

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the August 12, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

**Board Approved 8-26-2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on August 12, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Teresa Greggo followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium, Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

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

**School Board members in attendance:** Donna Yozwiak, President, Len Peeters, Vice President, Laura Jecker, Treasurer, Dan Wunder, Todd Kresge, Norm Burger, Delbert Zacharias, Teresa Greggo. Absent: Sue Kresge.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** Charlene Brennan, Acting Superintendent, Rae Lin Howard, Assistant to the Superintendent, Jessica Tomon, Director of Human Resources, Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Marcia Taylor, Accountant, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Fawn Meli, Special Education Supervisor, Deena Boyne, Acting District Services Coordinator, Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Lynn Courtright, Chief of Police.

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

**Notification of Executive Session:** President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on August 12, 2021 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; Negotiations; and Legal Issues.

Dr. Charlene Brennan announced that there is no action on the agenda regarding the Health and Safety Plan this evening. She said that the Plan was approved on July 15<sup>th</sup> and still is in place with no changes. Dr. Brennan said that masks are recommended and mandated on school buses.

President Yozwiak announced that the meeting procedures were attached to the agenda and posted online. She provided the opportunity for Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on agenda items with a three-minute time limit with the duration of one hour.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

Kevin Neary, Polk Township, expressed his opinion opposing Policy #832 and provided information about equity and equality.

Dan Willis, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinions and concerns about critical race theory.

Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed her opinions regarding socialism.

Mr. Fitzgerald commented that there is nothing in the policy in question about critical race theory and he asked that comments be made about the policy itself.

Antoinette Gravell, Polk Township, spoke about inclusion in Pleasant Valley and expressed her opinions opposing Policy #832.

Robert Constantino, Eldred Township, expressed his views about the District past and present and expressed his opinion opposing critical race theory.

Larry Kahn, Polk Township, expressed his opinions and concerns regarding Policy #832.

Laura Castellano Nonnemaker, Ross Township, expressed her opinions and concerns regarding Policy #832.

Judy Moeller, Smithfield Township, expressed her concerns about the actions of the Board affecting everyone in Monroe County and opposes Policy #832.

Amanda Guinta, Polk Township, expressed her opinions and concerns regarding Policy #832 and its necessity; equality and equity; and tabling the agenda item.

Carlos Lizardi, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinions and concerns regarding Policy #832; equity and equality; and discrimination.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions and concerns regarding Policy #832 as well concerns about the handbook regarding mask wearing.

Larry Sooden, Jackson Township, expressed his opinions about critical race theory.

Brigitte Endrulat, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions and concerns regarding Policy #832 and the process for approval.

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, expressed her opinions and concerns about Policy #832 as well as the elective course Global Communications. Dr. Brennan explained the course stating it has nothing to do with critical race theory or equity.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinions about educating children academically and parents' responsibility to teach their children right from wrong.

Judy Moeller, Smithfield Township, spoke about sensitivity training.

John Gerhardt, Stroud Township and alumni of Pleasant Valley, expressed his opinion about the need to educate children about inclusion.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns about voices being heard while being respectful.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed her opinion with regard to academics being taught as well as opposing Policy #832.

Robert Mullin, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about St. Luke's sponsorship.

Dan Willis, Chestnuthill Township, questioned process for policy approval.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about core curriculum and parent responsibility.

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

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on July 15, 2021 and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of August 12, 2021, as amended and outlined by Dr. Brennan to include two action items added to the Acting Superintendent's report – revised job description and salary for Assistant Business Manager position; new position of Supervisor of Transportation and Student Operations including job description and posting; and to delete Agenda item #9.B. – handbooks.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable; Agenda item #3.E. – Financial Statements for July 2021, as attached:  
Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021- PSDLAF.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – August 12, 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement July 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.G. – Asset Cost Summary July 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.H. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues July 2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the July 15, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**Other:** Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the PVHS Envirothon team won 7<sup>th</sup> place in the NCF-Envirothon International Competition held virtually in July hosted by Nebraska with 42 teams representing the United States, Canada and China. Mrs. Yozwiak congratulated the team members consisting of Emma Barrett, captain; Zachary Dooner; Reece Kresge; Ben Keppel; and Jacob Possinger, as well as their advisor, Maricatherine Garr. She stated that this is the highest placement that Pleasant Valley or Monroe County team has ever achieved in the long history of the Envirothon at PVHS and that this group of young scientists truly represent the quality that Pleasant Valley curriculum offers to its students.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – An informational report was provided.

