

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the September 9, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 9-23-2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held virtually on September 9, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dan Wunder followed by a moment of silence. The Pleasant Valley School District Offices are located at 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Mrs. Yozwiak welcomed those present and asked that they do not raise their hands to speak until the public portion of the meeting is announced. She stated that this meeting is being recorded.

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, Sue Kresge, Teresa Greggo. Absent: Delbert Zacharias.

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, 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 September 9, 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.

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:

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, wished to speak on a non-agenda item and was informed that she could address the Board at the second public comment portion of the meeting.

Mary Vanicky, Chestnuthill Township, wished to speak on a non-agenda item and was informed that she could address the Board at the second public comment portion of the meeting.

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

Dr. Brennan requested an addition to Agenda item #6. – Acting Superintendent Items: Agenda item #6.D. – To approve the quote from First Student to provide a CDL licensed driver to drive the band box truck on September 10, 2021 and September 17, 2021 to the away football games at a rate not to exceed \$324.55 per event. Dr. Brennan stated that this item came to her attention within the last 24 hours and is an emergency situation so that the band can attend the away football games.

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on August 26, 2021; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of September 9, 2021 with the addition of Agenda item #6.D. as stated by Dr. Brennan.

Mrs. Yozwiak provided an opportunity for public comment on the added Agenda item. There being none, the following action was taken:

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 August 2021, as attached: Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021– PSDLAF.

Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – September 9, 2021.
 Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement August 2021.
 Approval of Agenda item #3.G. – Asset Cost Summary August 2021.
 Approval of Agenda item #3.H. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues August 2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the August 26, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak – No report. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th.

Colonial IU20: Mr. Dan Wunder – No report.

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

Education Committee: Mrs. Kresge – Mrs. Kresge stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th via Zoom at 9:30 AM.

Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters – Mr. Peeters stated that that the next meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

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

Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak – No report.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the superintendent search has begun and that there is a link on the PV website for the community to participate in the superintendent search survey.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Charlene Brennan

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #6.A. – Acting Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – Homebound Instruction (per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days).

Pleasant Valley Middle School:

Student No.	Reason
HB083021OJ-M	Medical, retroactive to 08/30/21

Approval of Agenda item #6.C. – Final Reading of Policies:

1. Policy 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
2. Policy 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
3. Policy 229 Student Fundraising
4. Policy 707 Use of School Facilities
5. Policy 915 School-Affiliated Organizations

Approval of Agenda item #6.D. – Quote from First Student to provide a CDL licensed driver to drive the band box truck on September 10, 2021 and September 17, 2021 to the away football games at a rate not to exceed \$324.55 per event.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kresge to approve Agenda item #7.A. - Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Hiring of Support Staff Substitutes (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Drita Beskovic
	Position:	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate
	Salary:	\$82.50 per diem

Effective Date:	September 13, 2021
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Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Change to Current Assignment

1.	Name:	Alison Zacharias
	Current Building:	PVIS
	Current Position:	Custodian
	New Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	Custodian
	Effective Date:	September 10, 2021
	Replace:	Robert Siglin

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Addition to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Tina Radcliffe
	Position:	Substitute Secretary
	Salary:	\$11.47 per hour
	Effective Date:	September 13, 2021
2.	Name:	Kimberly Tinker
	Position:	Substitute Teacher
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	September 13, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – 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.	Kyle Bonser	Track and Field	Head Coach	1	\$6,100.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.F. – 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.	Scott Castone	Football	Announcer	\$40.00 (per event)

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Athletic Volunteers (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	Name	Sport
1.	Andrea Santiago	Swimming
2.	Inge Burlew	Swimming

Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – Intramural Advisors (pending receipt of required paperwork):
 If the intramural runs at least 9 weeks and a total of 54 hours, one stipend of \$1,240.00 will be distributed. In the event the intramural does not meet the 54-hour requirement, payment will be distributed using the hourly intramural rate of \$21.00 per hour per the Supplemental Contract.

