PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
Monday, November 12, 2018; 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.  


Also present: Jim Spelhau, Deborah Dayman, Mike Clingingsmith, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Zimmer, Barb Pischke, Zach Miller, and others.  

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scouts from Hopewell Elementary School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.  

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

Mr. Ayers commended Megan Hershbarger for designing and coordinating the Bridgeview Elementary landscaping project and thanked Bridgeview students and families for lending a hand with the installation.  

Dr. Wagle shared the concern and sympathy of the Board and District with the Banda family. Family members of PV graduates Romya (class of 2018) and Rohit (class of 2013) Banda were injured in an accidental fire which claimed the life of their grandmother.  

President Cournoyer thanked PVHS staff, students, and the American Legion - Buffalo Bill Post #347 for the Veterans Day assembly and rededication of the Veterans Memorial Wall located inside the high school. She thanked Mary Johnson and high school STEM teachers for the opportunity to participate in the Sivyer Steel plant tour. She shared the sympathy of the district with the family of Jeffrey Richland, former district parent who was actively involved in creating and supporting STEM opportunities for PV students and beyond.  

Mr. Strusz congratulated the cast, crew and orchestra of Kiss Me Kate for another successful production. He also recognized the following students selected for Iowa High School Music Association All State:  

IHSMA All-State Band: Aditya Desai (Flute, 2nd year), Sanjiv Iyer (Clarinet), Shreya Khurjekar (Clarinet), Aadil Manazir (Percussion), Sam McGrath (Bass Clarinet, 2nd year), Nico Morales (Euphonium), Amulya Pillutla (Clarinet), Kaitlyn Ryan (Clarinet, 2nd year). Alternates: Lindsay Davison (Bass Clarinet), Nick Kamp (Euphonium), Miranda Miller (Horn), Dilan Nair (Percussion).
IHSMA All-State Orchestra: Ruth Davidson (viola, 3rd year), Dan Kim (violin I), Christina Li (violin I, 2nd year) Connor Miller (bass, 2nd year), Alyssa Paulson (bass, 2nd year) Daniela Rybarczyk (viola, 3rd year), Sarah (Annie) Warner (violin 1, 4th year).

IHSMA All-State Chorus: Grace Almgren, Caden Bennion, Alex Boyd, Nikki Chang, Bradley Hamilton, Charity Jensen, Rachel Lyon, Maegan Neil, Brady Sexson, Ciyanna Wilson, Taze Wilson, Sophis Dahm (2nd year), Dalton Hout (2nd year), Christine Lyon (2nd year) John Mendelin (2nd year) Natalie Murphy (2nd year) Rece Vining (2nd year) Alex Jungers (3rd year) Madison Wells (3rd year).

Dr. Spelhaug congratulated Board President Chris Cournoyer upon her election to the Iowa Senate. He thanked all who participated in the Friends of the Foundation event November 7th and noted that the foundation is approaching the milestone of 100 scholarships available to PVHS graduates. He congratulated Ellen Nelson upon her retirement as assistant building secretary at Riverdale Heights Elementary and thanked her for 24 years of service to the District.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation’s precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and
WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and
WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work diligently to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and
WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine Cournoyer, serving as President of the Pleasant Valley Board of Education do hereby proclaim Nov 12-16, 2018 as the observance of American Education Week.

Signed this 12th day of November 2018.

RECOGNITION: The Board welcomed Hopewell Boy Scouts Cooper Bries and Alex Larsen who visited the meeting in satisfaction of a Building a Better World badge requirement. The Scouts met with President Cournoyer prior to the meeting to learn about school district governance.

RECOGNITION: The Board recognized Spartan Assembly members’ participation in the Student Hunger Drive and welcomed students Natalie Murphy, Lilly Williams, Susan Anil, Angela Pandit, Aabha Joshi, Alton Barber, Margaret Huang, Emerson Peters, Ramya Wubramaniam, Prihanka Srinavasan, Cienna Pangan, Muskan Basnet and advisors Barb Pischke and Zach Miller and celebrated their tremendous success! PVHS won the large school competition, but more importantly, collected 57,859 pounds of food – the equivalent to 125,000 meals. Students thanked PVHS teachers, fellow students, and community businesses who supported food collection efforts. Organizers are especially grateful for the great quantity of “high quality” food items donated (canned fruits and meats; peanut butter). Ms. Pischke reminded the Board that the Student Hunger Drive is a completely student-led effort.

