
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Laurie Brasche, Eric Larew, Laura O’Brien, Gary Mohr, Rita Hart, 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 Wagle congratulated the three Pleasant Valley students who participated in the Quad City Symphony Orchestra’s Concerto Competition. Junior Claire Thomsen, flute, placed first and will be featured soloist with the QCSO in the spring. Senior Ian Aplington, clarinet, placed second and will be featured soloist with the QCS Youth Ensemble.

Director Cournoyer thanked the 18 high school Iowa Girls Code students who taught the “Hour of Code” to 145 third graders on December 7th in celebration of Computer Science Education Week. She also recognized the five First Lego League teams who competed against 123 other teams in a regional contest held December 11th and 12th. One team is advancing to state; each of the other teams won special recognition.

Brian Strusz thanked all district music teachers for outstanding concerts presented during this month.

Dr. Spelhaug reminded the board of the protocol to which the district adheres during cold weather. School closings/delays are likely when low temperature warnings have been issued – but not during low temperature advisories. Our neighboring districts follow the same guidelines.

RECOGNITION: Rita Hart, Iowa Senate District 49, and Gary Mohr, Iowa House District 94, briefed the board on the upcoming legislative session, and responded to questions. The board shared its legislative priorities and their views on a variety of educational topics, including funding, Local Option Sales Tax, and the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

CONSENT AGENDA, December 19, 2016: Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
The December 19, 2016 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular meeting.

- **PERSONNEL:**
  
  **CLASSIFIED:** Angela Brand, Special Education Aide at Hopewell, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 16, 2016; Peggy Eckhardt, previously a food service worker at Bridgeview, is recommended for employment as Cook’s Assistant at Pleasant Valley Junior High effective December 16, 2016; Ronald Groth, Head Custodian at Riverdale Heights, has extended his request for retirement effective date to February 28, 2017; Jody Houghton is recommended for regular employment as a food service worker at Bridgeview Elementary. Her probationary period has been waived since she has served as a substitute in this capacity for the district; Lori Kleindolph, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting January 3, 2017; Melissa See, Special Education Aide at Hopewell, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting January 3, 2017; Amy Schissler, Special Education Aide at Pleasant View, has submitted her resignation effective December 22, 2016; Zachary Stiles, Special Education Aide at Hopewell, has submitted his resignation effective December 9, 2016; Christine Yoerger, Special Education Aide at Hopewell, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting December 16, 2016.

  **CLASSIFIED:** (information only) Olivia St. Claire is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide/Special Education Bus Attendant at Pleasant View starting January 3, 2017.

- **EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

  **ADDS:** Kevin Farrell
  David Kissack
  Stacey Zapolski

  **DROPS:** Jon Keith
  Bethany Hovland
  Kristin Oppel

  **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** 3 open enrollment applications IN from Bettendorf.

- **EARLY GRADUATION PETITION:** Harry Lawrence has submitted petition for early graduation. His request has been reviewed by his counselor and administrators.

- **EASTERN IOWA SCHOOL FOOD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT:** The district has given notice to the Iowa Illinois School Food Cooperative noting that, effective June 30, 2017, Pleasant Valley will no longer be a member. Six Iowa schools have formed their own co-op, the *Eastern Iowa School Food Cooperative*. The contract is valid July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. The district’s participation in a food co-op helps control the overall cost of food and general supplies.
EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Anderson that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $379,650.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $91,619.82 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $10,475.01 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $29,428.57 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 $20,842.00 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 $1,285,813.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $232,678.31 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 $13,165.55 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,805.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017-18 CALENDAR: The calendar structure has been reviewed by district stakeholders, and it has been recommended that, due to the high absence rate on the day preceding Thanksgiving, school not be held November 22. A no school day April 27 is also recommended. April 27 would be added back to the schedule, however, if a snow day make-up is required.

Key dates:
- First day: August 23 (as stipulated by state law)
- Winter Break: December 25 – January 2
- Spring Break: March 12-16
- Last Day: June 1

The board will review the final calendar proposal at the January 9 board meeting; the public meeting and motion to approve will appear on the January 23 agenda.

