Pleasant Valley Community School District
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
Unofficial Minutes
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Belmont Administration Center
Monday, April 8, 2019; 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.


Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Laura O’Brien, Meghan Ruth, Kai, Matt, Melissa and Vaughn Rebro.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda approved: Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion for exempt session: Motion by Hoskins, 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 – Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Communications: President Wagle 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.

Communications: Jenel Nels congratulated students who participated in the state PTA Reflections competition. Pleasant Valley students were awarded 38 of 73 total state awards presented around the theme “Heroes Around Us”. Ten PV first place winners’ projects will move on to national competition.

Recognition: Kai Rebro, 4th grade student at Pleasant View, wrote the winning essay in WQAD Channel 8’s My Favorite Teacher contest. She and her teacher Meghan Ruth, along with Kai’s family were guests at the meeting. Kai read for the board her winning essay and the board had opportunity to congratulate Kai and thank Mrs. Ruth for her outstanding service to students.

Consent Agenda, April 8, 2019: Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The April 8, 2019 consent agenda consists of the following:

- Minutes: The approval of minutes of the March 25, 2019 regular meeting and executive session.

- Personnel:

  Certified: Emily Jorgensen is recommended for employment at an English teacher at Pleasant Valley High School starting the 2019-20 school year. Alison Kelley is recommended for employment as a 3rd grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary starting the 2019-20 school year. Melissa Miller is recommended for employment as the Bridgeview Elementary and Cody Elementary ELP teacher starting the 2019-20 school year. Jennifer Schlieman is recommended for employment as a 1st grade teacher at Cody Elementary starting the 2019-20 school year.
Allison Wiersema is recommended for employment as a 4th grade teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary starting the 2019-20 school year.

CLASSIFIED: Sally McCloe, Special Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective April 16, 2019.

Nadia Selmani, Food Service worker at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective April 19, 2019. Mark Stoneking, part time custodian at Hopewell Elementary, has been discharged effective March 26, 2019. Leland Zenk is recommended for employment as District Director of Operations starting the 2019-20 school year.

CLASSIFIED (for information only): Kate Franzen is recommended for probationary employment as a special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary effective April 1, 2019.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

**ADDS:**
- Nick Stader: PVJH Assistant Track and Field Coach
- April Rauch: PVHS Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Avery Nelson: PVHS Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- Madison Strusz: PVHS Assistant Dance Coach

**DROPS:**
- Mary Gode: PVHS Theater Costume/Make-up/Hair Designer
- April Rauch: PVHS Assistant Freshman Volleyball Coach

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $309,633.08 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Nels that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $52,116.46 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Anderson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $8,442.78 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $25,580.11 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nels, second by Brockmann that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $7,936.22 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 $1,531.24 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $9,225.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoskins, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 5928 through 5933 be issued in the total amount of $362,379.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Nels that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,041.33 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2019-20 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAXES: Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed the proposed budget and tax levy worksheets. As was discussed previously presented at the February 25 and March 25, 2019 board meetings. The budget reflects a $0.25 decrease in the district’s levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Though a levy decrease, because of the state rollback the impact on property tax payers is not fully mitigated.

President Wagle opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that, at this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, held as provided by law;
And finding that the notice of the time and place of hearing has, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 28th day of March, 2019 in the Quad City Times, and that the affidavit of publication thereof was on file;
And after hearing any resident or taxpayer presenting objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget;
I move that we adopt the attached Budget Summary, together with the property tax levies totaling $13,41138 per $1,000 of taxable valuation for 2019-20. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels, Wagle, Anderson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

2019-20 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT: With the exception of Bridgeview Elementary, kindergarten enrollment at each elementary building is currently within district class size guidelines (22 per classroom). Bridgeview exceeds capacity by four students.

In overload situations, the district will follow district protocol:

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. Bus riders will be considered for reassignment to Cody Elementary with the understanding that the student will return to Bridgeview Elementary for first grade when class size expands to 24 per classroom. Permanent assignment to Cody will be considered.
4. As a part of the process, all parents of students without siblings currently enrolled at Bridgeview will be provided the opportunity to voluntarily enroll their children at Cody.

The Board reviewed reassignment options and Dr. Spelhaug will begin conversations with families regarding assignment to Cody Elementary for kindergarten.

No required motion.

DEBRIEF ON WEATHER RELATED MAKE UP DAYS: Mr. Strusz reviewed with the Board the various ways in which days cancelled for inclimate weather were made up this spring, including cancelling early out days, extending the school day, and adding days to the end of the school year. The Board reviewed the 2019-20 calendar, noting that the first day of school and the last day of school are on a Friday. Should inclimate
weather force school cancellations next year, the Board agreed that eliminating early out days was detrimental to professional development, so would not be an option. Days could be added to the end of the school year, the school day could be extended, or scheduled days off during the school year could be eliminated as a possibility. More discussion will follow at a future board meeting.

No required motion.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM NUTRITION FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (RELATED TO FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT): A permanent transfer of $100,000.00 from the district’s Nutrition Fund to the Capital Projects Fund is recommended to reimburse the Capital Projects Fund (in advance) for a portion of the cost of the Forest Grove Elementary School food service equipment. Total cost of food service equipment required for Forest Grove Elementary School is anticipated to be $297,931.00. The Nutrition Fund will reimburse the Capital Projects Fund for this equipment in two additional annual installments.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Brockmann that the Board authorize a permanent transfer of funds to be made from the Nutrition Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of $100,000.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Hoskins, Nels, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann. Nays – none. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN: 2018 legislation requires that districts develop detailed emergency operations plans by July 1, 2019. Plans must include (but are not limited to) responses to active shooter scenarios and natural disasters. Mr. Strusz updated the board on efforts being made to refine and expand emergency protocols already in place in order to meeting new state requirements. An enhancement includes partnership with NaviGate Prepared. NaviGate Prepared will assist in writing a focused emergency plan and provide immediate electronic access to vital information during an emergency situation.

No required motion.

EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3): The board met in exempt session from 7:35 – 8:42 to discuss negotiations. No action was taken during exempt session.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, April 22, 2019  Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, May 13, 2019  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Administration Center
Exempt session was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Wagle.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels, Wagle. Absent – none.
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman.

**MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION:** Motion by Hoskins, 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 – Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Nels, Wagle, Anderson, Ayers. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**EXEMPT SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS:** The board met in closed session from 7:35 – 8:42 for the purpose of discussing negotiations. No motions were made during closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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

Secondary

High School Guidance Counselor
High School Principal
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.
Secondary math
Secondary science
Junior High Special Education (Strategist II)

All Buildings: Substitute teachers, educational aides, and custodians

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Per Iowa Code Section 285.3, in order to qualify for parental reimbursement, a parent or guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school who furnishes transportation for the student in accordance with this section, shall submit a notice of nonpublic school attendance to the resident public school district, notifying the district that the student is enrolled in and will attend an accredited nonpublic school during the period for which parental reimbursement is being requested. The notice shall be filed with the resident public school district not later than December 1 for the first semester claim and May 1 for the second semester claim each year. Forms which must be filled out in order to qualify for this parental reimbursement are available at the Belmont Administration Center, 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 and on the district website at http://www.pleasval.k12.ia.us. Information needed to complete the form includes the parent or guardian’s name and address, the name, age, and grade level of the student, the name of the nonpublic school and its location and the number of miles one way to transport the child from home to school. Iowa Code Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.
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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