowling, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach (.5); Thomas Isaacson, assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach (.5); and Jacob Grafenberg, Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach. DROP of Nick Stader, Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach.
- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Three open enrollment applications in from Bettendorf and six open enrollment applications in from Davenport for the 2015-16 school year.

- EARLY GRADUATE PETITIONS: The following students have submitted petition for early graduation; petitions have been reviewed by counselors and administrators: Aiden Bailey, Amanda Benge, Cassandra Booth, Alexis Dvorak, Paige Eckland, Miranda Erickson, Morgan Evans, Taylor Gardner, Cassadi Kriner, Bryanna Rigg, Gupreet Singh, Brittany Vazquez, Karoline Welch, and Addie Werkmeister.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $345,326.05 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Hoskins that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $63,777.29 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $7,178.59 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $55,959.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $16,454.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $19,441.34 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $105,655.47 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $4,125.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,188.25 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FORUM: PRESENTION BY JIM RUSSELL, RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION, AND KENT PILCHER, ESTES CONSTRUCTION: The board continued Phase I of the exploration of the Construction Management model with a joint presentation by Mr. Russell and Mr. Pilcher. Advantages of the Construction Management model from their perspective: Value of early role of CM in the design process, increased opportunity to involve local firms, change order prevention, phased construction and early completion, reduced burden on district staff, and a more
favorable resolution process; all creating time and/or cost efficiencies. Their view is that the CM model will either be cost neutral or cost saving for the district.

A.J. Loss of Bush Construction added that the CM model aids in pre-planning when projects are on a tight timeline, and a CM is able to place added emphasis on safety.

No required motion.

SECOND 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. The first reading occurred at the November 9th board meeting; a final reading and motion is scheduled for December 21st.

No required motion.

HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION PARTICIPATION PHILOSOPHY / POLICY: Mr. Strusz, Mike Zimmer, PVHS Principal, and Jane Wheeler, PVHS wellness teacher shared information and addressed questions regarding Physical Education in the district; specifically current high school graduation requirements, health benefits associated with Physical Education, the link between strong academic performance and regular physical activity, as well as the requirements set forth in the Iowa Code. Current Board Policy 605.4 permits the opting out of PE only on medical or religious grounds. The district is considering whether an administrative exemption should be added to the policy. The possibility of a summer (for credit) PE program is also being discussed. This matter will be revisited at a January board meeting.

No required motion.

CALENDAR UPDATE: Dr. Spelhaug shared with the board the general academic calendar structure for 2016-17, and feedback from meetings with PTA presidents and faculty. A public hearing will be held and a motion presented at the December 21st board meeting. Critical dates are as follows: August 23 – first day of school; December 23-January 2 – winter break; March 13-17 – spring break; May 28 – graduation; May 30 – last day of school.

No required motion.

SBRC APPLICATION RESOLUTION: Each year that there is an increase in the district’s certified enrollment, the district applies to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for modified allowable growth/on-time funding based upon the increased enrollment. Again this year, the district is also eligible to apply to the SBRC for modified allowable growth for Limited English Proficient Program Instruction Beyond Five Years.
Based on our certified enrollment increase of 145.7 students, additional spending authority of $958,560 will be granted. Additional modified allowable growth of $2,895 can be requested from the SBRC because two students in the district have been receiving ELL support for more than five years. Together, these requests increase district spending authority $961,455.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the Board request from the SBRC modified allowable growth for increased enrollment in the maximum amount allowable of $958,560 and modified allowable growth for LEP Program Instruction Beyond Five Years in the maximum amount allowable of $2,895 for a total of $961,455 modified allowable growth for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Anderson, Witters, Wagle, Isbell, Hoskins, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for October 2015. Through October, General Fund revenue totaled $14,358,263 and expenses totaled $9,446,066. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2015 was $10,315,080. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that the board accept the monthly financial reports for October as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Witters, Wagle, Isbell, Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE: At the November 9th meeting, the board approved the borrowing of $10,000,000 from the Bank of Kansas City. December 8, 2015 is the closing date and the date the proceeds will be deposited with the district. Because project-related funds have already been expended, this resolution will allow the district to be reimbursed for expenditures incurred within sixty days prior to this board action.

Motion by Isbell, second by Dickson that the Board approve the Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Dickson, Cournoyer, Anderson, Witters, Wagle, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: The board reviewed the Tax Exemption Certificate, as well as a summary from Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, presenting requirements to which the district must adhere so that the tax-exempt status of the bonds is not placed at risk.


RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS: Board resolution is necessary to officially approve the issuance of the bonds, and to provide for and secure payment of the bonds.

**IASB CONVENTION DEBRIEF:** Directors Witters, Cournoyer, Wagle, and Hoskins attended the IASB State Convention November 18th and 19th. Further discussion postponed to December 21 board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The board entered closed session at 8:25 p.m. to review confidential records and returned to open session at 9:21 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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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](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.
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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2015-2016 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
CLOSED SESSION was called to order at 8:24 p.m. by President Witters. Members present: Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Kelly Fermoyle, and Richard Davidson.

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No motions were made during closed session. The closed session adjourned at 9:21 p.m.