**Colonial IU20: Mr. Dan Wunder** – Mr. Wunder stated that the next meeting is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – An informational report was provided.

**Education Committee:** No report.

**Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters** – Mr. Peeters stated that that the next meeting is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – An informational report was provided.

**Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – An informational report was provided.

**West End Park and Open Space Commission: Dr. Rae Lin Howard** – An informational report was provided.

**ACTING SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Charlene Brennan**

Agenda item #6.A. – Informational: The following policy was provided for a second reading:

1. Policy 832 Educational Equity

Agenda item #6.B. – Item removed – Informational: The Enrollment Report for August 2021.

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the revised job description for Assistant Business Manager Tammy Smale and set her salary at \$92,500, effective August 13, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Prior to roll call, an opportunity was given for public comment as well as Board member comment. There being none, the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve the new position of Supervisor of Transportation and Student Operations including its job description, and to authorize the administration to post said vacancy.

Prior to roll call, an opportunity was given for public comment as well as Board member comment. There being none, the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Mrs. Jecker requested that Agenda item #6.A. – Informational: Policy #832 provided for a second reading, be removed and expressed her opinions regarding the appropriateness at this time.

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to discontinue the process for Policy #832.

Prior to roll call, discussion was held. Mr. Peeters said that this is an informational item and that he listened to public comments and would like more time to do research and review the policy. Mr. Wunder stated that he listened to comments made but is not in favor of discontinuing the process at this time. He stated that several other policies contain language that is included in the policy in question. Mr. Burger said that additional discussion would be warranted and

recommended that the community be included through a committee so that a reasonable agreement can be made. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that her concern is that similar policies address issues in Policy #832 and further discussion should be held. She stated that in line with the five year comprehensive evaluation we audit ourselves to make sure that we are being fair and displaying equality everywhere. Mrs. Jecker questioned the redundancy of the policy and expressed her opinion on equity. Mrs. Yozwiak recommended that the Board attend the next Policy Committee meeting which is scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that a yes vote would discontinue the process and a no vote would continue the process for the final vote at the next meeting.

An opportunity was given for public comment. There being none, the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 4-4 NOT CARRIED  
 Voting No: Mrs. Yozwiak, Mr. Peeters, Mr. Wunder, Mr. Zacharias

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon**

Mrs. Tomon asked for approval of Agenda items #7.B. through #7.J; Agenda item #7.K.24. to be removed; and approval of Agenda items #7.L. through #7.S.

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #7.A. - Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. - Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Michelle Albanese
	Position:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
	Education Level:	BS: Health & Physical Education MS: Curriculum & Instruction
	Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Graduate School:	University of Scranton
	Certificate:	Instructional I: Health & Physical Education Instructional I: Health
	Experience:	2020-2021: Pleasant Valley School District, Long Term Substitute Teacher 2014-2020: Diocese of Scranton Monsignor McHugh School, Health & Physical Education Teacher 2011-2014: Pleasant Valley School District, Substitute Teacher
	Salary:	B, Step 2: \$45,467
	Replace:	Karl Rentzheimer
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. - Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Rickie Kuntzman Jr.
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$17.84
	Effective Date:	August 13, 2021
	Replace:	Jacquelyn Dumas
2.	Name:	Tina Radcliffe
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$10.97
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021
	Replace:	Wendy Heller

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. - Change of Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Sharon Graver
	Current Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Salary:	\$28,864
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021
	Replace:	Stacy Stephani
2.	Name:	Joyce Christman

