PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, February 12, 2018, 5:30 P.M. C.S.T.


Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Wagle, second by Ayers 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 – Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Cournoyer welcomed everyone to the meeting 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 Ayers thanked the district for the opportunity to participate in IASB’s Day on the Hill Legislative Advocacy conference. He had the opportunity to speak with local legislators and share district priorities.

Director Wagle expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to the family of Rebecca Robinson, district parent who passed away February 8th.

President Cournoyer congratulated the First Tech Challenge teams “Deviation from the Norm” for being part of the winning alliance (along with Davenport West and DeWitt Central High Schools) and the “Winter Soldiers” (a team consisting of several PV students) for winning the Inspire Award at the Eastern Iowa FIRST Tech Challenge - Iowa Championship.

Brian Strusz welcomed Foundations of American Education students from Upper Iowa University.

Dr. Spelhaug shared the condolences of the district with the families of Jeff Paul, former Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation board member, who passed away January 31st; Pat Erickson, who served as Director of Food Service from 1973 – 1995 and passed away February 2nd; district parent Rebecca Robinson, and district parent Jon Keener, who passed away February 6th.
Dr. Spelhaug also highlighted the retirement of Orchestra Director Sara Tinsman, and recognized her efforts in helping establish the foundation of the orchestral strings program in the district. He also recognized and thanked Melinda Whigham for her work as a nurse at both Pleasant View and the junior high. Both are retiring at the end of this school year.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered by the Board Secretary to Molly Brockmann, newly appointed Board Director, Director District #4.

**CONSENT AGENDA, February 12, 2018:** Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The February 12, 2018 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular meeting and exempt session, and the January 29, 2018 special meeting.

- **PERSONNEL:**

  CERTIFIED: Kelly Christman is recommended for employment as a Guidance Counselor at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2018-19 school year. Sara Tinsman, Elementary/Junior High Orchestra Instructor, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2017-18 school year. Mary Melinda Whigham, Pleasant Valley Junior High Nurse, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.

  CLASSIFIED: Katherine Moetsch, Educational Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective February 21, 2018.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

**ADDS:**
- Sean Kingery: PVHS Assistant Girls Golf coach
- April Rauch: PVHS Freshman Volleyball coach

**DROPS:**
- Sophia Haarhues: PVHS Freshman Volleyball coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** One IN from Davenport.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $747,327.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $66,764.43 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $10,220.07 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $40,555.02 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $809,121.44 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $19,569.77 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $67,376.82 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $1,879.81 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION: Dr. Spelhaug and Mike Clingingsmith presented to the board information to be considered as the 2018-19 levy rate is established. The effects of a change in the residential rollback percentage and the recent property tax re-valuation were discussed.

The residential rollback percentage decreased from 56.9391% at January 1, 2016 to 55.6209% at January 1, 2017. The rollback percentage defines what portion of a residential taxpayer’s assessed valuation is taxable, so for the next property tax cycle, a smaller portion of residential assessed value is taxable.

Properties are reassessed biannually during odd-numbered years, but in 2017 a more thorough and substantial reassessment was resulting in home assessments increasing, on average, 10%.

The net effect of the rollback decrease and revaluation increase is a tax increase for district taxpayers if the levy rate remains unchanged. To mitigate that increased tax burden, the Board is considering a levy rate decrease. Factors to consider:

- The Legislature is considering an increase in State Supplemental Aid of just 1% for 2018-19. This continues the pattern of substantially underfunding educational program costs.
- Increased operational costs.
- Planning for future staffing needs at Forest Grove Elementary (projected to be open for the 2021-22 academic year) and other needs related to growth.

Discussion will continue at the February 26th Board of Education meeting.

No required motion.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION CHANGE ORDERS: The following change orders net to an add of $484.00 which brings the contingency balance to approximately $314,000.00.
CDMI Concrete Contractors, Inc. Change Order #4: Add of $1,800.00 – Two additional stairs required on east set of exterior gym stairs. This was required so that elevations would match.

Motion by Dickson, second by Wagle that the Board approve CDMI Concrete Contractors, Inc. Change Order #4 in the amount of an add of $1,800 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

FLR Sanders, Inc. Change Order #1: Deduct of $858.00 – Transfer scope to install 4” cove base around track at the gym addition to FloorShow Companies, who will present a corresponding change order.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that the Board approve FLR Sanders, Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of a deduct of $858.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes- Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson. Nays- none. Motion carried.

Schebler Company Change Order #2: Add of $840.00 – Labor and material necessary to supplement Precision Builders clean-up of of administrative addition.

Motion by Wagle, second by Ayers that the Board approve Schebler Company Change Order #2 in the amount of an add of $840.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Precision Builders, Inc. Change Order #6: Deduct of 840.00 – Deduct from clean-up allowance for supplemental labor provided by Schebler Company for clean-up of administrative addition.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that the Board approve Precision Builders, Inc. Change Order #6 in the amount of a deduct of 840.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

River Valley Construction, Inc. Change Order #4: Deduct of $1,208.00 –

- Deduct $750.00 – Eliminate sheet air barrier. Seedorf Masonry installed a fluid applied air barrier and will present a corresponding change order.
- Add $475.00 – Provide additional metal studs, insulation and gypsum board for increased soffit size.
- Deduct $64.00 – 2 ½” studs used in lieu of 4” studs in science room.
- Deduct $140.00 – Credit to remove exposed insulation from soffit space of administrative lobby.
- Deduct $1,160.00 – Credit for sheetrock not required on west side of administrative lobby.
- Add $431.00 – Laminate sheetrock to underside of steel lintel to satisfy fire safety requirement.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the Board approve River Valley Construction, Inc. Change Order #4 in the amount of a deduct of $1,208.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Seedorf Masonry, Inc. Change Order #4: Add of $750.00 – Provide fluid applied air barrier, corresponds with River Valley Construction elimination of sheet air barrier.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the Board approve Seedorf Masonry, Inc. Change Order #4 in the amount of an add of $750.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.
EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS: The board met in closed session from 6:25 – 7:10 for the purpose of discussing negotiations. No motions were made during closed session.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:
Monday, February 26, 2018  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center
Monday, March 26, 2018  Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center
The Pleasant Valley Community School District wishes to highlight the following **Employment opportunities:**

- High School Math Teacher
- High School Speech Teacher
- Junior High Building Nurse
- Elementary Orchestra Instructor
- Transition to Kindergarten Teacher

Part-time custodial positions - School year, 2nd shift; summer, 1st shift.
$17.27 per hour.

Please apply via Employment link at [www.pleasval.org](http://www.pleasval.org)
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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](http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us), email or call Kelly Hatler, [hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us](mailto:hatlerk@pleasval.k12.ia.us) at the Administration Center at (563)332-5550.

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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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