

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the June 12, 2023
Board of Education Special Meeting

Board Approved 6-29-2023

CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on June 12, 2023 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Gasper followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Administration Building, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Roll Call – School Board Recorder: Ms. Debra Duff

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

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Mrs. Lori Fulmer, Supervisor of Human Resources, Mr. Michael McMullen, Assistant Director of Special Education, Mrs. Deena Boyne, Supervisor of Transportation.

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on June 12, 2023 immediately prior to this special meeting for the purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

President Sue Kresge announced the meeting procedures and provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda and non-agenda items with a three-minute time limit.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

John Gesiskie, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the potential decision by the Board regarding the Food Service Management Company.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Mrs. Kathleen Franklin

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the June 12, 2023 Special Board Meeting Agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Burger motioned seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #3.

Approval of Agenda item #3.A. – Food Service Management Company as provided: Whitsons Nutrition, LLC to provide food service management services pending final review by administration and the PA Department of Education, effective for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the Business Manager.

Prior to the roll call vote, lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Kresge stated that he would be voting no expressing concerns about financial aspects and, among other things, research about the company that he collected. Ms. Greggo stated that she would be voting no and expressed her thoughts about training and, among other things, not having the current Director of Food Services included in the process. Mrs. Kresge responded to some concerns expressed and stated that our present staff will still be a part of the CBA; the deficits the cafeteria has suffered in the past; and the importance of having quality food provided. Mr. Zacharias stated that he will be voting no expressing concern about not being included in the process as well as the issue of the quality of food. Further discussion was held about the contents of the contract regarding personnel, equipment costs. Mrs. Serfass discussed the role of the management company as well as cost effectiveness of having this program.

ROLL CALL: 4-4 NOT CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Galler, Mr. Zacharias, Ms. Greggo, Mr. Kresge

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
June 29, 2023 @ 7:00 PM