	Current Building:	PVI
	Current Position:	Custodian (2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift)
	New Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	Custodian (1 <sup>st</sup> Shift)
	Salary:	\$21.72
	Effective Date:	August 16, 2021
	Replace:	Monte Miller
3.	Name:	Doug Palmieri
	Current Building:	District Office
	Current Position:	Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Emotional Support Teacher
	Salary:	M54, Step 11: \$77,067
	Effective Date:	July 1, 2021
4.	Name:	Michelle Palmer
	Current Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Monitor
	New Building:	PVES
	New Position:	Monitor
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021
	Replace:	Corinne Acevedo
5.	Name:	Heather Aardewign
	Current Building:	PVIS
	Current Position:	Science & Social Studies Teacher
	New Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	ELA Teacher
6.	Name:	Amanda Altemose
	Current Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	ESOL
	New Building:	PVMS/PVES
	New Position:	ESOL (.5) / Librarian (.5)
7.	Name:	Jody Berube
	Current Building:	Polk
	Current Position:	Educational Consultant
	New Building:	PVES
	New Position:	Life Skills Teacher
8.	Name:	Lauren Black
	Current Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Learning Support Teacher
	New Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	Emotional Support Teacher
9.	Name:	Maria Chapman
	Current Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Learning Support
	New Building:	PVIS
	New Position:	Learning Support
10.	Name:	Valerie Eblin
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Reading Specialist
	New Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	ELA Teacher
11.	Name:	Anne Gefken-Gordon
	Current Building:	PVIS
	Current Position:	Teacher
	New Building:	PVES
	New Position:	Teacher
12.	Name:	Laurie Hoffman
	Current Building:	PVES/PVIS
	Current Position:	Gifted Teacher
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Gifted Teacher
13.	Name:	Denise Keiling
	Current Building:	PVIS
	Current Position:	Teacher
	New Building:	PVES

	New Position:	Teacher
14.	Name:	Amy Keller
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Special Education Teacher
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Emotional Support Teacher
15.	Name:	Christine Konstantopoulos
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
	New Building:	PVES
	New Position:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
16.	Name:	Julie Kresge
	Current Building:	PVIS/PVHS
	Current Position:	Gifted Teacher
	New Building:	PVES/PVIS
	New Position:	Gifted Teacher
17.	Name:	Philip Masiello
	Current Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
18.	Name:	Jenna Rudolf
	Current Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Math Teacher
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Math Teacher
19.	Name:	Christina Shoemaker
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Music Teacher
	New Building:	PVES (.5)/PVHS (.5)
	New Position:	Music Teacher
20.	Name:	Theresa Sinisko
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Math Teacher
	New Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	Math Teacher
21.	Name:	Athena Yeager
	Current Building:	PVES/PVIS
	Current Position:	Music Teacher
	New Building:	PVIS
	New Position:	Music Teacher

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – Hiring of Retiree as Professional Staff Day-to-Day Substitute:

1.	Name:	Philomena Reduzzi
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.F. – Building Correction:

1.	Name:	Kristen Neglia
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Correct Building:	PVMS
	Start Date:	August 24, 2021
	Previously Approved:	May 13, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Recall from Layoffs of Paraprofessional Associates (PT):

1.	Name:	Aileen Lorah
	Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021
	Replace:	Lorraine Domenici
2.	Name:	Renee Kresge
	Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021
	Replace:	Sharon Graver

Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – Rescind Volunteer:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>
1.	Brittany Angelica	Field Hockey	July 15, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.I. – 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.	James Miller	Football	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$4,050.00
2.	Hope Sasz	Marching Band	Assistant	1	\$3,012.50
3.	Jason Beck	Football	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$4,050.00
4.	Amy Keller	Cross Country	Varsity Assistant	1	\$3,550.00
5.	Brittany Angelica	Field Hockey	Varsity Assistant	4	\$4,950.00
6.	Lauren Black	Field Hockey	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,400.00
7.	Greg Duff	Cross Country	Head Coach	1	\$4,750.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.J. – 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.	Tim Hinton		Event Supervisor	\$5,400.00
2.	Lori Bray	Football	JV Chain Crew	\$30.00
3.	Lori Bray	Football	Jr. High Chain Crew	\$30.00
4.	Lori Bray	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00
5.	Joe Anderton	Football	Varsity Announcer	\$40.00
6.	Michelle Piontkowski	Football	JV Chain Crew	\$30.00
7.	Michelle Piontkowski	Football	Jr. High Chain Crew	\$30.00
8.	Michelle Piontkowski	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00
9.	Perry Tortora	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00
10.	Theresa Sinisko	Football	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
11.	Theresa Sinisko	Football	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
12.	Theresa Sinisko	Football	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
13.	Theresa Sinisko	Girls Soccer	Varsity Announcer/Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
14.	Theresa Sinisko	Girls Soccer	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
15.	Theresa Sinisko	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00
16.	Michael Wassuta	Cross Country	Varsity Timer	\$35.00
17.	Michael Wassuta	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00
18.	Sandi Kaspszyk	Cross Country	Varsity Timer	\$35.00

19.	Sandi Kaspszyk	Cross Country	Jr. High Timer	\$35.00
20.	Michelle Piontkowski	Cross Country	Varsity Timer	\$35.00
21.	Michael Wassuta	Field Hockey	Varsity Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.K. – Supplemental Contracts: Non-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>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Melissa Kern	Language Arts Curriculum Leader (K-3)	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
2.	Susan Price	Language Arts Curriculum Leader (K-3)	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
3.	Rebecca Handelong	Language Arts Curriculum Leader (4-6)	\$2,275.00
4.	Aleisa Kinsey	Language Arts Department Chairperson (7-8)	\$2,275.00
5.	Bernadette Fierro	Language Arts Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
6.	Michele Herrmann	Mathematics Curriculum Leader (K-3)	\$2,275.00
7.	Jason Menghini	Mathematics Curriculum Leader (4-6)	\$2,275.00
8.	Nicole Composto	Mathematics Department Chairperson (7-8)	\$2,275.00
9.	Ken Piontkowski	Mathematics Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
10.	Danielle Lukashewski	Science Curriculum Leader (K-3)	\$2,275.00
11.	Christine Preston	Science Curriculum Leader (4-6)	\$2,275.00
12.	Christopher Lesoine	Science Department Chairperson (7-8)	\$2,275.00
13.	Dave Lewis	Science Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
14.	Jackie Hardy	Social Studies Curriculum Leader (K-3)	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
15.	Jessica Bruch	Social Studies Curriculum Leader (K-3)	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
16.	Leticia DiPipi	Social Studies Curriculum Leader (4-6)	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
17.	Jennifer Mulder	Social Studies Curriculum Leader (4-6)	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
18.	Paul McCrone	Social Studies Department Chairperson (7-8)	\$2,275.00
19.	James Ward	Social Studies Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
20.	George Boudman	Art Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
21.	Melissa Ruschak	Business Education Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00
22.	Susanne Rasely-Phillipps	ESOL Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
23.	Julie Terzieva	Family & Consumer Science Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00
24.	Removed		
25.	Alison Jochen	Health Services Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
26.	Christine Konstantopoulos	Health/Physical Education Department Chairperson (K-6)	\$2,275.00
27.	Lisa Bon Lore	Library Media Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
28.	John DeVivo	Music Department Chairperson (K-6)	\$2,275.00
29.	James DeVivo	Music Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00
30.	Julie Romanisko	School Counseling Department Chairperson (K-8)	\$2,275.00
31.	Sheri Fallon	School Counseling Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
32.	Jennifer Haberman	Speech Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
33.	Sean Crosby	Stream Department Chairperson (K-6)	\$2,275.00
34.	Kathleen Dekmar	Stream Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00
35.	Rich Petrushka	Technology (Industrial Arts) Education Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00