CONSENT AGENDA, November 12, 2018: Motion by Wagle, second by Ayers that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
The November 12, 2018 consent agenda consists of the following:

- **MINUTES:** The approval of minutes of the October 22, 2018 Regular and Exempt Session meeting.

- **PERSONNEL:**
  
  **CERTIFIED:** Emily Backus, Language Arts teacher at Pleasant Valley Junior High, has submitted her resignation effective October 31, 2018. (Ms. Backus has been on maternity leave since the start of the school year.)

  **CLASSIFIED:** Sunny Clifton, educational aide at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Abby Covemaker, educational aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Erika Coyomani, food service worker at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Taylor Fox, educational aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Stephanie Hammers, educational aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Missy Huff, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Meghan Kohn, educational aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Timothy McDonough, part time custodian at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Heidi Moran, educational aide at Hopewell Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Stanley Robert Munn, Building and Grounds Mechanic’s Assistant, has submitted his resignation effective November 23, 2018. Ellen Nelson, assistant building secretary at Riverdale Heights Elementary, has submitted her request for retirement effective December 31, 2018. Alexis Quandt, educational aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Deepa Ramanathan, educational aide at Cody Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Jarrod Richardson, educational aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of his probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Linda Stoehr, food service worker at Pleasant Valley Junior High, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018. Lavanya Vijayaraghavan, educational aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective November 16, 2018.

  **CLASSIFIED (for information only):** Darlene Corchado is recommended for probationary employment as assistant building secretary / educational aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting January 3, 2019. Joshua de la Bruere is recommended for probationary employment in Technology Data Support starting November 19, 2018. Jessica Oliver is recommended for probationary employment as a general education aide at Bridgeview Elementary starting
November 6, 2018. Melissa Rebro is recommended for probationary employment as a special education aide at Pleasant View Elementary starting November 14, 2018.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS: Bill Myatt  PVHS lighting & sound design technician  
      Derek Stecklein  PVHS head baseball coach  

DROPS: Zach Chaplain  PVHS lighting & sound design technician  
       Melissa Martinez  PVHS assistant girls track coach  
       Nicole Palmer  PVHS girls golf coach  

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: one IN from Bettendorf; two IN from Davenport.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $288,432.38 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $48,479.31 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 $62,566.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $62,566.79 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $532,356.09 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $98,989.15 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Internal Service Fund warrants 5873 through 5880 be issued in the total amount of $372,117.49 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Wagle that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $5,515.07 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2018 CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT: Dr. Spelhaug reviewed October 1st count day statistics: Certified enrollment increased 114 students to 5,036. Open enrollment out of the district exceeds open enrollment in by 138 students. Also presented were historical numbers and the enrollment prediction model. Student growth and the state’s unwillingness to adequately increase supplemental state aid continues to put pressure on the District’s local property tax levy. The continued growth of the District further emphasizes the need for legislative extension of the state-wide penny sales tax for school infrastructure.

No required motion.
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The high school renovation and expansion will be complete November 19th, and Cody on November 26th. The public will have the opportunity to tour the high school at an Open House to be held in early January. Additional details will be forthcoming.

No required motion.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHANGE ORDERS:
CDMI Concrete Contractors, Inc. Change Order #5; add of $10,788.00: Three curb islands added to promote safe traffic flow.

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that the Board approve the CDMI Concrete Contractors, Inc. Change Order #5 in the amount of an add of $10,788.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Brockmann, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Floor Show Companies Change Order #3; add of $2,000.00: Labor and material to eliminate height difference from corridor to guidance secretary and waiting areas.