1.	Club/Activity:	Wrestling
	Advisor:	Alex Depew
	Dates:	September 14, 2021 – November 11, 2021
	Day(s):	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Times:	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 1, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.I. – Club/Activity Advisors:
 Any club/activity not on the supplemental contract cannot exceed \$500.00 and must maintain 10 participants.

1.	Club/Activity:	Art Honor Society
	Advisor:	Daniel Mulligan
	Dates:	September 10, 2021 – May 27, 2022
	Day(s):	Fridays
	Times:	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 1, 2021
2.	Club/Activity:	imProV Club
	Advisor:	Vanessa Fego
	Dates:	September 10, 2021 – May 27, 2022
	Day(s):	Fridays
	Times:	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 1, 2021
3.	Club/Activity:	International Thespian Society
	Advisor:	Vanessa Fego
	Dates:	September 20, 2021 – May 23, 2022
	Day(s):	Mondays
	Times:	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 1, 2021
4.	Club/Activity:	Shakey's
	Advisor:	Vanessa Fego
	Dates:	January 4, 2022 – April 24, 2022
	Day(s):	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Times:	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 1, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Gina Belanger
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	August 24, 2021 – August 26, 2021 and September 1, 2021
2.	Name:	Rachel Goodwin-Brown
	Position:	Secretary
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	August 26, 2021
3.	Name:	India Johnson
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	August 31, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.K. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Laraine Gartrell
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	Building:	PVIS

	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	October 7, 2021 & October 8, 2021
2.	Name:	Martha Smith
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	September 29, 2021 - October 1, 2021
3.	Name:	Mark Versuk
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	August 24, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Brenda Bush	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	September 30, 2021
2.	Justin Micklos	Maintenance Technician	District	September 23, 2021
3.	Dorothy Sawyer	Monitor *	PVIS	October 15, 2021

*Would like to remain on substitute list.

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Dianne Caretta	Monitor*	PVHS	August 27, 2021
2.	Joann Gantt	Monitor	PVIS	August 27, 2021
3.	Aileen Lorah	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)*	PVES	August 30, 2021

*Would like to remain on substitute list.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – 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.

	Name	Position	Salary
1.	Melissa Ruschak	Technology Building Coordinator (PVHS)	\$2,312.50
2.	Kaitlin Freeman	Health/Physical Education Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00

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

1.	Name:	Heidi Hotz
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$12.20 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Cathleen Brana (due to change of assignment)
2.	Name:	Krystal Coco
	Position:	Food Service Employee

	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$12.20 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Jessica Balbuena (due to change of assignment)
3.	Name:	Shondell Alphonso
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$12.20 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Kelly Heller (due to change of assignment)

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Laura Duncan	Food Service Employee	PVMS	August 12, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda – Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to approve Agenda item #9. – Curriculum/Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #9.A. – Field Trip:

1.	Organization/Grade	FBLA
	Teacher(s) Involved	Denise Hopely
	Destination	Kalahari Resort
	Purpose	FBLA State Leadership Workshop
	Date(s)	October 30, 2021 through November 1, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	One
	Cost per Student	\$200.00 – workshop fee, food, room
	Cost for District	Bus cost

Prior to roll call and in answer to Mrs. Jecker’s question, Dr. Howard clarified that the students are staying overnight and the cost to the district is for buses as indicated in the request.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper – No report.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Burger 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 September 9, 2021
2. Cafeteria Fund – Asset Cost Summary August 2021

