

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 10-7-2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held virtually on September 23, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Laura Jecker 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, Todd Kresge, Norm Burger, Sue Kresge, Teresa Greggo, Dan Wunder, Delbert Zacharias.

Administrative staff in attendance: Charlene Brennan, Acting Superintendent, Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Jessica Tomon, Director of Human Resources, Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Kathleen Franklin, Substitute Board Recorder, Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Lynn Courtright, Chief of Security, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Kelli George, Jason Van Voorhis, Kendal Askins, Roger Pomposello.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on September 23, 2021 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of legal issues, negotiations, personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline.

Approval of Appointment

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve the appointment of Kathleen Franklin as Assistant Board Secretary.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

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 for duration of one hour.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns and opinions about appointments of administrative staff; salaries; pensions; spending; and in-person Board meetings.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on September 9, 2021; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of September 23, 2021 with the removal of Agenda item #7.F.4. in accordance with Policy #916 as stated by Mrs. Yozwiak.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #2.B. – The Minutes of the Operations Workshop meeting held on September 14, 2021 was provided for informational purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #3. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable September 23, 2021.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #3.A. Check No. 00231845: Mr. Wunder 8-0-1 (Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #3.B. - The Accounts Payable approved at the September 9, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

Mrs. Jecker expressed concern about the possible need for additional support in the Kindergarten rooms and classroom size. Dr. Brennan stated that two new Kindergarten rooms have opened. Dr. Howard and Mr. Pomposello addressed the questions stating that the classrooms are open and classroom size is 20. In addition, Mr. Pomposello stated that registration for Kindergarten has slowed down and support is adequate.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Colonial IU20: Mr. Daniel Wunder – No report.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Teresa Greggo – An informational report was provided. Ms. Greggo asked the Board to check their email with regard to action items with regard to HB1254 voucher proposal; Right to Know law reform; and PSBA unveiling the next campaign for charter reform. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the PSBA Platform Committee is designing a new platform for the delegates to vote on in October.

Education Committee: Mrs. Susan Kresge – An informational report was provided. Mrs. Kresge highlighted items discussed at the meeting including staffing in the Technology Department and the possible need for hiring an additional technician. In addition, discussion was held about specialized staff being pulled to cover in the Kindergarten classrooms when teachers are absent and the possibility that building substitutes be used.

Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters – An informational report was provided.

Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo – Ms. Greggo wished our marching band good luck in their first competition in Quakertown.

Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak – No report.

Mrs. Yozwiak recognized and congratulated Dr. Alexandra Gibb for receiving her doctorate from Widener University. In addition, she recognized and thanked Ms. Hopely and the FBLA participants for volunteering at three recent events sponsored by the West End Park and Open Space Commission.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Charlene Brennan

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #6.A. – Appointment of Dr. Rae Lin Howard as Assistant Superintendent for five (5) years beginning September 23, 2021 through September 23, 2026.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.B. – Informational: The Enrollment Report for September 2021 was provided for informational purposes.

Mrs. Yozwiak congratulated Dr. Howard on her appointment and becoming a Commissioned Officer.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Change to Current Assignment

1.	Name:	Mary Colon
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Monitor
	New Building:	PVIS
	New Position:	Monitor
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Crystal Rivera
2.	Name:	Edward Lauritsen
	Current Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate

New Building:	PVES
New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
Effective Date:	September 9, 2021
Replace:	Brenda Bush

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – 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) are 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	2	\$6,550.00
2.	Dan Muir	Girls Basketball	Head Coach	1	\$6,450.00
3.	Megan Dahlstrom	Cheerleading	JV Assistant	1	\$2,512.00
4.	Austin Warman	Wrestling	Varsity Assistant	1	\$4,800.00
5.	Steve Depew	Wrestling	JV Assistant	1	\$4,800.00
6.	Robert Hahn Sr.	Boys Basketball	Varsity Assistant	2	\$4,900.00
7.	Kevin Wisser	Boys Basketball	JV Assistant	1	\$4,800.00
8.	Matt Gould	Boys Basketball	Freshman Assistant	1	\$4,800.00
9.	Stephen Kalbach	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Assistant	2	\$3,650.00
10.	Robert Stivala	Girls Basketball	JV Assistant	1	\$4,800.00
11.	Meghan Whitney	Cross Country	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$2,700.00
12.	Frank Dekmar	Girls Basketball	Varsity Assistant	1	\$4,800.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching (pending receipt of required paperwork):

