
Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Ray LaFrentz, Brandon Tolle, Matt Stutenberg, Colin Daniels, Megan Vandersee, Mallory Greuel, Doug Chervek, Tom Quinn, Jerod Engler, Jessie Smith.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell 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.

In recognition of American Education Week:

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, Heather Witters serving as President of the Pleasant Valley Board of Education do hereby proclaim Nov 14-18, 2016 as the observance of American Education Week.

Director Wagle recognized students recently inducted into the National Honor Society, and congratulated cast and crew for their performance of Sweeny Todd at the Iowa State Thespian Festival. He also pointed out that for the 4th consecutive year, a Pleasant Valley student (currently Maaz Ahmed) serves on the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board.

Director Hoskins thanked students and staff for the Riverdale Heights Veterans Day celebration. Approximately 40 vets were in attendance. She also congratulated Opus Honor Choir members Shobini Iyer, Leah Mendelin, Ava Burmahl, Matthew Murphy, Lexi Pelzer, Rhema Saddler, Bryce Vining, Megan Neil, Rachel Lyon, Erika Holmberg, Isa Burkhart, Caroline Sierk, Ebby Barber, Beth Mooy, Anna Arms, Ethan Ferry, Ethan Kilcoin, Logan Paul, Gabe Johnson, Ben Curran, Ryan Saddler, Ujan Roybandyopadhyay, Lukas Ager, Taze Wilson, Charlie Crouse, Morgan McCartney, Amy Oberhart, Grace Almgren, Molly Bimm, Dalton Hout, Madeline Murphy, Ciyana Wilson, and John Mendelin.
Director Cournoyer reminded the board of the 8th annual district Robotics Showcase to be held Sunday, November 20, 3:00 – 5:00 at PVJH. She congratulated the high school robotics teams upon their participation in the dual state meet held November 13.

Director Cournoyer attended a seminar hosted by Braking Traffik, a Family Resources program. PVCSD was recognized during the seminar for its commitment to educating students about the reality and dangers of human trafficking as a part of the 9th grade health curriculum.

Dr. Spelhaug extended the sympathy of the board and the district to the family of Jane Crawford-Reavy, who served as an educational aide at the high school 13 years. He congratulated Claire Park upon her repeat state diving championship, and expressed his appreciation to Bullock, Inc. for donating the equipment and manpower necessary to transport the Sweeny Todd set to Cedar Falls for the State Thespian Festival.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Zimmer introduced Pleasant Valley High School Industrial Technology teacher Brandon Tolle and Olympic Steel’s Mallory Greuel. Olympic Steel has graciously agreed to donate 1,000 pounds of sheet stock steel per quarter to be used in our high school Industrial Technology classes. Matt Stutenberg, PVHS Industrial Technology faculty member, explained to the board the ways in which the industrial technology curriculum is being integrated so that the construction, manufacturing and engineering students work collaboratively on projects. Dr. Spelhaug and the board expressed their thanks to Olympic Steel for their support of our community.

CONSENT AGENDA, November 14, 2016: Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The November 14, 2016 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the October 24, 2016 regular meeting.

- PERSONNEL:

The following classified employees are nearing the end of their probationary employment period and are recommended for regular employment starting November 16, 2016:

Lisa Fulton, Special Education/Educational Aide, PVJH; Amy Fox, Special Education Aide, Pleasant View; Jessica Kapanowski, Special Education Aide, Pleasant View; Michelle Garris, Special Education Aide, Hopewell; Amera Brewer, Special Education Aide, Hopewell; Lara Dague, Special Education Aide, Hopewell; Scott Holmlund, Custodian - Part-time, Pleasant View; Francis Dunbar, Educational Aide, PVHS; Thomas Isaacson, Academic Interventionist, PVHS; Janis Curran, Special Education Aide, Riverdale Heights; Anna Kronenberger, Special Education Aide, Riverdale Heights.