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

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Provide Discovery Education Streaming to Pleasant Valley School District. Cost: \$0.525 per student, for 4,162 students not to exceed \$2,185.05. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - to provide a Special Education teacher, as well as Physical and Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Support for homebound instruction. Cost is \$54.67 per hour for Special Education Teacher up to 7.5 hours plus weekly mileage, Occupational Therapy - \$132.94/hour, Physical Therapy - \$152.81/hour, Speech and Language Support - \$130.45/hour. Terms August 30, 2021 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Special Education contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Cost for special education services are estimated to be \$1,984,930. The final reconciliation of the charges is to be made by August 2022.
4. Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc. Graham Academy - Classroom Instruction - \$222.00/day; Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy - \$119.00/hour. Effective August 01, 2021 and expires on July 31, 2022. Additional Services if needed as listed below:
 - Behavior Specialist - \$103.00/hour
 - Behavior Intervention Program - \$42.00/hour
 - Professional Counseling - \$88.00/hour

Crisis Intervention - \$62.00/hour
Toilet Training assistance - \$26.00/day
Menstrual care assistance - 130.00/month
One-time New Student Enrollment Fee - \$10.00
Extended School Year (ESY) Program - \$115.00/day

Approval of Agenda item #12.D. – Student Placement: Student #105146 - Abraxas Leadership Development Program, effective 7/19/2021 to 8/13/2021.

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – Purchase Structural Foam Stock Tanks: Purchase four (4) Structural Foam Stock Tanks and one (1) Harper 24" Curves Floor Squeegee for the Athletic Department at a total Cost of \$392.95 to be paid using St Luke's Sport Facility Budget.

Approval of Agenda item #12.F. – Computer Lease Purchase: Purchase computers from HP Financial Services Lease # 130927607008 at a cost of \$8,215.00.

Approval of Agenda item #12.G. – Fundraisers: PVHS FBLA - Shoprite Coin Drops – 9/18/2021, 10/16/2021, 10/30/2021, 11/1/2021, 11/15/2021, and 12/6/2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

Beginning Balance: August 1, 2021: \$234,710.44

Receipts: \$3.15

Expenditures: (\$2,198.04)

Ending Balance: August 31, 2021: \$232,515.55

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Business Management Addendum item #13.A.:

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

1. PVHS - FBLA and Schyler Strong Foundations - Orange and Black Dress Down Day - October 29, 2021
2. PVHS - Scrivener - Four Diamonds Gold Dress Down Day - April 22, 2022
3. PVHS - GSA - Pink, Red and White Dress Down Day - February 14, 2022
4. PVHS - FBLA - Red, White and Blue Dress Down Day - September 24, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Jecker stated that we must follow the mask mandate ordered by the Department of Health; however, she referred to Section 3 regarding the exemption form which does not state that the form must be signed by a doctor. She expressed concern that the Board did not have an opportunity to vote on the form and also that other school districts do not require a doctor's signature and requested that the Board consider replacing the current form.

Mrs. Jecker motioned to remove the current Physician's Certification for Request for Exemption to Mask Mandate form and replace it with an exemption form that requires a parent and/or guardian approval as provided in Section 3 of the Department of Health Order to be in effect sometime next week. There being no second to the motion, the motion failed and discussion continued. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the form was provided in response to the Order that came out from the Governor. He referred to PDEs FAQs surrounding when an exemption should be granted and that the guidance from PDE, which was issued in conjunction with the Department of Health, indicates that the only scenario upon which an exemption should be granted is the scenario where a student qualifies under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that in light of this scenario, a doctor's note would be the most efficient way of obtaining an exemption. Mrs. Jecker further questioned the authority of PDE over the DOH's Order. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that PDE has licensing authority over us and expressed the consequences of not being in compliance. Further discussion was held about the Order and the Section 504 process. Dr. Brennan clarified that other districts in the IU including Stroudsburg, as well as other districts across the Commonwealth, do require a doctor's note in their exemption form. Mr. Burger referred to emails he received expressing concern about costs involved for doctor's visits and responsibility for such costs. Mr. Fitzgerald addressed this concern and discussion was held about the administrative processes that would need to be followed.

Mrs. Kresge thanked everyone for the opening of school and also thanked the parents for their cooperation.

