

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 10-21-21

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held virtually on October 7, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:09 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Peeters 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 members of the public 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, 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, Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, 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 October 5, 2021 for the purpose of personnel matters; and an executive session was held on October 7, 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.

**Pleasant Valley Envirothon Presentation – Ms. Maricatherine Garr, Envirothon**

**Advisor –** Ms. Garr introduced herself as the coach of the Envirothon team, Zack Dooner, Captain, and Jacob Possinger, Captain of the Second Team. A PowerPoint presentation was given and Zack Dooner and Jacob Possinger shared their accomplishments and experiences as being part of the team and competition. Mrs. Yozwiak congratulated Ms. Garr and the students.

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:** None.

**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 September 23, 2021; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of October 7, 2021.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

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

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

Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021– PSDLAF.

Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – October 7, 2021.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.E. - The Accounts Payable approved at the September 23, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**Other:** Mrs. Jecker stated that after speaking with Senator Scavello’s office, she requested that her motion be renewed to exchange the current mask exemption form and replace it with a form that may be signed by a parent and/or guardian which, according to Mr. Scavello’s office, the Board has the right to vote on. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that a motion is required to amend the agenda with justification as to why the agenda is being amended without 24 hour notice as required by the Sunshine Act.

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to amend the Agenda with justification due to Mrs. Jecker speaking with Senator Scavello’s office informing her that the Board has the ability to replace the current mask exemption form with a form that requires parent and/or guardian approval and does not need a doctor’s approval. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that in accordance with the Sunshine Act, justification is needed as to why an amendment to the agenda is being presented now as opposed to a 24 hour notice. Mrs. Jecker stated that the justification is that she was apprised of this today and would like the Board to vote on the replacement of the mask exemption form.

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve the replacement of the current Mask Exemption Form with a form that requires a parent and/or guardian approval and does not need a doctor’s approval with the justification as stated above.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the Order is clear that school districts must enforce the Order and opened discussion about enforcement as it relates to the 504 process and is the administration prepared to have systems in place to address the shift to parent and/or guardian approval of the form. He requested any input from the administration. Discussion was held about different interpretations about the Order and Dr. Brennan spoke about the 504 process and will need to speak with staff. Mrs. Yozwiak questioned personal liability if the Order is not followed which Mr. Fitzgerald addressed. Mr. Wunder requested that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting in order to give the Board more time to review the issue.

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to table the current Motion until the next Board meeting to give the administration time to analyze and respond to the issue at which time input as to how it might be implemented can be held should the motion pass.

ROLL CALL: 7-2 CARRIED  
Voting No: Mrs. Jecker; Mr. Kresge

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – An informational report was provided. Mrs. Yozwiak announced that MCTI Career Exploration Night for grades 8 and 9 is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 PM at MCTI and will be in person.

**Colonial IU20: Mr. Dan Wunder** – An informational report was provided.

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

**Education Committee: Mrs. Kresge** – An informational report was provided.

**Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters** – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday at 6:00 PM.

**Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – An informational report was provided. Ms. Greggo acknowledged the PV Band receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place at a recent competition. She shared a special night at the homecoming game where the PV Band performed and as they performed, the entire football team was fully engaged in the performance.

**Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

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

Mrs. Yozwiak announced that there will be a Q&A virtual community round table on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM with regard to the spending of Act 24 funds. She also congratulated Ms. Askins on a recent article published in PA Administrator on the PVI Create Lab.

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #6.A. – Acting Superintendent Items and to approve Addendum item #7. – Acting Superintendent Items: Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – Reappointment & Returning Western Pocono Community Library Trustees:

- Reappointment of trustee for Western Pocono Community Library with a term to expire October 2024: Dr. Karin-Susan Breitlauch
- Returning trustee for Western Pocono Community Library with a term to expire October 2024: Mr. Robert Reeder

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

Pleasant Valley High School:

Student No.	Reason
HB100421AR-H	Medical, retroactive to 10/4/21

Approval of Addendum item #7.A. – Agreement of Expulsion for Student #E100121BU-H.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon**

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #8.A. - Personnel Items:

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

1.	Name:	Annette Schaffer
	Position:	Assistant Principal
	Building:	PVIS
	Education Level:	M.Ed.: Educational Leadership MS: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages BA: International Studies and History
	Undergraduate School:	American University
	Graduate School:	Pace University Baruch College School of Public Affairs Bank Street Graduate School of Education
	Certificate:	Principal K-12 English as Second Language
	Experience:	2020-2021: School Improvement Facilitator, Chester County Intermediate Unit 2016-2020: Elementary School Assistant Principal, New York City Department of Education 2011-2016: Middle School Assistant Principal, New York City Department of Education 2005-2011: Aspiring Principal, Data Specialist, English as Second Language Teacher; New Your City Department of Education
	Salary:	\$83,708 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Kendal Askins (due to change of assignment)

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

1.	Name:	Alison Rake
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$12.20
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Lisa Penna

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Change to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Diane Brouse
	Current Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Teacher
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Teacher
	Effective Date:	October 8, 2021
	Replace:	Lori Bettencourt
2.	Removed	

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – Club/Activity Advisor:

Any club/activity not on the supplemental contract cannot exceed \$500.00 and must maintain 10 participants.

