

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the August 25, 2022  
Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 9-8-2022

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on August 25, 2022 and called to order by President Susan Kresge at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Roger Pomposello followed by a moment of silence. Mrs. Kresge announced the passing of a 25-year PV employee as well as a spouse of a long-time employee and asked all to keep Pleasant Valley families in their thoughts and prayers. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Conference Room, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322 and via Zoom.

**Roll Call – School Board Recorder:** Ms. Debra Duff

**School Board members in attendance:** Mrs. Susan Kresge, Mr. Todd Kresge, Mr. Norm Burger, Ms. Teresa Greggo, Mr. Michael Galler, Mrs. Diane Serfass, Mrs. Melanie Zipp. Absent: Mr. Delbert Zacharias.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Mr. Alex Sherenchock, Network Administrator, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. Michael McMullen, Assistant Director of Special Education, Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Lori Hagerman, Curriculum Supervisor, Kyle Bonser, Director of Athletics, Marcia Taylor, Accountant.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Mr. Brian Boylan, Ms. Kendal Askins, Mr. Jason Van Voorhis, Mr. Roger Pomposello, Ms. Sabrina Albright, Mr. Tim McCuthan, Ms. Josephine Fields.

**School Solicitor in attendance:** Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

## **Notification of Executive Session:**

Mrs. Susan Kresge announced that an executive session was held on August 25, 2022 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for the purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Board Secretary**

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on August 11, 2022; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of August 25, 2022.

VOICE VOTE: 6-0-1 CARRIED  
Abstained: Mrs. Kresge

Mrs. Kresge announced the meeting procedures and an opportunity was given for Pleasant Valley to address the Board on agenda items:

## **Pleasant Valley Citizens – (Agenda items):**

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, addressed his concerns about the fund accounting; plan for cyber school students; costs of cyber school.

End of public comment.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass**

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #4.A. – Accounts Payable August 25, 2022, as attached.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.**

**Other:** Mrs. Kresge stated that the calendar has been received and took this opportunity to personally thank Mrs. Franklin for her work on the calendar. She also thanked Mr. Morris and others for their dedication and hard work when meetings were held in the high school.

Mrs. Kresge addressed the Board vacancy and stated that the deadline to provide resumes was August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM and that the Board has received seven resumes. She opened discussion on how to proceed with interviews, etc. Mr. Burger raised the question of whether to interview either the top 3 or 4, or to interview all seven applicants. Mrs. Serfass, Mr. Galler, Ms. Greggo, Mr. Kresge, and Mrs. Zipp all agreed that in the interest of transparency, all seven applicants must be interviewed. Mrs. Kresge said that, as in past practice, a special meeting should be scheduled. All agreed that a special meeting be scheduled for Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. Questions are to be submitted to Mrs. Kresge by Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Mr. Fitzgerald proposed that the process would be to randomly select an order for which applicants will be interviewed followed by Board deliberation and selection of the individual.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mr. Todd Kresge** – No report.

**Colonial IU20: Mr. Michael Galler** – No report.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Mrs. Melanie Zipp** – No report.

**Education Committee: Mrs. Susan Kresge** – No report.

**Finance Committee: Mr. Norm Burger** – Mr. Burger stated that financial updates will be provided on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – No report. Ms. Greggo asked Mr. Bonser to provide information on Hometown Ticketing. Mr. Bonser explained the process and pricing for those wishing to use Hometown Ticketing to purchase tickets for sporting events. He said that it will be live on August 29<sup>th</sup> and a video has been produced and will be on our website. Mr. Bonser addressed questions and discussion was held concerning, among other things, season passes; process for postponement of games; technology needs; process for entry and re-entry; and ability to pay cash at the gate.

**Policy Committee: – Mrs. Diane Serfass** – No report.

Mrs. Kresge referred to Agenda item #7.B. – 2022-2023 Superintendent Goals. She reviewed the top three priorities – Student Achievement: To provide evidence of individual and collective student data that shows growth and improvement; Communication: The Superintendent will put communication with stakeholders at the forefront of the District’s efforts to continue to build trust and strengthen lasting relationships that benefit student learning; and Facilities Planning: The Superintendent will prioritize the top facility needs of the District and develop a plan to finance and execute.

**SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. James R. Konrad**

Dr. Konrad reminded all that this is the last Zoom meeting and stated that all future Board meetings will be in person, recorded and uploaded on our website within 48 hours of the meeting. In addition, Dr. Konrad stated that a question and answer session will take place during the next Board meeting by answering community questions submitted in advance of the Board meeting. The Agenda is available to view on Monday the week of the Board meeting. He said that a Google link will be on our webpage for community to submit questions on agenda items and other concerns and answers will be given at the meeting. Dr. Konrad said that community members will have until midnight Tuesday evening to submit questions and responses will be prepared for the Board meeting. In addition, Dr. Konrad stated that questions can also be asked prior to the monthly District Planning meetings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #7. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.A. – Second Reading and Approval of Policies:

- Policy 006 Meetings
- Policy 204 Attendance
- Policy 216 Student Records

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #7.B. – Informational: 2022-2023 Superintendent Goals.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. Rae Lin Howard**

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork)

Appointment herein and the District's obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions approved in this motion(s) is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor's Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved herein shall be paid a pro-rata amount of the stipends herein based on the percentage of the season/activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Michael Hansen	Boys Soccer	JH Assistant	L1	\$3,400.00
2.	Joelle McKeever	Field Hockey	JV Assistant	L1	\$4,550.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – Affiliation Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Keystone College.

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Resignations:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Loretta Cofield-Meade	Monitor Substitute Food Service Employee Substitute Monitor	PVHS	August 29, 2022
2.	Jennifer Keller	Business & Family & Consumer Science Teacher	PVHS	October 12, 2022
3.	Catherine Kurczeski	Bookkeeper	Admin	August 18, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – Recall and Remove from Support Staff Furlough List:

1.	Name:	Jonathan Lopez
	Building:	PVMS
	Position:	Monitor
	Replace:	Loretta Cofield-Meade

Prior to the roll call vote, Ms. Greggo questioned Mr. Bonser about any updates on coaching staff which Mr. Bonser addressed.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #8.F. – Informational: Professional Staff Building Transfers for 2022-2023 School Year:

1.	Name:	James DeVivo
	Current Building:	PVMS/PVHS
	New Building:	PVHS

Agenda item #8.G. – Informational: Support Staff Building Transfers for 2022-2023 School Year:

1.	Name:	Joanne Massa
	Current Building:	PVHS
	New Building:	PVMS
2.	Name:	Janet Dooner
	Current Building:	PVHS
	New Building:	PVMS

**ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. Rae Lin Howard**

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Addendum item #9.A. – Personnel items:

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Christine Blomberg
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES / Floater
	Effective Date:	TBD
2.	Name:	Jacqueline Fratta
	Position:	Food Service Employee

	Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	TBD
3.	Name:	Carol Rauchet
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS / Floater
	Effective Date:	TBD

Approval of Addendum item #9.C. – Hiring of Professional Staff Substitute: Sarah Rodvelt.

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

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	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Lisa Wojton	Cross Country	JH Assistant	L1	\$2,700.00
2.	Damarcus George	Boys Soccer	Varsity Assistant	L1	\$4,550.00
3.	Hope Sasz	Marching Band	Assistant	L2	\$3,112.50

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching (pending receipt of required paperwork):

Appointment herein and the District’s obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions approved in this motion(s) is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor’s Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved herein shall be paid a pro-rata amount of the stipends herein based on the percentage of the season/activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Anna Morton	Boys Soccer	Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00 per event
2.	Kaitlin Freeman	All	Substitute Event Worker	per event rate
3.	Christopher Jarrow	All	Substitute Event Worker	per event rate
4.	Afton Bonser	All	Substitute Event Worker	per event rate
5.	Robert Constantinou	Football	Varsity Announcer	\$40.00 per event
6.	Jonathan Smith	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event

Approval of Addendum item #9.F. – Athletic Volunteers:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
1.	Joe Akob	Volleyball
2.	Kassidy McKeever	Field Hockey

Approval of Addendum item #9.G. – Student Activities:

1.	Club/Activity:	GAPP/German National Honor Society/Delta Epsilon Phi
	Co-Advisor:	Coleen Dinan
	Co-Advisor:	Shannon Mackes

Approval of Addendum item #9.H. – Resignation:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Laura Tomeo	School Counselor	PVES	On or before October 21, 2022

Approval of Addendum item #9.I. – Start Date Correction:

1.	Name:	Kristen Kram
	Position:	Social Worker
	Correct Start Date:	September 12, 2022
	Previously Approved:	August 11, 2022

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Addendum item #9.J. – Informational: Professional Staff Building Transfers for 2022-2023 School Year:

1.	Name:	Todd Urand
	Current Building:	PVES
	New Building:	PVIS
2.	Name:	Heather Aardewijn
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVIS
3.	Name:	Loretta Snyder
	Current Building:	PVHS
	New Building:	PVMS

**CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda-**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #10. – Curriculum & Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #10.A. – PVMS Math Textbook Discard: Discard/donation of out-of-date, no longer used math textbooks and videos/DVDs, as listed, from PV Middle School.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper –**

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #11. – Operations items:

Approval of Agenda item #11.A. – Facility Usage Requests:

A.	Organization	Girls on the Run
	Facility Requested	PVMS outside run/walking area, PVMS Cafeteria (weather location)
	Purpose	Running/walking program
	Dates/Times	September 15, 2022 through December 1, 2022 Thursday's 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. September Dates: 15, 22, 29 October Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 November Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24 December Dates: 1
	Requestor	Alison Fennel
	Attendance	25
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 4 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVE Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	Saturdays and Sunday's January 7, 2023 through March 26, 2023 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. January Dates: 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 February Dates: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 March Dates: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	50
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVMS Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday October 25, 2022 through March 31, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. October Dates: 25, 26, 28 November Dates: 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, 29, 30 December Dates: 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30 January Dates: 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27, 31 February Dates: 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28 March Dates: 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 31
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	25
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

**BUILDING REPORTS** (Agenda item #12.): Principals Roger Pomposello, Kendal Askins, and Jason Van Voorhis thanked their maintenance staff, secretaries, custodians, and staff for all their hard work in preparing their respective buildings for the opening of school. In addition, they shared that all Find Your Classroom/Meet Your Principal events were well attended. Principals Ayre and Boylan thanked their staff and everyone for their hard work in preparing for the opening of school. They shared that the Meet the Principals event was well attended; freshman orientation and FBLA guided tour for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and students enrolled in the Bear Academy were welcomed as well.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. –The following Contracts:

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Provide CBT Nuggets Online IT Training to Pleasant Valley School District technology staff. Cost: \$554.00 for 5 Licenses, Total \$2,770.00 Effective August 14, 2022 through August 14, 2023.
2. Hudl - Hudl Gold Subscriptions for district wide sports Cost: 13,000.00 per year Terms: August 15, 2022 - August 14, 2025

Approval of Agenda item #13.C. – Student Placement: Student #22-23-H-7 – Hoffman Homes for Youth, effective August 22, 2022.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Bonser, Athletic Director, explained the request to purchase the Hudl Gold Subscription as outlined in Agenda item #13.B.2. He reviewed current services and the advantages of services contained in the Gold subscription. Lengthy discussion was held regarding training, allowable sports to use the services, costs, and budgetary implications.

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to amend the above motion approving the overall initial items and to replace the proposed Hudl Gold subscription and maintain the 3-year status quo subscription.

Lengthy discussion was held on the proposed amendment. An opportunity was given for public comment and there being none, the following action on the amendment was taken:

ROLL CALL: 3-4 NOT CARRIED  
Voting No: Mr. Burger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Serfass, Mrs. Zipp

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to approve Business Management items #13.B. and #13.C. motioned by Mr. Burger, seconded by Mrs. Zipp and the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #13.D. – Informational: Student Fundraiser Report:

1. Pleasant Valley Staff Denim Days for School Year 2022-2023 - District Wide - August 2022 through June 2023
2. Student Fundraiser Report 08-25-2022

Agenda item #13.E. – Informational: District Investment Report.

**ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Addendum item # 14.A. – Business Management Addendum items:

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – The following contracts:

1. Blackboard - Ally for Web Community Manager. Total Cost: \$3,642.26 Terms: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023
2. Blackboard - Connect Care - Total Cost: \$17,424.95 Terms: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023

Approval of Addendum item #14.C. – Settlement Agreement and Release 22-23-SA-8.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

**SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – No report.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Galler thanked the maintenance staff for their hard work in preparing buildings for the opening of school; thanked administration for videos prepared for the community; and welcomed new families as well as returning students, faculty, and staff and wished all a great school year.

Ms. Greggo questioned the status of the posting of the girls' basketball coach.

Mrs. Kresge wished all a great school year and read a statement about what children want.

Mrs. Zipp clarified that the question and answer session before the Operations meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS – Agenda items/Non-Agenda items:**

Participants in Attendance:

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion and concern about the Goals outlined; the discontinuation of Zoom meetings.

Colleen Stipeck, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the IEP process; handicap accessibility.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the discontinuation of Zoom meetings.

Zoom participants:

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about Find Your Classroom/Meet the Principal events; transparency; and curriculum.

Antoinette Gravell, Polk Township, expressed her opinion and concern about discussions held regarding athletics and the need for discussion about curriculum.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the Board vacancy process.

Participants in attendance:

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the discontinuation of Zoom meetings and costs; expressed his opinion on Roberts' Rules.

End of public comment.

Mrs. Kresge clarified that there is a 30-day deadline by law to fill a Board member vacancy.

Dr. Konrad clarified the costs of utilizing Zoom and the benefits of face-to-face meetings. He stated that he is impressed with our teaching staff and their work on curriculum and spoke about opportunities to have dialogue about curriculum. Dr. Konrad reminded all that parent drop off and delays as well as transportation can be tricky during the first weeks of school and asked for everyone's patience. Dr. Konrad also addressed cluster stops to reduce the delay time for the second bus runs. Regarding parents' safety concerns, he said

that these concerns will continue to be reviewed and changes will be made when necessary. Dr. Konrad stated that staff has worked hard to get buildings ready for the start of school and wished all a great year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
September 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM