

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, February 8, 2016– 5:30 P.M. C.S.T.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Isbell, Witters. Absent: none

Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Brian Strusz, Stephanie Judkins, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Chris Welch, Cyndy Behrer, Andrea Mahler, Bailie Rasmussen, Miranda McKenna, Alexandra Howard, Meredith Kennedy, Michaela Martens, Karin Mullen, 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, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson, Isbell. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Witters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

District parent Aaron Brooks addressed the board regarding concerns at Bridgeview and the performance of the superintendent.

Director Anderson shared with the board the recognition Riverdale Heights Elementary received for their “Be the Change” cancer fundraising campaign. More than \$3300 was raised. Blake Anderson, organizer of the effort, will be recognized with a Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist medallion.

Director Cournoyer congratulated robotics participants. Two high school teams led by Matt Stutenberg competed against over 20 other teams from the Qaud Cities and Iowa City area at the regional championship held at Davenport West High School. *Deviation from the Norm* placed first and received the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award for excellence in design. *Everything that’s Radical* received the Inspire award, the highest honor awarded to the best overall team for robot performance, implementation of the engineering design process, community outreach, and gracious professionalism at the competition. Pleasant Valley participants earned two of five spots at the state competition to be held March 5th in Iowa City.

Gracious Professionalism is part of the ethos of FIRST. (FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)) It’s a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. With Gracious Professionalism, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions.

Theresa Barber's *Flourish and Bots* Team from PVJH qualified for the World Championship in St. Louis after winning the Iowa state championship. Of 29,000 First LegoLeague Robotics teams around the world, 108 teams are selected to participate in the World Championship. 20,000 people from 40 countries will be in attendance. Congratulations!

The board on behalf of the district extended condolences to the family of district parent Brian Hixson.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Wagle, 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 January 25, 2016 regular meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:** The following personnel items were recommended for approval: Donna Dudley, Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted her letter of resignation/retirement effective the end of the 2015-16 school year after 28 years with the district. Kenneth Ehlers, part-time custodian at Pleasant View Elementary, will complete his probationary employment period on February 15, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting February 16, 2016. Wendy Williams, Special Education/Educational Aide at Pleasant Valley Junior High, will complete her probationary employment period February 15, 2016 and is recommended for regular employment starting February 16, 2016. Dan Bussell, part-time custodian at Hopewell Elementary, has been recommended for 2.5 additional hours per week. Johnnie Bunce, part-time custodian at Hopewell Elementary, has been recommended for 2.5 additional hours per week

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

<u>ADDS:</u>	Dallas Duwa	junior high track coach
	Jake Grafenberger	head sophomore baseball coach
	Catherine Keech	junior high track coach
	Ron VenHorst	head high school girls golf coach

<u>DROPS:</u>	Chris Kohn	junior high track coach
	Jennifer Lauritsen	junior high track coach
	Randy Teymer	assistant high school boys golf coach

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT:** One open enrollment application in from Bettendorf and one open enrollment application in from Davenport for the 2015-16 school year.

**EXPENSES APPROVED:**

Motion by Dickson, second by Hoskins that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$118,737.37 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer, second by Wagle that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$56,913.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoskins, second by Dickson that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$6,706.35 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Cournoyer that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$18,956.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wagle, second by Dickson that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$200,498.85 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Isbell, second by Anderson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$18,403.57 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cournoyer second by Hoskins that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$556.05 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FORUM: PRESENTATION BY MIKE MALONEY, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Phase I of our exploration of the Construction Management model continued with a presentation by Mr. Maloney, who has, over the course of his career (including his time with the Davenport School District), directed many projects using both the Construction Management (CM) model and the Design Bid Build (DBB) model. He is of the opinion that the scope of the project dictates the decision to engage a Construction Manager. In his experience, both models can be cost effective. Important to consider is the additional internal recordkeeping required of the district when employing the CM model. He has found that the CM model can produce more detailed and accurate bid documents because the builder and mechanicals designers participate with the architect in initial planning and design. He stressed the importance of a strong working relationship between the district and the CM.

No required motion.

**2016-17 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Andrea Mahler, Food Service Director, presented recommended breakfast and lunch price increases for the 2016-17 school year. The price increase is driven by requirements put in place by the federal government to reduce the gap between paid meals and federally subsidized meals.

	Current	<i>Proposed</i>
<u>Breakfast</u>		
Elementary	\$1.55	<b>\$1.65</b>
Junior High/High School	\$1.70	<b>\$1.80</b>
<u>Lunch</u>		
Elementary	\$2.25	<b>\$2.35</b>
Junior High	\$2.35	<b>\$2.45</b>
High School		
Tier 1	\$2.65	<b>\$2.75</b>
Tier 2	\$2.90	<b>\$3.00</b>

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that the board approve the recommended increase of \$0.10 for all student breakfasts and lunches for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Isbell, Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle, Dickson. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOM**

**REMODELING PROJECT:** After a brief overview of the project, President Witters opened the public hearing at 6:10 for comments from taxpayers. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 6:11.

**PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOM REMODELING PROJECT**

**BIDS:** Bids were received from eight general contractors on January 26, 2016 for the second phase of the Pleasant Valley High School Restroom Remodeling Project. The low bidder was Precision Builders, Inc., of LeClaire, Iowa with a base bid of \$201,994.00. The bids ranged from \$201,994.00 to \$248,000.00. The bid is within our Five Year Capital Projects Plan budget for the project.

Motion by Wagle, second by Hoskins that the board approve the low bid of \$201,994.00 from Precision Builders, Inc. for the Pleasant Valley High School restroom remodeling project. Roll call vote. Ayes – Dickson, Isbell, Witters, Anderson, Hoskins, Cournoyer, Wagle. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**2016-17 PRESCHOOL UPDATE:** Pleasant Valley Preschool Program teachers Bailie Rasmussen, Miranda McKenna, Alexandra Howard, Meredith Kennedy, and Michaela Martens presented the foundational learnings and practices of our preschool as well as the planning that has taken place to open a second district-wide preschool at Hopewell Elementary beginning in 2016-17. The district’s preschool program is primarily an educational needs-based program, and prospective students are screened in the spring. Interested families should consult the district website for complete information and registration materials. <http://pleasval.org/pv-preschool/>

No required motion.

**SCIENCE UPDATE** has been rescheduled for February 22, 2016.

**EXEMPT SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS, CODE OF IOWA, SECTION 20.17(3):** The board entered into exempt session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations, and returned to open session at 6:48 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, February 22, 2016                      Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
(note earlier start time)  
Belmont Administration Center

Monday, March 7, 2016                      Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Belmont Administration Center

**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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**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.



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