CLASSIFIED: David Kuster, Special Education Aide at Bridgeview Elementary, has been recommended for a contract extension of four hours per week effective November 14, 2016.
CLASSIFIED: (information only) Ann Dubin Hechler, Special Education Aide at Hopewell Elementary, has submitted her resignation effective November 22, 2016.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDs: Jeremy Bowling Assistant High School Wrestling .5
       Jamey Fah Assistant High School Wrestling .5

DROPS: Trevor Zahn High School Wrestling

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: Two open enrollments IN from Davenport.
- IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE STUDENT TEACHING/PRACTICUM AGREEMENT

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $448,658.27 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $78,017.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $7,038.72 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $56,841.03 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, 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 Wagle, second by Hoskins that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $88,437.31 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Isbell that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $653,226.51 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that Internal Service Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $17,896.39 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Cournoyer that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $9,940.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT - UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND FINAL BUDGET: Dr. Spelhaug updated the board on developments related to the design, planning, and budgeting for the proposed high school expansion. Currently the “ALL IN” budget for the project is $20,000,000. The “ALL IN” budget includes construction, architectural fees, and construction management fees. Not included are furniture, landscaping, and technology.

It has become apparent that the “ALL IN” budget must increase by approximately 10%, or the project must be scaled back. Increases include:

- **New east parking lot expansion:** The original intent was to expand the new east parking lot year-by-year over five years. Initial construction began during summer 2015, and the lot was expanded during summer 2016. However, as it has become apparent that the contractors will require the entire existing east parking lot for construction equipment, vehicles, supplies, and staging, that lot will be unavailable for parking for approximately 18 months. To satisfy parking requirements, a complete build-out of that lot is required now. Note that the full cost of the lot is reflected in the district’s 5-year plan, so this difference represents a budgetary timing difference.

- **Contingency fund:** This project will be administered via the Construction Management model. The CM model does not build into the budget a contingency fund as the more traditional General Manager model would. Therefore, contingency costs must be independently budgeted.

- **As design of the building progressed, certain structural necessities came to light,** including retaining wall requirements, deeper footings to accommodate future expansion, and steel lintels and columns to replace load bearing walls being removed as a part of the interior remodeling and repurposing.

- **Fire and energy code requirements dictate interior and exterior wall and door choices, finishes, and treatments.**

- **Certain aesthetic features have been reconsidered.** It is the goal of district administration and of the Board to build a building that is highly functional, aesthetically pleasing and a building which will serve generations of students over many decades.

Present were Doug Chervek, FRK Architects + Engineers, and Tom Quinn, Jerod Engler, and Jessie Smith of Bush Construction to address the board’s questions.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the board accept the High School expansion/renovation project construction documents as presented by FRK Architects + Engineers and Bush Construction, and authorize the Architect and Construction Manager to receive bids. Roll call vote. Ayes – Wagle, Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.
2015-16 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: The board reviewed information being submitted to various stakeholders reporting the district’s annual progress for the 2015-16 school year, including

- Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Report
- The district’s Annual Progress Report
- PVCSD Indices of Excellence

Mr. Strusz highlighted the following:

- 63% of our teachers have master’s degrees
- Demographic changes bring valuable diversity and educational opportunities to our students
- Average daily attendance K-8: 96.7%
- High school graduation rate: 97.7%, statewide rate is 90.8%
- High school dropout rate: 0.5%, statewide rate is 2.5%
- The continued commitment to class size at the elementary level (K = 22, grades 1-3 = 24, grades 4-6 = 25) has benefitted student achievement.
- Iowa assessment results show increases at every grade level, for every test, with the exception of one grade.

The complete Annual Progress Report will be available on the district website.

Mr. Strusz reminded the board that the district places value on finding a place for every child not only academically, but also extra-circularly, as academic success goes hand-in-hand with the social and emotional well-being of our students.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Wagle that the Board approve the annual progress report (APR) documentation as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Cournoyer, Dickson, Hoskins, Isbell, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, November 28, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center
Monday, December 19, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Belmont Administration Center
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.

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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, 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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