
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Dave Borcherding, Dale Owen, Dick and Juanita Schillig, Michele Jacobson, Upper Iowa University education students, and others.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer 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 shared information regarding Suicide Prevention Awareness Month:

September 2016 is also known as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month which helps promote resources and awareness around the issues of suicide prevention, how you can help others and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm. Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death and it is preventable. One conversation can change a life.

If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts: National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273 TALK (8255) If you are looking for more information, referrals or support: NAMI HelpLine 800-950-NAMI (6264) If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness: Learn more at: http://www.nami.org/

Dr. Spelhaug introduced Dave Borcherding, President of the Pleasant Valley Schools Education Foundation. Mr. Borcherding welcomed Dale Owen, President and CEO of Ascentra Credit Union, and thanked Mr. Owen and Ascentra for their generous support and sponsorship of the Run With Carl, the Booker Bear reading program for first graders, and their endowment which established the Paul Lensmeyer memorial scholarship.

Dick and Juanita Schillig, who founded the Run With Carl event in honor and memory of their son, were present at the meeting. Dale Owen, Dave Borcherding, Dr. Spelhaug, and the board thanked the Schilligs for their tremendous effort and their impact on the community as a result of the many RWC
scholarships awarded through the years. The district also thanks the many volunteers, other sponsors, and especially race participants for making the event a successful family event in our community.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Heather Witters was elected President with a unanimous vote. Jean Dickson was elected Vice President with votes cast by Dickson, Isbell, Wagle, and Witters. Anderson, Cournoyer, and Hoskins cast their vote for Chris Cournoyer. The oath of office was administered to President Witters and Vice President Dickson by the secretary, and to the secretary by the President.

**CONSENT AGENDA, September 12, 2016:** Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The September 12, 2016 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the August 22, 2016 regular meeting.

  **PERSONNEL:** Jennifer Hillman’s letter of assignment as a Special Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary has been increased from 23 to 24 hours per week for the 2016-17 school year.

  Jane Morse’s letter of assignment as an Educational Aid at Riverdale Heights Elementary has been increased from 28 to 29 hours per week for the 2016-17 school year. Amera Brewer is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary effective the start of the 2016-17 school year. Ann Hechler is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary effective the start of the 2016-17 school year. Scott Holmlund has been recommended for probationary employment as a year round part time custodian at Pleasant View Elementary effective August 22, 2016.

  The following certified staff members have earned credits since their contracts were issued and have advanced on the salary schedule for the 2016-17 school year: Emily Backus, Marlise Bosman, Marta Brooks, Mary Tess Brownlee, Katie Casper, Tanise Colvin, Lauryn Deets, Megan Dixon, Emily Duncan, Loretta Gilbeck, Emily Graves, Amber Hall, Leah Hodgin, Josh Hoffman, Amanda Hornick, Bethany Hovland, Heather Jeffers, Mark Jones, Meredith Kennedy, Jennifer Kremer, Jacob Larson, Sarah Larsen, Erin Latoria, Kristin Lopez, Michaela Martens, Keith McConnell, Jeffrey Meyers, Katharine Mulfinger, Kristin Oppel, Cassandra Puls, Bailie Rasmussen, Jenna Rokes, Ruth Roseman, Stacey Ruff, Meghan Ruth, Meredith Skala, LeAnn Sokolik, Ian Spangenberg, Mattew Stutenberg, Jace Teed, Margaret Thompson, Megan Vandersee, Lyra VanLanduyt, Andrew Ward, Laura Wilga, Robert Williams.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADDS:** Francis Dunbar Theatre Lighting and Sound Designer

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Two IN from Bettendorf, one IN from North Scott, one IN from Davenport.
• ANNUAL MEETING:
   1. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at Blackhawk Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
   2. Be it resolved that the Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent be authorized to sign warrants authorized by the Chief Financial Officer to be drawn upon the accounts maintained at First Central State Bank, LeClaire, Iowa.
   3. Appointments of Treasurer and Secretary:
      Joyce Bauwens is appointed as Treasurer of the Pleasant Valley Community School District for a one year term. The term will begin October 1, 2016, and end September 30, 2017.
      Deborah Dayman is appointed as Secretary of the Pleasant Valley Community School District for a one year term. The term will begin October 1, 2016, and end September 30, 2017.
      Secretary and Treasurer will be bonded in the amount of $10,000 as per Code of Iowa, Section 291.2.
      (The oath of office was administered by the secretary to the board treasurer Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 2:15 p.m.)
   4. Appointment of Lane & Waterman as District Legal Counsel.

