

**PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER**  
Monday, March 28, 2016 5:30 P.M. C.D.T.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Isbell, Witters. Absent: Anderson.

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Mike Zimmer, Mike Peakin, Beth Marsoun, Stephanie Risius, Tate Featherstone, and others.

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

**MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION:** Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell 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 –Witters, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. 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.

Director Cournoyer congratulated the boys basketball team who place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state tournament. Pleasant Valley was awarded the Sportsmanship Award, and Will Carius was named captain of the class 4-A All-Tournament Team. She thanked the pep band members and directors for their enthusiastic participation.

She also congratulated *Deviation from the Norm* First Tech Challenge team who won “Most Uniques Design” and, for the second time, the Rockewell Collins Innovate award at Super Regionals in Cedar Rapids. Thank you to coaches Matt Stutenberg and Grant Housman as well as mentors Austin Laugen, Loran Stutenberg and Zack Schony.

Brian Strusz extended congratulations to PVHS Jazz Choirs *Jazz Etc.* (3<sup>rd</sup> place, class 4A), and *The Leading Tones* (fourth place, class 4A), who performed Tuesday, March 29 at the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships in West Des Moines. Outstanding Musician Awards were awarded to April Bennion, Michael Guhin, Roshni Nair, Brendan Roethler, Cate Byrne, Ellie Kurth, and Caitlin Lyon.

Dr. Spelhaug updated the board on storm damage sustained March 15. Damage to the roof of the main gymnasium led to flooding of the gym floor. Replacement of the roof, and likely the floor, is required. Hail damaged one of the chillers. The wireless tower at the junior high was also damaged. The high school administration is working to find alternative locations for events.

Stephanie Risius and a group of “Roamin’ Spartans” who travelled to Peru during spring break shared their experiences. Prior to their departure, the students collected items for Voices4Peru, an outreach founded and directed by PV alumnus Daniel Klopp. Ms. Risius shared with the board a letter from Mr. Klopp in which he expressed his highest gratitude for the many donations collected by PV students for the children and families served by Voices4Peru. <http://www.v4peru.com/>

Director Anderson arrived at 5:55 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting.
- PERSONNEL: The following personnel items were recommended for approval:

Jennifer Assadi, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Jennifer Clemons, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Caryn Dahm, Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Lindsay Moore, Special Education Aide at Riverdale Heights Elementary, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Jennifer Voss, Cook’s Assistant at Pleasant Valley Junior High, will complete her probationary period on March 31, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting April 1, 2016; Ann Osborn, Choral Accompanist at Pleasant Valley High School, has resigned her position effective March 25, 2016; Kenneth Ehlers, part-time custodian at Pleasant View Elementary, has resigned his position effective March 7, 2016.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

ADDS: Ryan Tumey Bridgeview Robotics  
Chris Cournoyer Cody Robotics  
Teresa Barber Riverdale Heights and Elementary Robotics  
Coordinator

DROPS: Matthew Boots Assistant Varsity Volleyball  
Mara Cantrell-Paulson co-Theater Technical Advisor, Light/Sound Designer

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: One open enrollment IN from Bettendorf; three open enrollments IN from Davenport for 2015-16. One open enrollment IN from Bettendorf for 2016-17.
- STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT: University of Northern Iowa, Luther College.

## **EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$483,024.21 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$70,755.22 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Wagle that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$22,169.52 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$73,340.60 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Cournoyer that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$230.00 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 \$254,224.90 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$159,289.45 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Isbell that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,172.07 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO-INSURANCE DISCUSSION:** Tate Featherstone of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. presented to the board a new option for the district's commercial insurance package (property, liability, auto, crime, cyber, etc. insurance). For more than twenty years, the district, along with most Iowa school districts, has participated in the IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) sponsored "Safety Group" insurance program administered through EMC Insurance. A new model offered by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., the "Iowa Public Schools Insurance Program" (IPSIP), has been operational for several years. Mr. Featherstone reviewed the mechanics of the program and provided a coverage comparison. The main purpose of the presentation was to inform the board of this option and to seek approval from the board to further investigate and consider this option.

No required motion.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PROPOSED 2016-17 CERTIFIED BUDGET SUMMARY AND ESTABLISH DATE FOR 2016-17 CERTIFIED BUDGET HEARING:**

At several previous meetings, the board discussed and came to consensus regarding a \$0.20 decrease in the district's levy rate (rounded to the nearest penny) for the 2016-17 fiscal year. At the current meeting, board authorization is required so that the Chief Financial Officer can publish the proposed budget summary in the newspaper as

required by law. The date and time of the public hearing and adoption of the certified budget for 2015-16 must be established. A copy of the proposed budget summary will be published in the March 31, 2016 *Bettendorf News*.

Motion by Dickson, second by Isbell that the Board direct the Chief Financial Officer to publish a proposed budget summary reflecting a tax levy rate not to exceed \$14.14425 per \$1,000 taxable valuation and to establish a date and time of April 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. CDT to hold the required public hearing and adopt the certified budget for 2016-17. Roll call vote. Ayes – Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Isbell. 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 2013 and the Six Year Follow-Up Study for the Class of 2009. Comparisons with data from previous years was presented, including trends and possible implications for change.

The data is viewed with two main questions in mind: How can the data be used to improve student achievement, course offerings, and the overall educational experience at PV, and how should the data be viewed to ensure the district is getting a true picture of successes and concerns?

Decisions surrounding new course offerings are heavily influenced by the surveys, such as offering dual enrollment courses in partnership with Scott Community College, AP courses, Project Lead the Way courses and other general electives. In addition, the district reviews the perceptual data in skill areas such as technology, study skills, career awareness and problem solving.

Mr. Strusz also introduced the nonprofit organization *National Student Clearinghouse*, a leading provider of educational reporting, data exchange, and verification, providing educators with longitudinal data on student outcomes. The clearinghouse has reported that of the graduating seniors who chose to delay entry into post-secondary educational programs (vocational school, junior college, university), fewer than 5% ever actually complete a program. The district will renew efforts to guide every student to appropriate post-secondary opportunities so that they are equipped to meet ever-changing demands of the workplace. The important emphasis is that our high school diploma is more a stepping stone than a milestone.

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

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Clingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for February 2016. Through February, General Fund revenue totaled \$26,992,004 and expenses totaled \$24,544,602. The fund balance in the General Fund at February 29, 2016 was \$7,850,284. 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 Dickson, second by Isbell that the board accept the monthly financial reports for February as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes –Isbell, Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3):** The board entered into exempt session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, April 11, 2016                      Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, April 25, 2016                      Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 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 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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**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.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Pleasant Valley Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, 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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