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	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Chris Curtis	N/A	Winter Event Manager	\$610.41
2.	Jackie Tortora	N/A	Winter Event Manager	\$610.41
3.	John Gesiskie	N/A	Winter Event Manager	\$610.41
4.	Dana West	Wrestling	Varsity Message Board	\$40.00 (per event)
5.	Dana West	Wrestling	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
6.	Tracy Pio	Wrestling	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
7.	Dana West	Wrestling	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)
8.	Dana West	Wrestling	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
9.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
10.	Hillary Atkinson	Boys Basketball	Varsity Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00 (per event)

11.	Tracy Pio	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
12.	Jackie Tortora	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
13.	Karen Voulo	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
14.	Elaine Cucci	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
15.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)
16.	Hillary Atkinson	Boys Basketball	JV Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$30.00 (per event)
17.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
18.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
19.	James Igoe	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
20.	Karen Voulo	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00 (per event)
21.	James Igoe	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00 (per event)
22.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
23.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
24.	Tracy Pio	Girls Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
25.	Jackie Tortora	Girls Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
26.	Elaine Cucci	Girls Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
27.	Karen Voulo	Girls Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
28.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
29.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
30.	James Igoe	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
31.	James Igoe	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
32.	Karen Voulo	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
33.	Holli Capricuso-Register	Boys Basketball	Varsity Secondary Clock Operator	\$40.00
34.	Holli Capricuso-Register	Girls Basketball	Varsity Secondary Clock Operator	\$40.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – Supplemental Contracts: Non-Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

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	Name	Position	Building	Salary
1.	Elizabeth Gesualdi	Leo Club Advisor	PVHS	\$1,137.50
2.	Alexandria Gibb	Newspaper Advisor	PVMS	\$1,600.00
3.	Jim Devivo	Chess Club Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
4.	Christopher Curtis	SADD Advisor	PVHS	\$1,625.00
5.	Christopher Curtis	Class Advisor- Freshman	PVHS	\$1,500.00

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

	Name	Sport
1.	Melissa Blondo	Dance
2.	Ezmeralda Fernandez	Dance
3.	removed	
4.	removed	

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Intramural Advisor:

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:	Boys Basketball
	Advisor:	Robert Hahn
	Dates:	September 24, 2021 – November 12, 2021
	Day(s):	Monday – Thursday
	Times:	5:00 PM – 8:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 10, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – Sabbatical Leave:

1.	Name:	Suzanne Hunsicker
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Semester(s):	2nd of the 2021-2022 School Year

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

1.	Name:	Michael Olszewski
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Sixty (60)
	Dates:	August 26, 2021 – November 19, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Deb Hvasta
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	August 24, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.K. – Retirement:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Amelia Meixsell	Paraprofessional Associate	PVMS	December 31, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Angela Rivera	Substitute Teacher Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	N/A	September 11, 2021
2.	Marie Snyder	Substitute Teacher	N/A	September 11, 2021
3.	Janine Brown	School Nurse	PVMS	TBD

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #7.C.1. and #7.C.6.: Mrs. Jecker 8-1 CARRIED; Abstained on Agenda item #7.C.2.: Mrs. Kresge 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

ADDENDUM: HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Hiring of Support Staff:

1.	Name:	Dawn Knauft
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$17.84 per hour
	Effective Date:	September 25, 2021

	Replace:	Alison Zacharias (due to change of assignment)
2.	Name:	Katia Lopez
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$17.84 per hour
	Effective Date:	September 26, 2021
	Replace:	Debbie Wadiak (due to change of assignment)

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

	Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
1.	Galvin Dudley	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	TBD
2.	Christian Mora	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	TBD
3.	Beth Green	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$82.50 per diem	TBD
4.	Natalia Rose	Substitute Monitor	\$9.15 per hour	September 27, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Natalia Rose
	Education Level:	BA: Elementary/Early Childhood Education
	Undergraduate School:	Western Governors University
	Certificate:	Instructional I: Biology 7-12 Instructional I: Elementary K-6 Instructional I: Early Childhood N-3 Instructional I: English 7-12
	Salary:	\$110 per diem
	Effective Date:	September 27, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Stipend	Start Date
1.	Kelli George	Assistant High School Principal	\$450.00/week	August 23, 2021 – start date of High School Principal

Approval of Addendum item #8.F. – Family and Medical Leave:

1.	Name:	Julie Harris
	Position:	Director of Special Education
	Building:	Polk
	Number of Days:	Ten (10)
	Dates:	September 20, 2021 – October 1, 2021
2.	Name:	Gina Belanger
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	September 2, 2021 and September 9, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.G. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Peggyann Corriveau
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	September 22, 2021 – September 24, 2021
2.	Name:	Bonnie Drinkwater
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	October 18, 2021 – October 22, 2021
3.	Name:	Michelle Palmer
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	August 24, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Viola Murphy	Child Accounting Coordinator	District	November 30, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Lori Bettencourt	Teacher	PVHS	October 7, 2021
2.	Evelyn Garced	Monitor	PVMS	October 1, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.J. – Terminations due to expired clearances after multiple notices as follows: Employee #4194; Employee #4474.

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

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	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Kaitlin Freeman	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Assistant	2	\$3,650.00

Approval of Addendum item #8.L. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching (pending receipt of required paperwork):

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	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Pat Luchowski	Girls Basketball	Varsity Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00 (per event)
2.	Pat Luchowski	Girls Basketball	JV Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$30.00 (per event)
3.	Pat Luchowski	Girls Basketball	Freshman Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00 (per event)
4.	Erin Tortora	Girls Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
5.	Erin Tortora	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
6.	Erin Tortora	Wrestling	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
7.	Perry Tortora	Wrestling	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00 (per event)
8.	Perry Tortora	Boys Basketball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
9.	Perry Tortora	Girls Basketball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00 (per event)

Approval of Addendum item #8.M. – Supplemental Contracts: Non-Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

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	Name	Position	Building	Salary
1.	Suzanne Hunsicker	Student Government Advisor	PVHS	\$406.25 (split stipend)
2.	Christopher Curtis	Student Government Advisor	PVHS	\$1,218.75 (split stipend)

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

1.	Name:	Kelli George
	Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Assistant Principal
	New Position:	Principal
	Salary:	\$118,000
	Effective Date:	September 24, 2021
	Replace:	Matthew Triolo

Approval of Addendum item #8.O. – Hiring of Administrative Staff:

1.	Name:	Robinn Poole
	Building:	PVHS
	Position:	Assistant Principal
	Education Level:	MA: Educational Leadership MS: Science Education BAS: Biology
	Undergraduate School:	Mercey College
	Graduate School:	CUNY Lehman College Montclair State University
	Certificate:	Administrative I: Principal K-12 Instructional I: Biology 7-12
	Experience:	2018-2020: Newark Public Schools – Vice Principal of Science and CTE HS and MS 2012-2018: Essex County Vocational and Technical Schools – Acting Administrator and Tenured Science Instructor 2007-2012: New York City Department of Education – Lead HS Science Instructor
	Salary:	\$87,000 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	David Sodl, Jr.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Field Trips:

1.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	William Allen Football Game at J. Birney Crum Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	September 10, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$2,300.00
2.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo

	Destination	East Stroudsburg South Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	September 17, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$2,000.00
3.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	Quakertown HS Football Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	September 25, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$3,000.00
4.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	Pocono Mountain East Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	October 1, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$2,000.00
5.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	Central Bucks South HS Football Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	October 2, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$3,000.00
6.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	Freedom HS Football Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	October 15, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$2,500.00
7.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	North Penn HS Football Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	October 16, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$3,000.00
8.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	West Chester University Football Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	October 23, 2021
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
	Cost per Student	\$0.00
	Cost for District	\$3,500.00
9.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	Stroudsburg HS Football Stadium
	Purpose	Marching Band Performance
	Date(s)	October 29, 2021

District Buses Needed (#)	3 busses; equipment truck
Cost per Student	\$0.00
Cost for District	\$2,000.00

Approval of Agenda item #9.C. – Sought through the German American Partner Program (GAPP) Exchange for 12 students and two advisors from IGS Enkenbach-Alsenborn, Germany to visit Pleasant Valley High School Fall of 2022 from October 10 through October 25, 2022. High School German Teacher, Miranda Ford, will be the sponsoring teacher.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION: Dr. Rae Lin Howard – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper –

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #11.A. – Facility Usage Requests:

A.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Youth Association
	Facility Requested	PVMS New Gym
	Purpose	Adult Basketball League
	Dates/Times	Sunday's: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 9/26/21, 10/3/21, 10/10/21,10/17/21, 10/24/21, 10/31/21, 11/7/21, 11/14/21, 11/21/21, 11/28/21, 12/5/21, 12/12/21, 12/19/21, 1/2/22, 1/9/22, 1/16/22, 1/23/22, 1/30/22, 2/6/22, 2/13/22, 2/20/22, 2/27/22, 3/6/22, 3/13/22, 3/20/22, 3/27/22, 4/3/22, 4/10/22, 4/17/22, 4/24/22, 5/1/22, 5/8/2022, 5/15/22, 5/22/22, 5/29/22, 6/5/22
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVE Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. 1/8/22, 1/9/22, 1/15/22, 1/16/22, 1/22/22, 1/23/22, 1/29/22, 1/30/22, 2/5/22, 2/6/22, 2/12/22, 2/13/22, 2/19/22, 2/20/22, 2/26/22, 2/27/22, 3/5/22, 3/6/22, 3/12/22, 3/13/22, 3/19/22, 3/20/22, 3/26/22, 3/27/22, 4/2/22, 4/3/22
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVMS Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 10/19/21, 10/20/21, 10/22/21, 10/26/21, 10/27/21, 10/29/21, 11/2/21, 11/3/21, 11/5/21, 11/9/21, 11/10/21, 11/12,21, 11/16/21, 11/17/21, 11/19/21, 11/23/21, 11/24/21, 11/30/21, 12/1/21, 12/3/21, 12/7/21, 12/8/21, 12/10/21, 12/14/21, 12/15/21, 12/17/21, 12/21/21, 12/22/21, 12/28/21, 12/29/21, 1/4/22, 1/5/22, 1/7/22, 1/11/22, 1/12/22, 1/14/22, 1/18/22, 1/19/22, 1/21/22, 1/25/22, 1/26/22, 1/28/22, 2/1/22, 2/2/22, 2/4/22, 2/8/22, 2/9/22, 2/11/22, 2/15/22, 2/16/22, 2/18/22, 2/22/22, 2/23/22, 2/25/22, 3/1/22, 3/2/22, 3/4/22, 3/8/22, 3/9/22, 3/11/22, 3/15/22, 3/16/22, 3/18/22, 3/22/22, 3/23/22, 3/25/22, 3/29/22, 3/30/22, 4/1/22
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

D.	Organization	Cartesion Dance Academy
	Facility Requested	PVHS New Auditorium, Auditorium Lobby, Ticket booth, Concession
	Purpose	Dance Rehearsal
	Dates/Times	Monday - Friday: 3:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. 5/16/22, 5/17/22, 5/18/22, 5/19/22, 5/20/22
	Requestor	Cinthia Marino
	Attendance	150
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 4- All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	Cartesion Dance Academy
	Facility Requested	PVHS New Auditorium, Auditorium Lobby, Ticket booth, Concession
	Purpose	Dance Recital
	Dates/Times	Saturday, 5/21/22: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Sunday, 5/22/22: 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Cinthia Marino
	Attendance	500
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 4- All Appropriate Fees Apply

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BUILDING REPORTS –

Building reports for September 2021 were attached to the Agenda for informational purposes. Principals Askins and Pomposello stated that their respective Open House events were well attended and successful. Principal Van Voorhis noted his upcoming Open House and is expected to be well attended. Principal George stated that Open House went well and all are looking forward to Homecoming tomorrow night at 7:00 PM.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. – Cafeteria Fund as attached: Cafeteria Accounts Payable for September 23, 2021.

Agenda item #13.C. – Contracts:

1. Dude Solutions Costs: \$5,884.15 online software for technology, maintenance & facility/automation requests Effective September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022
2. Best Buddies Chapter Contract - Establish a Best Buddies chapter within the Pleasant Valley School District starting with the Pleasant Valley High School. Membership Dues: \$350.00

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$112,371.15.

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Budget Transfers to move support salaries to proper department in the amount of \$43,351.00.