EXPENSES APPROVED:
Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $289,179.83 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 $69,594.73 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $9,506.89 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $60,256.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,125.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,171,155.79 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 $380,894.13 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 $13,918.17 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,883.02 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WALK ZONE POLICY REVIEW:** Consistent with most years, correspondence is received at the start of the school year from parents dissatisfied with the transportation options available to their child.

Current practice is outlined as follows: The district has established walk zone maps since the origin of the policy. Maps are reviewed as building continues or a zone is challenged. When there is a challenge, the area is measured via odometer from the driveway of the residence in question to the driveway of the school. In that measurement, the odometer needs to click to the 1.1 mile mark for the residence to be excluded from the walk zone. As a result, frustrating situations arise. One is that measuring from the front door of the residence to the front door of the school might make the actual walk exceed 1.1 miles. The 1.1 mile rule is also challenged; some feel anything beyond 1.0 miles should fall outside the walk zone.

Related to this is the procedure followed on courts. It is possible that the deepest house on the court is over 1.1 miles. Currently, if the majority of the court is not over 1.1 miles from the school, then the entire court is considered a walk zone.

Finally, issues arise related to convenience rides. Per policy, if a bus has excess capacity, a child may ride the bus by catching the bus at the closest existing stop. Approved convenience ride privileges are suspended if the bus should reach capacity by students along the established route. Sometimes the established route takes the bus through a walk zone neighborhood after the closest existing stop. Parents question why a convenience stop can’t be added.

The issues are difficult, and care must be taken when changes are made to the walk zone policy. When the policy is altered in one neighborhood, consistent adjustments must be made in every neighborhood. There are financial consequences, as the cost of one bus route is approximately $45,000. Every dollar spent on bussing is a dollar not available for instruction.

Present at the board meeting to share bussing concerns with the board were Janelle Shamrell, Melanie McCalley, and Angela Randolph; each from the Cody’s Hunt neighborhood. Each would prefer that children in the neighborhood are bussed to Bridgeview Elementary. These concerns arose from a mistake being made by Durham Bus Services in creating a bus stop in a non-eligible area.
The board took no formal action, but recommended it be determined whether capacity exists on the existing bus route to accommodate these children according to the “convenience stop” protocol, given the fact that an error was made by the district. Parents were encouraged to contact the city with their concerns about crosswalks and vehicle speeds. Parents will be notified in writing of any future developments.

No required motion.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF BOND BIDS: At the board’s direction, Piper Jaffray & Co. sent out bid packages to financial institutions to solicit bids for the district’s next borrowing. The bids were due at noon Wednesday, September 7th, and on Thursday, Matt Gillaspie of Piper Jaffray reviewed the bids received with Dr. Spelhaug and Mr. Clingingsmith. Three bid options were made available to bidders:

Option A represents a borrowing of $20,430,000 that would be “non-bank qualified”.
Option B represents a borrowing of $10,000,000 that would be “bank qualified” with principal repayments scheduled July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2029 (end-loaded payment structure).
Option C represents a borrowing of $10,000,000 that would also be “bank qualified”, with principal repayments scheduled July 1, 2018 through July 1, 2029 (level payment structure).