36.	Miranda Ford	Word Language Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00
37.	Bobbi Shupp	Technology Building Coordinator (PVMS)	\$2,312.50
38.	Sean Crosby	Technology Building Coordinator (PVI)	\$2,312.50
39.	Christie Doll	Technology Building Coordinator (PVE)	\$2,312.50
40.	Craig Morris	Audi-Visual Building Coordinator (PVHS)	\$862.50
41.	James Igoe	Audi-Visual Building Coordinator (PVMS)	\$862.50
42.	Sean Crosby	Audi-Visual Building Coordinator (PVI)	\$862.50
43.	Christie Doll	Audi-Visual Building Coordinator (PVE)	\$862.50
44.	Rhonda Sawyer	Musical Director (PVMS)	\$2,310.00
45.	Jillian Michaels	Woodwind Ensemble (PVMS)	\$600.00
46.	Jamie Hyde	Diversity Club (PVHS)	\$350.00 (split stipend)
47.	Danielle Brandes	Diversity Club (PVHS)	\$350.00 (split stipend)
48.	Susanne Rasely-Philipps	Graphic Novel Society (PVHS)	\$700.00
49.	Robin Locker	Art Club (PVMS)	\$600.00
50.	Robin Locker	Drama Set Design (PVMS)	\$600.00
51.	Robin Locker	Musical Set Design (PVMS)	\$600.00
52.	Lauren Black	Diversity Club Advisor (PVMS)	\$600.00
53.	Susan McDermott	Musical Set Painter (PVHS)	\$700.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.L. – Athletic Volunteers:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
1.	Lester Estrada	Boys Soccer
2.	Janine Brown	Field Hockey

Approval of Agenda item #7.M. – Family and Medical Leave:

1.	Name:	Rachel Goodwin-Brown
	Position:	Secretary
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One-half (½)
	Dates:	July 20, 2021
2.	Name:	Joanna Richardson
	Position:	Social Worker
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	Sixty (60)
	Dates:	August 24, 2021 – January 14, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #7.N. – Family and Medical Leave: Revised Return Date:

1.	Name:	Keith Kuehner
	Position:	Maintenance Technician
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	Twenty-nine (29)
	Dates:	June 9, 2021 – July 26, 2021
	Previously Approved:	June 10, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.O. – Retirements:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Lorraine Domenici	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	July 14, 2021
2.	Monte Miller	Custodian	PVMS	July 29, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.P. – Resignations:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Daniel Beck	Event Manager	N/A	July 14, 2021
2.	Heather Chapman	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	N/A	August 2, 2021
3.	Michele Connors	Teacher	PVMS	July 21, 2021
4.	Patrick Conway	Substitute Courier	N/A	July 19, 2021
5.	Kathleen Krall	Teacher	PVMS	July 29, 2021
6.	Samantha Mathews	Substitute Teacher	N/A	July 15, 2021
7.	Judith Parada	Substitute Nurse	N/A	July 16, 2021
8.	Kacie Hay	Speech & Language Therapist	PVES	July 19, 2021
9.	Karina Martin	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	N/A	July 28, 2021
10.	Andrew Nelson	Substitute Monitor	N/A	July 26, 2021
11.	Doug Palmieri	Emotional Support Teacher	PVHS	July 19, 2021
12.	Lisa Penna	Food Service Employee	PVMS	August 5, 2021

13.	Cristian Randeau	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate Casual Security Officer	N/A	August 23, 2021
14.	Jacqueline Reddick	Substitute Teacher	N/A	July 16, 2021
15.	Amanda Ruch	Teacher	PVES	July 18, 2021
16.	Kerilyn Semeraro	Guidance Counselor	PVIS	July 22, 2021
17.	David Sodl Jr.	Assistant Principal	PVHS	TBD
18.	Stacy Stephani	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVHS	August 23, 2021
19.	Amanda Tarapchak	Teacher	PVES	July 15, 2021
20.	Dolores Walsh	Substitute Monitor Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	N/A	July 21, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.Q. – Terminations due to failure to respond to Reason Assurance Notices after multiple attempts:

<b>Employee ID#</b>	<b>Position</b>
4686	Substitute Teacher
35	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
4479	Substitute Custodian Substitute Food Service Employee Substitute Monitor
4465	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
303	Substitute Secretary
4574	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
3691	Substitute Teacher
849	Substitute Teacher
4185	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate Substitute Secretary
4510	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
4294	Substitute Teacher
4594	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
4106	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
3179	Substitute Custodian Substitute Monitor Substitute Paraprofessional Associate Substitute Secretary
3954	Substitute Teacher
4104	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
4711	Substitute Custodian Substitute Monitor
4734	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
4675	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
3352	Substitute Monitor Substitute Teacher
4283	Casual Security Officer
4520	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
3239	Substitute Monitor Substitute Paraprofessional Associate Substitute Secretary
4701	Substitute Teacher
4789	Substitute Food Service Employee Substitute Monitor Substitute Secretary
4565	Casual Security Officer

Other terminations:

Employee ID#: 3190, 4815, 779, 4561, 702, 4805.