Approval of Agenda item #13.F. – Student Placements:

- Student #106311 - Abraxas Leadership Development Program - Effective 7/1/2021 to 7/2/2021
- Student #104693 - Abraxas Academy - Effective 7/9/2021

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

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

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Kresge requested that an update be provided on the budget recap document.

Mr. Kresge wished Ms. Viola Murphy the best in her retirement. Mr. Wunder and Dr. Brennan wished Ms. Murphy good luck in her retirement.

Mrs. Yozwiak congratulated Ms. Kelli George on her appointment as Principal of the high school.

Mr. Wunder congratulated Dr. Howard as Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. Jecker welcomed Ms. Robinn Poole as Assistant Principal of the high school and congratulated Dr. Howard, Ms. Murphy, and Ms. George.

Mrs. Jecker raised the issue of students going to the nurse with a minor symptom and subsequently sending them home requiring them to get a COVID test when, in some cases, parents do not have insurance. Dr. Brennan stated that students would have to have three or more symptoms to be sent home. She said that Dr. Howard will work with Ms. Harris and communicate with nurses regarding this issue. Mrs. Jecker raised the question of the legality of using tests from CVS which Mr. Fitzgerald addressed and talked about the possibility of revisiting the ability to access tests in school. Mr. Burger referred to an article regarding the federal government making tests available and discussion about access to COVID tests was held. Dr. Brennan will speak with the IU and obtain more information.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items):

Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern and opinions about the mask mandate and options for parents; individual freedoms and beliefs; and opportunities for answers to questions posed by the public. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the mandate is a valid Order of the Department of Health and that the Board did not institute the Order but is following the Order. He said that guidance is expected shortly whether the Order will be revisited.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about wearing masks; in-person and virtual meetings; and answers to questions.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed gratitude for the open house that her daughter who graduated in 2020 was able to attend and hopes her daughter can share her college experience with undergraduates.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, thanked all involved with the opening of Kindergarten classrooms and addressing staffing issues; addressed the previously approved paraprofessionals and substitutes for the classrooms; stated open house was great; and cited incentives being offered to substitutes in other districts.

Antoinette Gravell, Polk Township, expressed concern about debt; COVID tests being performed in school must have parents present; mask requirements for in school but not sports.

Kristine Rodriguez, Ross Township, expressed concern about differences in protocols for masks, quarantining, natural immunity by St. Luke's and Pleasant Valley; and concerns about expression of different views and behaviors of teachers.

Abby Haberle, Ross Township, expressed concern about holding virtual meetings; the mask mandate; and detriments for children wearing masks.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concern about the dress code for students; mask wearing; and dress code infractions.

Karen Deppen, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion about substitutes for Kindergarten classrooms; nursing shortage; and on-site COVID testing requiring additional staff.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about pension fund; mask mandate; COVID testing in schools; and spending.

Antoinette Gravell, Polk Township, expressed concern about pension fund; the need for open dialogue to answer questions; spending and salaries; and spending \$100,000 for damage from a lightning strike.

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified the comments surrounding pension funds and stated that the pension fund is not run by Pleasant Valley School District and that the District remits contributions to the State. He reiterated that the pension is a State fund.

Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about mandates and decisions being made and the need for communication. She referred to Policy 011 and suggested that a support group be formed so that questions can be answered.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion concerning comments being made about mask mandates, etc.; compliance by the District about mandates; and reaching out to local representatives.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern and opinions about pension funds; parental choice; and mandates.

Gretchen Schaffer, Chestnuthill Township, expressed gratitude for holding Zoom meetings; expressed concern about certain opinions being expressed; science backed by research, data, and concern about misinformation.

Rosemarie Altemose, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about mandates and parental choice.

Kristie McGrath, Ross Township, referred to the Treasurer's report posted for anyone questioning spending. She expressed her opinion that children need to be safe and in school and thanked the Board.

Jeremiah Santo, Polk Township, expressed his opinion about pensions; medical benefits; and contract negotiations.

Leigha McGlinch, Ross Township, shared her research on mask wearing.

Danielle Serfass, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns about the need for communication; and the dress code for staff and teachers.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concern about shortage of staff; protocols for quarantining; and dress code for students.

Mrs. Yozwiak clarified misinformation given that damage done to our property by the lightning strike was not covered by insurance. She stated that Mr. Gasper has informed us that the damage is being covered by insurance.

President Yozwiak announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

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