PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, February 26, 2018, 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.


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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Wagle, 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 – Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins. 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.

President Cournoyer highlighted recent legislative action. IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) priorities still being considered by the Legislature include the extension of the state penny sales tax for school infrastructure (SAVE), supplemental state aid, and transportation/District Cost Per Pupil equity. She reminded everyone to contact legislators and advocate for the SAVE and noted that, in addition to funding building renovation and expansion, the district utilizes SAVE dollars to enhance district security.

Dr. Lewis thanked the nine Pleasant Valley teams who participated in the JA Bowl-A-Thon Saturday, February 24. $2,406 was raised and bowlers included Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, Cindy Lewis, Randy Teymer, Jim Spelhaug, Don Fry, John Hoty, Eric Larew, Cari McDonald, Kevin Gaffney, Jessica Scadden, Cassidy Peterson, Jeff Paul, Amanda Maurer, Jennifer Goetz, Marci Hill, Karen Kuriger, Alex Howard, Miranda Copley, Bailie Baker, Kateeya Brown, Robyn Waldron, Larissa Bailey, Jake Grafenberg, Traci Keppy, Abby Meuser, Sarah Vice, Brian DeHoff, Jamie Bice, Mallory Glanzman, Kayla Bartz, Drew Croegeart, Chris Peterson, Rick Larson, Ali Kirsch, Meghan Ruth, Jen Gertson, Kat Schilling, Alex Yank, Erin Merrill, Keaton Connell, Will Hanson, Jess Palmer, Teri Adams, Mindy Alsheikha, and Laurie Brasche.

Dr. Spelhaug addressed school security, and acknowledged that some students and parents in the District were disappointed that a District statement was not issued following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. He reminded everyone of district core beliefs regarding security: We will never assume that it will not happen here. We will prepare best we can and be vigilant. On-site school resource officers, advanced planning, training, partnership with local law enforcement, increased ambiguity in ALICE drills, and infrastructure security measures including real-time cameras, secured entrances, and personal communication devices are some of the safety measures in place. Security concerns are thoroughly and promptly investigated. The District’s partnership with Vera French offers student mental health support. The safety and security of students, faculty and staff always has and always will stand side by side with the educational development of our students as the highest priorities of the district.

Pleasant Valley High School Students representing the #NeverAgain organization formed after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Florida were present to address the board. #NeverAgain is working to prevent gun violence in schools, and has grown into a national student movement. Students Vashi Chintalapalli, Kieshev Wagle, and Lilly Feldman addressed the board. Their recommendations include more frequent ALICE drills, and better communication between students and administration regarding security measures in place.

Dr. Spelhaug reminded the students that we must work closely as a community so that safety concerns are promptly reported and addressed. He reminded everyone of the SAFETY HOTLINE operated by the Bettendorf Police Department for the Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf School Districts. The SAFETY HOTLINE number is 563-344-4469

**CONSENT AGENDA, February 26, 2018:** Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The February 26, 2018 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular meeting and exempt session.

- **PERSONNEL:**

  CERTIFIED:
  
  Jacob Davis, Band Director at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the 2017-18 school year. Mary McCarthy, 5th grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the 2017-18 school year. Zachary Miller is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2018-19 school year. Tony Runkle is recommended for employment as ¾ time District TLS Coordinator / ¾ time Dean of Students at Hopewell Elementary for the 2018-19 school year. Stephanie Seier is recommended for employment as ¾ time District TLS Coordinator / ¾ time Instructional Coach at Riverdale Heights Elementary for the 2018-19 school year.
CLASSIFIED:
Jeanne Hodgin, Head Building Secretary at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her request for retirement after 22 years in the district effective the end of the 2018-19 school year. Pam Karzin, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective March 6, 2018. Jade McWilliams, Special Education Aide/Skills Lab at Pleasant Valley High School, has completed her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective March 1, 2018. Laurie Williams, Secretary/Aide at Pleasant View Elementary, has submitted her request for a one year leave of absence effective the 2018-19 school year.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)
Laurie Hamilton is recommended for probationary employment as a General and Special Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary effective February 21, 2018.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP:
Debbie Claussen, Pleasant Valley High School Family and Consumer Science Year 1 Mentor (2nd semester).