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

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, questioned if the band will be attending the games and requested that they be recognized. Mrs. Yozwiak said that they will be attending the games. Ms. Serfass expressed concerns about masks, N95 masks and face shields fitting properly.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about not having enough staff at PVE to meet the needs of the students and requested rehiring support staff.

Mary Vanicky, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions about the mask mandate and her opinion about the negative effects of wearing a mask as well as her opinion about CRT.

Amanda Andrews, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about the detriments of wearing a mask and that parents should make the decisions about mask wearing for their children.

Cory Daney, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinions about the detrimental effects of children wearing a mask.

Kerri Kish, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns about transparency and requested to be informed of the protocols for quarantining, protocols for quarantining if a vaccinated student has been exposed, and plans for a possible shut down due to a high positivity rate. She expressed concern about being prepared for one to one learning in the event of a shut down. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that based on the quarantine guidance, a vaccinated child who has been exposed to another child can stay in school unless symptoms arise and tests positive. Dr. Brennan stated that charts addressing quarantine protocols will be on the website for all parents and also stated that there is a plan for one to one learning.

Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed concern about the increase in COVID admissions at hospitals and concern that students can carry the virus home to family members. She expressed her opinion about wearing masks in order to prevent the spread.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her approval of the Department of Health mask mandate and expressed her opinion about being taught to wear a mask properly as well as breathing techniques.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about the mask mandate to keep students in school; expressed concern about the exemption form requiring a doctor's note; and expressed her concern about the dress code as well as proper attire for administrators and teachers.

Carlos Lizardi, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the possibility of teaching unapproved curriculum and to plan in advance to address the issue.

Damon Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the mask mandate and expressed his opinions about responsibility and accountability of decisions made by leadership.

Maryellen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, requested clarification on the exemption to mask wearing if the child has a 504. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that would have to go through the 504 process with the 504 team.

Sara Enderes, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns about the mask mandate and her opinion that the decision should be made by the parents. She questioned protocols for vaccinated and unvaccinated children who contract COVID. Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that anyone who has the virus would have to quarantine and in the event a vaccinated child develops symptoms, they would have to quarantine.

Gretchen Shaffer, Chestnuthill Township, expressed gratitude for following the Orders of the Department of Health and that masks will help keep children in school. She expressed her opinions about the efficacy of wearing a mask based on studies; and expressed concern about keeping teachers and staff safe as well.

Kera Daney, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about masks and about repercussions of defying Governor Wolf's mask mandate Order. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that defying an Order could present individual liability both to Board members and administrators

who oversee that defiance. He said that guidance from the Department of Education was sent to all Commissioned Officers to remind them of the potential liability to defy the Order.

David O'Neill, Chestnuthill Township, questioned the quarantine protocol for an unvaccinated child who has tested positive in the past. Dr. Brennan stated that there is guidance which states that if there is a positive test within the prior three months, they are exempt. Mr. O'Neill expressed his opinions about vaccinations and wearing masks properly. He expressed concern about mask wearing and stated that he will defy the Order.

Faith Lawrence, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern and opinion about going through the 504 process to obtain an exemption to mask wearing and expressed she will comply with the mask mandate.

Suzanne DeKleine, Chestnuthill Township, shared an unacceptable situation that her 6th grade son experienced relating to being quarantined and expressed concern about his educational plan and the delay in getting a device. Dr. Brennan apologized on behalf of the Board and herself for what happened to her son and assured all that we are concerned about all children and that there is no excuse for what happened. Dr. Brennan stated that the issue has been corrected and it will not happen again.

Colleen Stipeck, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the mask mandate and the exemption form; expressed concern about the detriments of wearing a mask; expressed concern about sports teams not wearing masks.

Jonathan Moeller, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his concerns and opinions about mask wearing and read from the PA Constitution.

End of public comment. Mrs. Yozwiak thanked everyone including parents and students for the opening of school making it as easy as possible. She expressed concern about the construction project taking place in front of the high school and thanked all for maintaining safe distance in their travels.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
September 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM