

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the September 8, 2022

Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 9-22-2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on September 8, 2022 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brian Boylan and Mr. Jonathan Ayre followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Conference Room, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Roll Call – School Board Recorder: Ms. Debra Duff

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

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lori Fulmer, Supervisor of Human Services, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. Michael McMullen, Supervisor of Special Education, Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on September 8, 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.

Board Feedback: Dr. Konrad stated that six questions were received, five of which were from the same person who said he was asking for a group of people. Dr. Konrad encouraged the community members and parents to submit their own questions as he wants to hear from all community members. Dr. Konrad addressed questions including guidance counselors' accessibility; overcrowding; safety and security in school; and many transportation concerns including cluster stops and safety concerns at bus stops. He said that his staff has looked at over 100 bus stops deemed dangerous by parents. Dr. Konrad thanked community members for submitting their concerns in an effort to work with everyone to make our schools the best they can be.

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

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on August 25, 2022 and to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting held on September 1, 2022; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of September 8, 2022.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Dr. Howard introduced Co-Principals Brian Boylan and Jonathan Ayre for a special presentation regarding FBLA. They recognized and introduced FBLA Vice President Izabela Baran who placed 6th in the Nation for Journalism at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago. Mr. Ayre introduced Maria Saitta, Chapter President. Ms. Saitta stated that the Gold Seal banner will be displayed in the High School as the Chapter's recognition of receiving National Gold Seal Status. On behalf of Pleasant Valley FBLA, the 2021-2022 Champion Chapter banner was presented to Superintendent Konrad. Dr. Konrad congratulated and thanked the FBLA students as well as Advisor Denise Hopely for her work with the students.

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

Pleasant Valley Citizens – (Agenda items):

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about spending on non-curriculum items.

End of public comment.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Michael Galler

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #4.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Manual Checks August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Accounts Payable September 8, 2022.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Colonial IU20: Mr. Michael Galler – An informational report was provided.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report – No report.

Education Committee: Mrs. Sue Kresge – Mrs. Kresge stated that the next District Planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th.

Finance Committee: Mr. Norm Burger – Mr. Burger stated that an update from the Committee will be provided at the District Planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th.

Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo – No report.

Policy Committee: – No report.

Mrs. Kresge informed all that the Board completed the Superintendent’s evaluation for 2021-2022 in compliance with the School Code and that all nine Board members agreed that Dr. James Konrad receive satisfactory. She stated that Dr. Konrad has met and/or exceeded the Board’s expectations. She reviewed all information and stated that it is on our website. Mrs. Kresge also informed all that the District Goals are on our website as well as the 2022-2023 Superintendent’s Goals.

Mrs. Sue Kresge stated that she received correspondence from Ms. Julie Weiss of the West End Fair Association commending the FBLA students for their volunteerism and behavior at the Fair. The letter also recognized and thanked Mrs. Hopely as Advisor to the FBLA.

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

Agenda item #7.A. – Informational: The September Enrollment Report was provided.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items: Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Deborah Loughren
	Position:	Music Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	M, Step 8: \$55,667
	Anticipated Start Date:	September 15, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – Hiring of Professional Staff - Long Term Substitute (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Suzanne Kuehner
	Position:	Math Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$46,467
	Effective Date:	September 9, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Hiring of Retirees as Professional Staff Day-to-Day Substitutes:

1. Ann Parham
2. Carol Patterson
3. Paulette Percy
4. Philomena Reduzzi

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

1.	Name:	Joan Mattson
	Building:	PVMS
	Position:	Monitor
	Replace:	Janet Dooner
	Effective:	August 29, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Hiring of Support Staff Substitutes:

	Name	Position(s)
1.	Siv Henriksen	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate Substitute Secretary

Approval of Agenda item #8.H. – 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.

	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Robert Hahn	Boys Basketball	Head Coach	L2	\$6,550.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.I. – 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.

	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Tracy Pio	All	Substitute Event Worker	Per Event Pay
2.	Christopher Jarrow	Volleyball	Message Board Operator	\$40.00 per event
3.	Robert Hahn	All	Substitute Event Worker	Per Event Pay

Approval of Agenda item #8.J. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Janet Dooner
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	June 1, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.K. – Leave Without Pay – Correction:

	Name	Board Approved	Date Approved	Correct Date
1.	Dolores Walsh	August 11, 2022	January 1, 2022	January 11, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.L. – Retirement:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Kathleen Browne	Monitor	PVHS	August 25, 2022

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Janet Dooner	Monitor	PVMS	August 23, 2022
2.	Nicole Layton	School Counselor	PVMS	On or before October 21, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #8.N. – Rescind Hiring:

	ID #	Position
1.	20220825-983	Food Service Employee

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #8.O. – Informational: Professional Staff Building Transfers:

1.	Name:	Michelle Albanese
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVHS
	Effective:	September 6, 2022
2.	Name:	Emily Murphy
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective:	TBD

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda- Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Curriculum & Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Correction to 2022-2023 Pleasant Valley Elementary School Bell Schedule as provided.

Agenda item #9.C – Shield Driving School Online Instruction – purchase of Driver Education Online Classroom Instruction for 360 students in the 2022-2023 school year from Shield Driving School, in the amount of \$23,400.00 to be paid using St. Luke's Grant funds.

Approval of Agenda item #9.D. – Purchase of Ballistic Shields for School Police/Security – purchase of four (4) Ballistic Shields for the School Police/Security Department at a cost of \$19,585.00 to be paid using ESSER II funds.

Approval of Agenda item #9.E. – IDville ID Maker System for PVHS – purchase of an ID Maker Primacy System from IDville, for the high school, to replace the one that is no longer working. The total cost of \$3,220.08 will be paid using St. Luke's grant funds.

Prior to the roll call vote, Dr. Konrad clarified the need for the purchase of the Driver Education Online Classroom Instruction. Brief discussion was held about prioritizing staff; opportunity for students to take the course; graduation requirement for which future discussion will be held; and credits. Mr. Galler questioned funding by St. Luke's which Dr. Howard addressed and Mrs. Kresge suggested a previous presentation given on this issue be provided.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper – Agenda item #10.A. – No report.

ADDENDUM: OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper – Mr. Simonetta noted that the category in item A may change to a non-paid status. Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #11.A. – Operations Items as presented:

Approval of Agenda item 11.A. – Facility Usage Request:

A.	Organization	Girls on the Run
	Facility Requested	PVI Auxiliary Gym
	Purpose	After School Physical Activity and SEL Program

	Dates/Times	September 13, 2022 - November 29, 2022 Tuesday's and Thursday's 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. September Dates: 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 October Dates: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 November Dates: 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29
	Requestor	Alison Fennel
	Attendance	25
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 4 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Mountaintop Christian Community Church
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Auditorium and Lobby
	Purpose	Community Music Event
	Dates/Times	October 15, 2022 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Betty Grant
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Cub Scout Scrapbooking Fundraiser Setup
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Set up for Fundraiser
	Dates/Times	September 23, 2022 October 28, 2022 November 18, 2022 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Requestor	Dawn Phillips
	Attendance	3
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	Cub Scout Scrapbooking Fundraiser Setup
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Fundraiser
	Dates/Times	September 24, 2022 October 29, 2022 November 19, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Dawn Phillips
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	PV Bruins Wrestling Team
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Wrestling Room
	Purpose	Pre-Season Practices
	Dates/Times	October 3, 2022 - October 28, 2022 Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. October Dates: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	PV Bruins Wrestling Team
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Wrestling Room
	Purpose	Practice
	Dates/Times	November 1, 2022 - March 30, 2023 Mondays - Thursdays November Dates: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30 December Dates: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 January Dates: 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 29, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 February Dates: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 March Dates: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	50
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	Duel In The Den Youth Wrestling
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym, Lobby and Concession Stand
	Purpose	Set Up for Duel in the Den Youth Wrestling
	Dates/Times	November 12, 2022 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	Duel In The Den Wrestling Tournament
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym, Lobby and Concession Stand
	Purpose	Team Wrestling Tournament
	Dates/Times	November 13, 2022 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	350
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.B. – Cafeteria Fund: Cafeteria Accounts Payable for September 8, 2022.

Approval of Agenda item #12.C. – The following Contracts:

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - To provide a Special Education teacher for homebound instruction. Cost is \$56.31 per hour for up to 5 hours per week plus mileage. Contract Term 2022-2023 school year.
2. TSA Consulting Group Inc. Annual Auto-renewal, Twelve (12) month contract for third party administration services for the district's tax sheltered annuity program. Cost: \$2.00 per month, per participant, billed monthly. Effective August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023.
3. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Special Education contract for the 2022-2023 school year. Cost for special education services are estimated to be \$2,015,686. The final reconciliation of the charges is to be made by August 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #12.D. – Student Placement:

- Student# 22-23 C-9 - Canon-McMillan School District - Effective 8/29/2022
- Student# 22-23 G-10 - Grove City School District - Effective 8/29/2022

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – Memorandum of Understanding between Pleasant Valley School District and Northampton Community College Dual Enrollment Program.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Galler questioned the MOU regarding the Dual Enrollment Program including travel or on-site learning, tuition courses, and opportunity for MCTI students. Dr. Howard addressed the questions and brief discussion was held.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #12.F. – Informational: ESSER Fund Allocations: WB Mason – Qty: 98 – Palmer Hamilton 19F Series Mobile Bench Cafeteria Tables \$1,625.00 each – Total Cost: \$159,250.00 to be paid from ESSER II funds.

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald provided an update on the finalization of some language of the support staff contract negotiations. He stated that a final contract should be reached over the next week or so.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Ms. Greggo spoke about the possible need for more monitors suggesting that math and reading teachers are being called to cover lunch and ISS duties. Discussion was held regarding

teachers' duties, schedules, and instructional time issues. Ms. Greggo requested follow-up information be provided and Dr. Konrad stated that how we are using staff will be looked into.

Ms. Greggo also suggested that the PV Alma Mater be taught starting at the elementary level. Brief discussion was held regarding traditions.

Mr. Burger questioned the status of data needed to do an independent study of bus routes. Mr. Simonetta provided information regarding the status of the contract.

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

Leigha McGlinch, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about Board member attendance; shortage of monitors; availability of guidance counselors; SEL curriculum; transparency.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, referred to her email about the Wounded Warrior Project. She expressed concern about lunch times; length of bus routes; safety at bus stops.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about lunch times; accessibility of guidance counselors; safety at bus stops.

End of public comment.

Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald, explained the process for successive non-attendance by Board members at Board meetings. He clarified that according to the School Code, one of the exceptions to successive non-attendance at Board meetings by Board members is for illness.

Dr. Konrad addressed concerns about lunch times and safety at bus stops. He took this opportunity to thank Debra Schuler for donation of band uniforms, graduation gowns and band memorabilia; West End Soccer League for their \$250 donation to the high school girls' soccer team; and the West End Fair Coordinators for donating \$992.00 to the PV FBLA. In addition, Dr. Konrad stated that he and Dr. Howard met with the high school Superintendent's Advisory Council and met with students insuring them of our support.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
September 22, 2022 @ 7:00 PM