1.	Club/Activity:	Aevidium
	Advisor:	Lauren Staub
	Dates:	October 8, 2021 – June 10, 2021
	Day(s):	Tuesdays
	Times:	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 27, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #8.F. – Intramural Advisors:

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:	Girls Lacrosse (Grades 7-12)
	Advisor:	Toni Bush
	Co-Advisor:	Todd Urland
	Volunteer:	Joe Bush
	Dates:	October 12, 2021 – November 30, 2021
	Day(s):	Tuesdays and Thursdays
	Times:	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 7, 2021
2.	Club/Activity:	Girls Lacrosse (Grades 5-6)
	Advisor:	Toni Bush
	Volunteer:	Joe Bush
	Dates:	October 12, 2021 – November 30, 2021
	Day(s):	Tuesdays and Thursdays
	Times:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	September 7, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Leaves Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Erica Sciarrone
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	September 14, 2021 – September 17, 2021
2.	Name:	Valerie Kaye
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	October 1, 2021

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Michael Olszewski	Custodian	PVHS	November 19, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #8.I. – Resignation:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Michael Menzoff	Security Sergeant	District	October 15, 2021

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Addendum #9.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – 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.	Michelle Albanese	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,550.00
2.	Jillian Janotti	Cheering	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$2,112.00

Approval of Addendum item #9.C. – 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.	Joe Anderton	Boys Basketball	Varsity Announcer	\$40.00
2.	Joe Anderton	Girls Basketball	Varsity Announcer	\$40.00

3.	Joe Anderton	Wrestling	Varsity Announcer	\$40.00
4.	Jenna Wernett	Wrestling	Varsity Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00
5.	Jenna Wernett	Wrestling	JV Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$30.00
6.	Jenna Wernett	Wrestling	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
7.	Lori Bray		Winter Event Manager	\$610.41

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – 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>Building</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Sonya Latorre	Drama Director	PVIS	\$2,310.00
2.	Elaine Cucci	Animation Club	PVHS	\$1,137.50
3.	Sarah Jean Rotenberger	Assistant Drama Director	PVIS	\$1,617.00

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Athletic Volunteer:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
1.	Madison Oren	Wrestling

Approval of Addendum item #9.F. – Rescind Retirement:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Previously Approved</b>
1.	Dorothy Sawyer	September 9, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #9.G. – Resignations:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Dorothy Sawyer	Monitor *	PVIS	October 15, 2021
2.	Christopher Curtis	SADD Club Advisor	PVHS	September 30, 2021

\*Would like to remain on substitute list.

Approval of Addendum item #9.H. – Settlement Agreement #20211001.01.

Approval of Addendum item #9.I. – Hiring of Long Term Substitute Professional Staff (pending receipt of emergency certificate and other required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Amy Krasniqi
	Position:	School Nurse
	Building:	PVMS
	Education Level:	BS: Nursing
	Undergraduate School:	Moravian College
	Certificate:	Registered Nurse
	Experience:	2015-present: Lehigh Valley Health Network, Emergency Department Registered Nurse
	Salary:	\$244.93 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Janine Brown

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda** – No report.

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

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper** –

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Facility Usage Requests:

A.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Youth Association
	Facility Requested	PVMS New Gym
	Purpose	Youth Basketball Clinic
	Dates/Times	Saturday - October 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday - October 30, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	50
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Youth Association
	Facility Requested	PVHS Old Gymnasium
	Purpose	All activities related to PVYA programs- including registration, practices, games, clinics, and fundraising.
	Dates/Times	Monday's - Thursday's Weekly November 8, 2021 thru March 17, 2022 7:15 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.  November Dates: 11/8/21, 11/9/21, 11/10/21, 11/11/21, 11/15/21, 11/16/21, 11/17/21, 11/18/21, 11/22/21, 11/23/21, 11/24/21, 11/30/21, 12/1/21, 12/2/21, 12/6/21, 12/7/21, 12/8/21, 12/9/21, 12/13/21, 12/14/21, 12/15/21, 12/16/21, 12/20/21, 12/21/21, 12/22/21, 12/23/21, 12/27/21, 12/28/21, 12/29/21, 12/30/21, 01/03/22, 01/04/22, 01/05/22, 01/06/22, 01/10/22, 01/11/22, 01/12/22, 01/13/22, 01/17/22, 01/18/22, 01/19/22, 01/20/22, 01/24/22, 01/25/22, 01/26/22, 01/27/22, 01/31/22, 02/01/22, 02/02/22, 02/03/22, 02/07/22,