Approval of Agenda item #7.R. – Affiliation Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Mount St. Mary's University.

Approval of Agenda item #7.S. – Position Description: Cyber Teacher.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #7.K.19: Mrs. Yozwiak, Mrs. Jecker 6-2 CARRIED; Voting No on Agenda item #7.K.31: Mrs. Yozwiak 7-1 CARRIED; Voting No on Agenda items

**ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon**

Mrs. Tomon asked for approval of Addendum item #8.B. with the correction to Agenda item #8.B.2. salary information; and approval of Addendum items #8.C. through #8.F.

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Addendum #8.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Alexandria Gentile
	Position:	Speech and Language Therapist
	Building:	PVES
	Education Level:	BS: Speech and Language Pathology and Audiology, minor in Special Education MS: Speech and Language Pathology
	Undergraduate School:	Clarion University
	Graduate School:	Clarion University
	Certificate:	Instructional I: Speech & Language Impaired PK-12
	Experience:	2019 – present: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21, Speech and Language Therapist
	Salary:	M/48, Step 1: \$65,467
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Kacie Hay
2.	Name:	Jaclyn Hahn
	Position:	Speech and Language Therapist
	Building:	PVES
	Education Level:	BS: Speech Pathology and Audiology MS: Speech and Language Pathology
	Undergraduate School:	Clarion University
	Graduate School:	Clarion University
	Certificate:	Instructional I: Speech & Language Impaired PK-12
	Experience:	2020 – present: Advanced Education Centers Dover Public School, Speech Language Specialist 2020: Harrison Public Schools, Speech Language Specialist 2020: Dover Public Schools, Speech Language Specialist
	Salary:	M/48, Step 1: \$65,467 - CORRECTED
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Emily Bumbulsky

Approval of Addendum item #8.C. – Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Christina Blomberg
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$10.97
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Diane Stewart
2.	Name:	Mary Colon
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$10.97
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Jane Shevlin

Approval of Addendum item #8.D. – Hiring of Support Staff Substitutes (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Christina Blomberg
	Position:	Monitor
	Salary:	\$10.97
	Effective Date:	TBD
2.	Name:	Mary Colon
	Position:	Monitor
	Salary:	\$10.97

	Effective Date:	TBD
3.	Name:	Tina Radcliffe
	Position:	Monitor
	Salary:	\$10.97
	Effective Date:	TBD

Approval of Addendum item #8.E. – Retirement:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Dolores Symancek	Monitor	PVHS	August 5, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.F. – Change to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Denise Hopely
	Building Assigned to:	PVMS
	Position Assigned to:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
	New Building :	PVHS
	New Position:	Health & Physical Education Teacher
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #9. – Curriculum/Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #9.A. – Foreign Exchange Student from France, through International Student Exchange, to attend Pleasant Valley High School 2021-2022 School Year.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Item removed: Agenda item #9.B. – 2021-2022 Student Handbooks.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris –** No report.