The board unanimously approved Option C (the $10,000,000 borrowing), with the following in mind:

1. It is projected that if $10,000,000 is borrowed now, an additional $10,000,000 borrow would be required in the June, 2017 to August, 2017 time frame. The risk of significantly increased interest rates between now and next summer appears to be less than the certain impact of higher interest costs associated with the larger immediate borrow.
2. Bids have not yet been received on the high school project, so the possibility exists that bids could come in higher or lower than projected, therefore impacting the borrowing requirement.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Anderson that the board approve the Resolution Directing the Sale of Bonds based on Bid Option C as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer. Nays - none. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL CHANGE ORDER: Change order #2 for the High School addition and renovation project is an add of $30,210.60 and consists of the following:

1. Add $6,897.00. Provide 800 SF of paving replacement at existing concrete paved area:
   This area was deteriorated prior to the start of construction. It is adjacent to an area damaged during construction and replaced by the contractor, so both repairs were completed simultaneously.
2. **Add $1,603.00**  Rework dust collector ductwork in woodshop - incorrectly specified in original plans.
3. **Add $642.00**  Rework dust collector ductwork on the exterior of the building - incorrectly specified in original plans.
4. **Add $4,471.00**  Add railing around loading dock - fire inspector requirement
5. **Add $2,640.00**  Core out 625 SF of bad soil under new paved area south of the addition
6. **Add $2,618.00**  Core out 532 SF of bad soil under new paved area south of the addition
7. **Add $2,566.00**  Additional costs for revising locksets for classroom security locks.
   Preferred locksets allow staff members to lock to door from the inside of the room.
   Omitted from spec in error.
8. **Add $8,733.60**  Core out 1490 SF of bad soil under new paved area south and east of addition

Including this change order, the project exceeds the $10,000 contingency by $30,170.60.

**Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board approve change order #2 to the High School addition and remodel project in the amount of an add of $30,210.60. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.**

**PLEASANT VIEW CHANGE ORDER:** Change order #2 for the Pleasant View addition and renovation project is an add of $273.00 and consists of the following:

1. **Add $283.00.** Sidewalk design changed to improve drainage and maximize green space.
2. **Deduct $323.00.** Spec called for the block wall to extend to the roof deck. This was not necessary.
3. **Add $488.** Additional costs for revising locksets to classroom security locks.
4. **Deduct $175.00.** Credit for changing roof edging to anodized aluminum (color preference requested by the district).

This change order adds $273 to the cost of the contract. The project now exceeds the project contingency of $25,000 by $4,347.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Hoskins that the board approve change order #2 for the Pleasant View addition and renovation project in the amount of an add of $273. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.**

**CODY CHANGE ORDER:** Change order #2 for the Cody addition and renovation project is an add of $6,231.00 and consists of the following:

1. **Deduct $331.** The contractor recommended a more efficient HVAC route which required less material.
2. **Add $2,525.00.** The original plan was to save a greater amount of original pavement in the parking lot. Elevation changes disallowed that, and additional paving was required.
3. **Deduct $2,370.00.** As with other projects, the contractors specified a type of roofing membrane the district does not use. District’s preferred product is a less costly product.

4. **Add $1,069.00.** Poor soils.

5. **Add $4,219.** The project created a courtyard and the bid did not include plans to finish the space. The JH project forced removal of tables outside the cafeteria, and these tables are going to be integrated into the new Cody courtyard.

6. **Add $1,119.00.** Culvert repair necessary for drainage in ditch area.

With this add, $40,464.00 remains in the contingency fund for this project.

**Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that the board approve change order #2 for the Cody addition and renovation project in the amount of an add of $6,231.00.** Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2015-16 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 2015-16 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 redistributes surplus dollars from districts across the state to those districts experiencing a special education deficit. This supplemental aid is prorated based upon the district’s special education deficit. This request to the SBRC is a standard procedure which occurs each year the district has a special education deficit. The calculated special education deficit for the 2015-16 fiscal year is $452,265. The motion does not specify an amount in case the state makes adjustments to the district’s special education deficit.

**Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson 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 2015-16 special education deficit and a request for supplemental aid based on the amount of the district’s final 2015-16 special education deficit.** Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Board tour of district construction projects 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 26, 2016**

Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

**Monday, October 10, 2016**

Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center
Once again this fall/winter, the City of Riverdale has authorized a controlled bow hunt September 17 – January 10 in the wooded areas surrounding Scott Community College. Hunting will generally take place at dawn and at dusk. E-News and all-district email notifications will be sent.

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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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2016-17 NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Pleasant Valley Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, 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.

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