- 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 $1,270,147.53 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 $65,358.67 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $8,560.70 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $21,068.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $17,783.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $64,101.54 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 $4,143.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 5778 through 5782 be issued in the total amount of $37,398.16 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Dickson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $815.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
**FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION:** Following discussion at the February 12th Board of Education meeting, District administration recommended that the district’s property tax levy rate be decreased by $0.30 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. It is important to note that many district taxpayers may still see an increase in property tax due to increased assessments. At the March 26th meeting, a motion will be presented to approve and publish the levy rate, and at the April 9th meeting a motion will be presented to approve the 2018-19 levy rate and budget.

No required motion.

**PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN REVIEW – FRONT DRIVE AND “E” PARKING LOT:** Preliminary design work and cost opinion have been completed for a redesigned high school front drive/drop off lane and finishing of the “E” Lot (baseball/softball parking lot). Bob Jurkowski from IMEG presented drawings of the redesigned front drive which will improve safety, efficiency and drainage in the front drive and offload wait lines from Belmont Road. The Department of Natural Resources and City of Riverdale have required the district to either pave or eliminate the gravel “E” lot near the baseball/softball complex. Given district growth, losing that parking capacity is not a wise option, so the lot is scheduled to be paved during the summer. The combined cost of the projects is estimated to be $1.1 million dollars.


**2018-19 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND OVERLOAD PLANS:** Kindergarten registration occurred at each elementary building February 23rd. Consistent with recent years, it appears certain buildings will be oversubscribed. To address the overload, building assignment will be determined as follows:

1. First preference will go to kindergarteners who have an older sibling(s) in the building.
2. Students within the building walk zone will be assigned next.
3. New for the 2018-19 school year will be to assign to Cody Elementary children who reside within the Forest Grove Elementary boundaries and do not have elementary siblings. These students will then move to Forest Grove when that building is competed (anticipated 2021-22). As a reminder, the Board has established the Forest Grove Boundaries as follows: 
   - South of Interstate 80; east of Middle Road; north of 53rd Street (with imaginary line extending east to Criswell); west of Criswell.

   To determine placement to another building, the following Tie-Breaker Criteria will be used:

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Placement decisions will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

No required motion.

**PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION CHANGE ORDERS:** A change order from Cedar Valley Steel, Inc. in the amount of an ADD of $410.00 has been received to cover installation of a column extension and weld tube steel lintel in the administrative area.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve Cedar Valley Steel, Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of an add of $410.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP STUDIES:** Mr. Strusz reviewed the results of the two most recent graduate follow-up studies: The Two Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2015 and the Six Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2011. He offered some comparisons with data from previous years including any trends and possible implications for change. Information obtained from the surveys has driven new curricular offerings including AP and dual-enrollment courses, STEM opportunities, and American Sign Language.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the board accept the Graduate Follow-up study reports as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes – Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Ayers, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for January 2018. Through January, General Fund revenue totaled $26,833,678 and expenses totaled $21,939,086. The fund balance in the General Fund at January 31, 2018 was $11,333,753. 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 Brockmann, second by Dickson that the board accept the monthly financial reports for January as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS:** The board met in closed session from 8:11 – 9:06 for the purpose of discussing negations. No motions were made during closed session.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**
Monday, March 26, 2018
   Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
   Belmont Administration Center

Monday, April 9, 2018
   Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
   Belmont Administration Center
Exempt session was called to order at 8:11 p.m. by President Cournoyer. Members present: Ayers, Hoskins, Anderson, Wagle, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann. Absent – none. Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Deborah Dayman, Brian Strusz, Mike Clingingsmith, and Cindy Lewis.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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)  
PVCSD is EOE/AA
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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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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