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper**

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

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

A.	Organization	PV Cubs Football and Cheerleading
	Facility Requested	PVHS Stadium, Field, Concession, Restrooms
	Purpose	Home Football Games
	Dates/Times	Sunday's 8:00 am - 5:30 pm 9/5/2021, 9/26/2021, 10/3/2021, 10/24/2021  Weather / Reschedule dates: 9/12/2021, 10/17/2021
	Requestor	Kristen Pierri
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Community Wellness Basketball
	Facility Requested	PVMS New Gymnasium, Old Gymnasium
	Purpose	Adult Intramural Basketball
	Dates/Times	Thursday's 7:00 pm-9:00 pm  9/9/2021, 9/16/2021, 9/23/2021, 9/30/2021, 10/7/2021, 10/14/2021, 10/21/2021,10/28/2021, 11/4/2021, 11/11/2021, 11/18/2021, 11/25/2021, 12/2/2021, 12/9/2021, 12/16/2021, 12/23/2021, 12/30/2021, 1/6/2022, 1/13/2022, 1/20/2022, 1/27/2022, 2/3/2022, 2/10/2022, 2/17/2022, 2/24/2022, 3/3/2022, 3/10/2022, 3/17/2022, 3/24/2022, 3/31/2022, 4/7/2022, 4/14/2022, 4/21/2022, 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022
	Requestor	Thomas Kresge
	Attendance	15
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta**

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.B. – Cafeteria Fund, per attached.

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for August 12, 2021
2. Cafeteria Fund – Asset Cost Summary July 2021

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

1. Hi-Pod - Hi-Pod X31 quote for end zone camera for the stadium - Total Cost - \$5,634.00. To be paid from St. Luke's Annual Sponsorship.
2. Comply by Edulink - compliance software for all necessary local, state and federal documentation for employment. Terms: Three (3) year agreement. Total Cost: \$47,670.00 Using funds procured from St. Luke's University Health Network partnership.
3. Trane - Pleasant Valley Polk School Trane Chiller Service Agreement - Total Cost: \$2,037.00/prepay 1 year in advance to receive discount. Term: 07/01/21 - 06/30/22.
4. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Provide CBT Nuggets Online IT Training to Pleasant Valley School District technology staff. Cost: \$599.00 for 5 Licenses, Total \$2,770.00 Effective August 8, 2021 through August 7, 2022.
5. Trane - Pleasant Valley Elementary School Chiller Repair Agreement - Total Cost: \$19,484.18

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

- Student #070121EW – Devereux – CIDDS, effective 7/1/2021
- Student #070120JH – Carson Valley Children’s Aid, effective 7/1/2020

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund - \$300,176.42.

Approval of Agenda item #12.F. – Purchase of New Maintenance Vehicle: Koch 33 Ford Co-Stars Contract #25-234 not to exceed \$41,779.00. New 2022 Ford F250 4x4 Regular Cab with snow plow and spreader.

Approval of Agenda item #12.G. – Intent to Purchase from VLN Partners LLP: Cyber in a Box™ for Grades K-3 and Special Education students as well as necessary ancillary instructional items, (i.e., Student Workbooks) for a student count to be determined by current student enrollment and registration at a cost of \$4,500.00 per bundle and \$18 per workbook.

Approval of Agenda item #12.H. – Purchase from GovConnections Inc.: Purchase two thousand (2000) Belkin Protective Sleeve with Shoulder Strap for 11"-13" Laptops at a cost of \$12.66 each totaling \$25,320.00 from GovConnection, INC. to be paid by St. Luke's Sponsorship funds.

Approval of Agenda item #12.I. – Behavioral Health Associates for Education Services for 2021-2022 School Year:

- General Education - \$110.00/day
- Special Education - \$160.00/day
- ISST Program (Intensive Social Skill Training) - \$242.00/day
- PRIDE Program (Positively Reinforced Individually Directed Education - \$242.00/day
- DD Program (Dual Diagnosis) - \$338.00/day
- ISM Program (Intensive Self-Management) - \$359.00/day
- One-on-One Instructional Assistant - \$30.00/per hour
- Interpreter - Deaf/Hearing Impaired - \$65.00/per hour
- Interpreter - Spanish - \$60.00/per hour
- Psychiatric Evaluation - \$350.00/per evaluation
- Psychological Evaluation - \$300.00/per evaluation

Approval of Agenda item #12.J. – Fundraisers:

1. PVHS - Class of 2023 - B-You Dress Down Day - January 14, 2022
2. PVHS - Key Club - Green Dress Down Day - March 17, 2022
3. PVHS - Class of 2024 - Halloween Dress Down Day (Orange and Black) - October 29, 2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #12.K. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts:

