
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Kevin Pennekamp, Mike Zimmer, Eric Larew, and Kristin Crawford.

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

MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION:  Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that the Board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa.  Roll call vote.  Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, 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.

Director Wagle congratulated the cast, crew and staff of the Blithe Spirit, recently performed at PVHS, and Willie Wonka, Jr., recently performed at the junior high. He also shared with the board that of the twelve students participating in the Quad City Symphony Orchestra Youth Ensemble’s Concerto Competition, eight were Pleasant Valley Students, and a PVHS student was chosen to be featured soloist at an upcoming QCSYE’s concert. Director Wagle also expressed appreciation to Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Zimmer for their part in performing a special graduation ceremony for PVHS senior Lia Bellomy, and shared condolences with Lia and her family upon the passing of her father, Ron Bellomy.

Director Cournoyer invited district teachers to STEM Teacher’s Night Out, to be held at PVHS Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00. She thanked PVHS administrators, Deputy Weipert, and parent volunteers for their help with the Turnabout Dance. She congratulated First Tech Challenge 6093 Deviation from the Norm for their success at the state competition. The team won the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award and advance to super regionals.

Brian Strusz congratulated PVHS students named National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Alexander de la Bruere, son of Kevin and Amy de la Bruere of Bettendorf; Cortland Johns, daughter of Ronald and Michelle Johns of Bettendorf; Aishwarya Pradeep, daughter of Ramaraao Pradeep and Bhanu Ravidran of Bettendorf; Theodore Sergesketter, son of Randal and Debra Sergesketter of Bettendorf; Karson Sommer, son of Kevin and Jill Sommer; Rishi Wagle, son of Nikhil and Archana Wagle of Bettendorf.
Mr. Strusz also wished the boys basketball team good luck at the state tournament, and congratulated Rishi Wagle on being selected a featured soloist with the QCSO Youth Ensemble.

Director Witters thanked and congratulated the music department for recent performances, including the winter band concert and PVHS Jazz Night.

**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 February 22, 2016 regular meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:** The following personnel items were recommended for approval:
  - Tracey Strandberg, Educational Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, will move to an aide position at Bridgeview Elementary effective March 1, 2016.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADDS:**
- Amber Hall  Head Varsity Volleyball Coach 2016-17
- Jake Grafenberg  Assistant Freshman Football Coach 2016-17
- Mark Hiller  Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Neal Green  Assistant Boys Tennis Coach
- Ryan Pillow  Junior High Track Coach

**DROPS:**
- Cassidy Peterson  Head Varsity Volleyball Coach 2016-17
- Ian Spangenberg  Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Catherine Keech  Junior High Track Coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** none this evening
- **PROJECT SEARCH TRANSITION PROGRAM AT UNITY POINT TRINITY HOSPITALS:** Vocational opportunity for developmentally disabled high school students.
- **STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT:** Upper Iowa University

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $254,886.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,188.53 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 $6,241.81 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $19,358.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $13,890.98 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $108,931.36 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 $186.95 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:** The board shared further thoughts as well as comments received from the public regarding moving first semester finals to the days preceding the Martin Luther King holiday in January. This action balances instructional days between semesters and provides the highest, best use of instructional time. The governor’s pronouncement that school not begin before August 23 drives this decision.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that the board accept the recommendation that first semester high school final exams be administered during the final days of the semester in January. Roll call vote. Ayes - Dickson, Witters, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion Carried.

**ELEMENTARY CONFERENCE REVISIONS:** The board shared further thoughts as well as comments received from the public regarding the proposal to add building level flexibility to the scheduling of elementary conferences. The revised schedule will appear on the 2016-17 district calendar.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that the board accept the revisions to the elementary conference schedule as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Witters, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**2016-17 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE:** The board reached consensus to reduce the levy rate by $0.20, in order to mitigate, but not eliminate, an increased tax burden on district residents due to increased valuations. (The levy rate was decreased $0.15 last year.) The board’s approval of the property tax levy rate will allow the business office to finalize the Certified Budget so that publication deadlines can be met. A public hearing and adoption of the 2016-17 Certified Budget will be scheduled for the April 11 board meeting.

No required motion.
PUBLIC HEARING – PVHS EAST PARKING LOT EXPANSION: Kristin Crawford, Missman Inc. Project Manager for the high school east parking lot expansion, described the project and answered questions prior to the public hearing. Schematics and cost estimates were presented. Bids will be opened March 29. The project will add an additional 88 parking spaces.

The public hearing convened at 6:35 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing concluded at 6:36 p.m.

No required motion.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY OUTS: Administrators and members of the TLS have been looking for ways to utilize professional development opportunities for collaboration throughout the calendar year without radically impacting our schedule. It was observed that this year, there was no collaboration time available outside of the PLC until the beginning of October.

Kevin Pennekamp presented a two-part change in our current early out schedule. First, over the last several years, the first early out in-service has been used for our one and only all-district employee meeting. This meeting will be moved to the in-service on the Friday before school starts, and is cost neutral. The second change is that scheduled early outs for professional development will increase from eight to nine.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that the board approve the addition of one early out to the district’s professional development calendar. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF 2016-17 AT-RISK AND DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM PROPOSAL: The Pleasant Valley School District provides a continuum of support to advance the academic achievement and overall development of all students. This support includes alternative educational opportunities of “at risk” programming. The board reviewed the At-Risk/Dropout application and budget for the 2016-17 school year. As part of the application and budget, Districts are allowed to request a modified supplemental amount (MSA – formerly known as allowable growth) to receive funding for their dropout prevention services. The modified supplemental amount for 2016-17 is $741,130 as compared to $741,137 in 2015-16. Mr. Strusz reviewed the document and Mr. Clingingsmith presented the budget, highlighting notable changes from previous years. In addition, Mr. Strusz described how the services in the proposal are designed to be responsive to the needs of our students.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the Board approve the 2016-17 At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program Proposal as presented and approve the 2016-17 request for modified supplemental amount of $741,130. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Witters, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.
2015-16 CERTIFIED BUDGET AMENDMENT PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the proposed budget amendment for 2015-16 and requested approval to amend the current 2015-16 budget as presented. This routine procedure amends the budget to reflect spending of miscellaneous income received during the year, which was not included in the original certified budget for the year; and reflects spending in all districts fund balances to a zero balance at the end of the fiscal year. The amended budget reflects the maximum expenditures the district could incur and pay during the fiscal year.

The public hearing convened at 7:12 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing concluded at 7:13 p.m.


2014-15 AUDIT REPORT: Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the audit report from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the year ended June 30, 2015. The auditors issued an unmodified opinion on the district’s financial statements. An unmodified opinion is the most favorable outcome an entity can receive in an audit report, and states that the financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. No significant control deficiencies or material weaknesses were noted in the audit report.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that the Board accept the audit report from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the year ended June 30, 2015. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Dickson, Witters, Hoskins, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

ESTABLISH EARLIER START TIME FOR MARCH 28 MEETING: In order to avoid conflict with the Senior Band Concert, the start time for the March 28 board meeting will be rescheduled to 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that the start time for the March 28 Board of Education meeting be rescheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Witters, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3): The board entered into exempt session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 8:06 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, March 28, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, April 11, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center
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
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
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