No required motion.
RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT: EICCD has agreed to sell to the district 0.41 acres of land adjacent to property currently owned by the school district to be used for parking lot expansion. Agreed upon consideration: $10,000 for landscaping and installation of two electronic radar speed signs on the college entrance road. The district will also plant trees along the perimeter of the lot.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the board approve the Resolution for Purchase of Real Estate from Eastern Iowa Community College District as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF 2016 FORD EXPEDITION FLEET VEHICLE: Vehicle bids were sent to eight dealers, and five quotes were received. A 2004 Ford Excursion with 158,882 miles is being traded. Dahl Ford offered the best price after trade; $31,931.00 for an eight passenger vehicle.

Motion by Anderson, second by Isbell that the board approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford Expedition from Dahl Ford; price after trade-in $31,931.00 Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #3, PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Change order #3 for the Junior High addition/renovation is an add of $7,633.31, and includes:

1. Add $575.21..backfilling for bleacher pad
2. Add $713.13..revise pot feeder. This is part of the boiler system which feeds chemicals into the system. The district uses a standard pot feeder for repair and maintenance convenience. This change was necessary to get the type we use across the district.
3. Add $3,250.00..fire marshal requirement. Fire rated glazing required in more areas than specified.
4. Add $3,094.97..the accessible ramp needed to be changed in order to meet the grade of the new addition and allow proper drainage.

$109,103.64 remains in the contingency account.

Motion by Isbell, second by Cournoyer that the board approve change order #3 for the junior high addition and remodel project in the amount of an add of $7,633.31. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #3, CODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Change order #3 for Cody Elementary addition/renovation is an add of $10,568.00, and includes:

1. Add $8,545.00..carpet for hallways instead of vinyl composite tile (VCT). Advantages include noise reduction and reduced maintenance.
2. Add $5,023.00..change door hardware to match district security protocols.
3. Deduct $2,000.00…original counter top specification was not met. This deduct is for
not replacing the counter top.

4. Deduct $1,000.00…waxing which would be required had VCT floors been installed.

$29,896.00 remains in the contingency account.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the board approve change order #3 for the Cody addition and
renovation project in the amount of an add of $10,568.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Wagle, Witters,
Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF 2017-18 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 2017-2018
school year. As part of the application and budget process, 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 2017-18 is $828,638 as compared to
$741,130 in 2016-17. Mr. Strusz reviewed the budget, highlighted changes from previous years, and
described how services are designed to be responsive to the needs of our students.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the Board approve the 2017-2018 At-Risk and Dropout
Prevention Program Proposal as presented and approve the 2017-18 request for modified supplemental
amount of $828,638. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle, Witters,
Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2015-16 CERTIFIED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR): Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the Certified
Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2016, as well as the Communications with
Governance letter and Internal Controls Deficiencies letter.

2015-16 is the first year the district has issued a CAFR instead of a traditional audit report. Advantages
to the CAFR include:

- More thorough, detailed and transparent financial presentation. (Goes beyond the minimum
  information necessary for fair presentation in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting
  Principles (GAAP))
- Inclusion of historical statistical information. (Many schedules include 10 years of data)
- Allows the district to apply to the Government Finance Officers Association for the “Certificate of
  Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” and to the Association of School Business
  Officials (ASBO) International for the “Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting”, which could
  strengthen the district’s position in a bond issuance.

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
(GAAP). No significant control deficiencies or material weaknesses were noted in the audit report.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for November 2016. Through November, General Fund revenue totaled $17,922,528 and expenses totaled $12,953,232. The fund balance in the General Fund at November 30, 2016 was $10,697,825. 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 Dickson, second by Wagle that the board accept the monthly financial reports for November as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Anderson, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, January 9, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center
Monday, January 23, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center

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ASBESTOS NOTICE:

In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 (Public Law 99-519) the School District has had each building inspected by a Certified Asbestos Inspector. In the past year, we have conducted six month periodic surveillance and minor thermo insulation removal at Pleasant Valley High School, Pleasant View Elementary and Bridgeview Elementary.

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RIVERDALE DEER HUNT

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.
**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](http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us), email or call Kelly Hatler, hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.

**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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