Beginning Balance: July 1, 2021: \$235,923.42  
Receipts: \$863.36

Expenditures: (\$2,076.34)  
Ending Balance: July 31, 2021: \$234,710.44

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

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Business Management Addendum item #13.A.:

Approval of Addendum item #13.B. – Contracts:

1. Impero WebCheck - Terms: 12 Months, Total Cost: \$8,700.

Approval of Addendum item #13.C. – Purchase of Additional Chromebooks: Purchase of an additional sixty-five (65) HP Chromebooks from Trafera, LLC for students in order for the Phase 1 of the 1:1 Technology Rollout Plan of the Pleasant Valley School District. Total Cost: \$20,546.50 CO-STAR-3 IT Hardware Contract# 003-385, to be paid by St. Luke's Sponsorship Fund.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mrs. Jecker clarified that children will not be vaccinated without parental consent.

Mrs. Yozwiak acknowledged the resignations this evening and wished all the best in their journey forward.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (agenda and non-agenda items):**

Robert Constantino, Eldred Township, expressed his opinion about leadership.

Olivia Altman, Chestnuthill Township and president of the Class of 2022, shared results of a survey sent to students concerning the reopening of school.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed her concerns and opinions about dress code for students and teachers.

Kim Berger, Ross Township, expressed her opinions about a dress code.

Larry Sooden, Jackson Township, expressed his opinions about decisions made by the Board.

Maryellen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, requested clarification on the vote about Policy #832. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the vote was 4/4 and that the motion failed allowing the process to continue.

Mrs. Yozwiak suggested that Policy #832 be brought back to the Policy Committee at the next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>. There being opposition to this suggestion, the following action was taken:

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to bring the process of Policy #832 back to the Policy Committee which meets on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and to review and make a decision at that time whether to proceed further.

ROLL CALL 6-2 CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Kresge, Mrs. Jecker

Lynette Possinger, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board for recognition of the Envirothon students. She expressed her opinions about common sense issues within the District.

Judy Moeller, Smithfield Township, expressed her opinion and concern about the Global Communication course.

Dan Willis, Chestnuthill Township, spoke about enrollment, funding when students leave the district and expressed concern about masks on school buses and the CDC order.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, thanked all for the plan for five day in person learning and expressed concern about staff meeting the needs of the students including Kindergarten students.

Robert Constantino, Eldred Township, expressed concern about CDC guidelines regarding masks.

Ann Miller, Polk Township, expressed her concerns and opinions about mask wearing requirements on school buses, vaccines, and read from the PA Constitution about parental rights.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, spoke about freedom of speech; expressed concern about mask wearing requirements on contracted school buses; and parental rights.

Olivia Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern about the mask wearing and referred to the survey sent to students about the reopening of school.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, read a statement from a nurse at a hospital concerning mask wearing.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about what to teach children, recognized the PTO at PVI; and forming a community citizen's board.

Richanna Russ, Eldred Township, expressed her concern about Policy #832 and the Global Communication course.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, asked about the use of face shields which Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that they are acceptable. She offered suggestions regarding mask cleanliness.

Dr. Ramon Baker, Eldred Township, spoke about effects of vaccines.

Danielle Serfass, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about teachers sharing points of view with students and discipline for those teachers.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed opinions about having a dress code.

Ashley Yelland, Eldred Township, expressed concern that mask wearing will be required as opposed to optional.

Dan Willis, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about the effects of mask wearing.

Dr. Brennan clarified that the Health and Safety Plan was approved on July 15<sup>th</sup> and was approved "at this point in time". She said that if changes are necessitated, it would not be going against our word and that the administration can assure the Board that we are working hard and the goal is for children to be in school five days a week and that masks are recommended at this time. She said that as of today there is a mandate from the CDC about masks on school buses that we are obligated to follow. Dr. Brennan also stated that lockers will be used for the start of school; vaccinations are not required nor are there any intentions to require them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
August 26, 2021 @ 7:00 PM