

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING, BELMONT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Monday, March 8, 2010 – 6:00 P.M. C.S.T.
Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Dayman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Archer, Bullock, Dayman, Dohmen, Huegel, Paulsen, Witters. Absent: None. Also present: Jim Spelhaug, Cyndy Behrer, Mike Clingingsmith, Chris Harvey and others.

EXEMPT SESSION: Motion by Witters, second by Huegel 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, Archer, Bullock, Dayman, Dohmen, Huegel, Paulsen. Nays – none. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Bullock, second by Paulsen to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Dayman welcomed those present.

Cyndy Behrer congratulated PVCHS Mock Trial teams who will advance to State. She also congratulated student and staff for raising contributions district wide totaling over \$6700 for Haitian relief.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Dohmen, second by Bullock that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consists of the approval of the minutes of the February 22 regular meeting; the resignation of Michelle Childers as a food service employee at Pleasant View; and the extra-curricular add of Ron Ven Horst as assistant girls track coach and the drop of Chris Kohn as assistant girls track coach.

EXPENSES APPROVED: Motion by Witters, second by Bullock that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$1,403,001.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bullock, second by Huegel that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$37,460.61 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dohmen, second by Bullock that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$5,986.12 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Huegel, second by Paulsen that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$29,311.41 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Dohmen that a Management Fund Warrant be issued in the total amount of \$83.24 in payment of the invoice presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Witters, second by Bullock that PPEL Fund Warrants be issued in the total amount of \$5,022.76 in payment of the invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Archer, second by Dohmen that Trust Fund Warrants be issued in the total amount of \$2,413.84 in payment of the invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE HOURS REQUIRED FOR A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY FROM 30 TO 35 PER WEEK: Dr. Spelhaug reminded everyone of the current and ongoing negative impact of the state's 10% across the board cut. The district has made significant cuts including the delay in opening Hopewell school, restructuring of positions, delaying replacement of positions, and the elimination of positions. Through all these decisions, the goal has been to preserve the educational program. While the recommendation to increase the hours required for classified employee insurance eligibility from 30 to 35 per week is a very difficult one, it would result in a savings of approximately \$85,000. The district had hoped to accomplish this over time through attrition but the state's cuts usurp that possibility. If the proposal is approved, the employees will stay on the district's insurance until September 1, 2010. At that time they will be eligible to stay on the district's insurance via COBRA for eighteen (18) months. Currently, fourteen employees are impacted. Various employees expressed their views. Board members shared their thoughts, including that this decision is financial and not based on the performance of the individuals impacted. The proposal will be on the March 22 board agenda for a vote.

2010-11 LEVY RATE DISCUSSION: Discussion was held relative to a tax levy rate increase with scenarios using a range from \$0.50 to \$1.00. The board has worked hard to balance the needs of the educational program with maintaining as low a levy rate as possible. Our levy rate has been the lowest in Scott County for a number of years. (Currently Pleasant Valley is 13.99; North Scott 14.52; Bettendorf 14.85 and Davenport 17.09.) The cuts by the state effectively push the state's school finance responsibility on to the local property tax payers. The board will vote on this issue at the March 22 meeting.

EXEMPT SESSION: The board met in exempt session from 7:29 – 8:26 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

FUTURE DATES: Monday, March 22, 2010 7:00 p.m. – Next Board Meeting.