Motion by Anderson, second by Ayers that the Board approve the Floor Show Companies Change Order #3 in the amount of an add of $2,000.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hoskins, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

General Asphalt Construction Change Order #1; add of $6,801.00: Removal and replacement of existing asphalt in lieu of mill and overlay. Soil conditions forced this change.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that the Board approve the General Asphalt Construction Change Order #1 in the amount of an add of $6,801.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Hoskins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Ragan Mechanical Inc. Change Order #12; add of $2,977.00: Duct work redesign to meet fire code.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson the Board approve the Ragan Mechanical Inc. Change Order #12 in the amount of an add of $2,977.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Brockmann, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

River Valley Construction Inc. Change Order #13; add of $767.00: Elevator shaft soffit installation.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the River Valley Construction Inc. Change Order #13 in the amount of an add of $767.00 for the high school addition and remodel project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann. Nays – none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: The Board viewed drawings, project schedule, and the architect’s Opinion of Project Cost for Forest Grove Elementary School. The District has budgeted $17.5 million for a full two section building including enhanced special education facilities and designed for future expansion to a four section building. The basic footprint of
the building will resemble Hopewell Elementary. The District is sharing with the City of Bettendorf construction and engineering costs for common areas (parking, tennis and pickle ball courts). Bids will be let December 13, 2018; construction is projected to begin April 2019 and the building will ready for occupancy starting the 2021-22 school year.


**RECOMMENDATION FOR INVESTMENT OF BORROWED FUNDS:** The District is in possession of funds from the School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2018 dated September 11, 2018, and the General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes, Series 2018 dated October 1, 2018. Fifteen Requests for Bids for the investment of those funds were sent, and seven bids were returned. U.S. Bank offered the most favorable interest rates, and funds will be invested as follows:

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Funds will be expended on current (PVHS & Cody Elementary) and future (Forest Grove Elementary) building projects.

Motion by Wagle, second by Anderson that the Board approve the investment of borrowed funds as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Ayers, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Dickson, Brockmann, Wagle, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**BOARD TRANSITION:** President Cournoyer was elected to serve as Senator, Iowa District 49 and will be sworn in at the state level on Monday, January 14th, 2019. She will resign her Board of Education seat effective December 31st, 2018. The Board must appoint, within 30 days of the vacancy, an individual to fill the Director District #1 board seat until the November 2019 school board election, at which time a director will be elected to fill the remaining portion of the Director District #1 unexpired term until the November 2021 regular election.

Current Vice-President Dr. Nikhil Wagle will be sworn in as Board President and a Vice-President elected at the January 14th board meeting.

The *Resolution of Intent to Appoint Director, District #1 and Publication of Public Notice* will appear on the November 26th board agenda. After that date, individuals interested in applying for the seat should contact Deborah Dayman at Belmont Administration Center at 563-332-5550 x 1018 or daymandeborah@pleasval.k12.ia.us for application materials. Applicants will be invited to the January 14th board meeting for a brief interview, and the Board will appoint a director from that pool. Refer to the PVCSD Director District Boundary map on the district webpage / board / map for delineation of Director District #1.  
[http://www.pleasval.org/pdfs/board/PVCSD_Director_District_Map.pdf](http://www.pleasval.org/pdfs/board/PVCSD_Director_District_Map.pdf)

No required motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.
FUTURE DATES:
Monday, November 26, 2018    Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
                            Belmont Administration Center
Monday, December 17, 2018   Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
                            Belmont Administration Center

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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 Open Enrollment information and application, visit the district website at www.pleasval.org / schools / enrollment or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.k12.ia.us (563)332-5550.

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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 removal of mastic and floor tile at Cody Elementary and removal of mastic, floor tile and mud joints at Pleasant Valley High School.

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The Pleasant Valley Community School District wishes to highlight the following Employment opportunities:

High School
Full Time Custodian – 2nd shift Year Round Position
Part-Time Custodian – 2nd shift Year Round Position
"As assigned", dictated by the needs of the district to deal with snow, emergencies and work load, and can occur 24/7.

Building/Grounds Mechanic's Assistant
Pleasant Valley Maintenance Center
Year-Round Position

Must have or be able to obtain:
• CDL Driver's License
• Commercial Pesticide License
• Pool Operation Certification (C.P.O.)

Bridgeview Elementary
Special Education Preschool Aide 2.5 hours per day

All Buildings: Substitute teachers, educational aides, and custodians

Please apply via Employment link at www.pleasval.org
PVCSD is EOE/AA
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.

James R. Spelhaug, Ph.D.
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