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	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVI Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	Saturday's and Sunday's Weekly January 8, 2022 thru April 3, 2022 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  01/08/22, 01/09/22, 01/15/22, 01/16/22, 01/22/22, 01/23/22, 01/29/22, 01/30/22, 02/05/22, 02/06/22, 02/12/22, 02/13/22, 02/19/22, 02/20/22, 02/26/22, 02/27/22, 03/05/22, 03/06/22, 03/12/22, 03/13/22, 03/19/22, 03/20/22, 03/26/22, 03/27/22, 04/02/22, 04/03/22

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta**

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

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. – Cafeteria Fund, per attached.

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for October 7, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #13.C. – The following contracts:

1. Valerie N. Rodriguez M.S. Cost: \$1,200.00/evaluation. Contracted school psychologist.
2. BerkOne - Homestead/Farmstead Application Mailing - Cost: \$0.3774 per mailing with return envelope, \$0.03264 per mailing without return envelope, Additional Programming \$130.6875 per hour.
3. Bayada - To provide a RN or LPN on a substitute basis. Cost - \$52.50 per hour Terms: 9/20/2021 to 6/30/2022
4. NEXT Up Transition Curriculum Inc - Cost: \$3,000.00 Contract Terms: 9/1/2021 – 8/31/2022
5. Blackboard - Ally for Web Community Manager. Total Cost: \$4,600.00 Terms: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – West End Park and Open Space Commission 2022 Proposed Budget with appropriations in the amount \$142,216.00. Pleasant Valley School District support in the amount: \$4,478.00 as per attached.

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

- Student #106572 - Carson Valley Children's Aid - Effective 7/9/2021

- Student #112531 - Tower Behavioral Health - Effective 9/9/2021 – 9/24/2021.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Business Management Addendum item #14.A.:

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – The following contracts:

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Total costs not to exceed \$43,968.60. To provide an associate teacher for direct, one-on-one services at the following locations: East Stroudsburg High School South - Autistic Support. This contract will be in effect through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
2. IntegraOne - Cisco Flex Licenses - Cost: \$27,700.00 per year Terms: 10/09/2021 – 10/08/2024

Approval of Addendum item #14.C. – Memorandum of Understanding between Monroe County Children and Youth Agency and Pleasant Valley School District for three (3) years beginning October 7, 1 through September 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mrs. Jecker welcomed Ms. Schaffer to PVI as Assistant Principal.

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

Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about tabling the mask exemption form motion; expressed concern about those being against masks and vaccines.

Leigha McGlinch, Chestnuthill Township, congratulated the Envirothon team. She expressed her opinion on having a student representative at Board meetings; leadership; communication; the Acting Secretary of Health; and mask requirements.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, congratulated the Envirothon team and Ms. Askins for her article. She expressed her opinions about mask discussions and to focus on curriculum.

Maryellen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about scheduling dates for the homecoming dance.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about universal masking and ESSR funds. She expressed her opinions and concerns about holding Zoom meetings; and pension funds.

Abby Haberle, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about the mask exemption form; mask wearing; vaccines; protocols for board meetings; and mandates.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about the dress code for students and staff; mask wearing; and the mask exemption form.

Gretchen Schaffer, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about tabling the motion for the mask exemption form; mask wearing; board meeting protocols and harassment on social media; and safety of elected officials and residents.

Leigha McGlinch, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about board meetings being held via Zoom.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about in person and Zoom meetings; mask wearing; and science.

Jessica Place, Eldred Township, expressed her opinion about the mask exemption form; mask wearing; parental choice about masks for students; and enforcement of masks.

Rosemarie Altemose, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about mask breaks being used as a disciplinary action.

Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed concern about the creation of flyer circulating at a township meeting.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinions about parental choice and rights; masks; the mask exemption form; and communication.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concern about mask breaks used as disciplinary actions; masks for staff; and the dress code.

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, expressed concern about dress code for staff; communication; emergency contact forms; and online services for parents.

Gretchen Schaffer, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions about holding Zoom meetings and dress code for students.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion about the upcoming Q&A meeting.

End of public comment.

Dr. Brennan addressed the comments made about mask breaks being used as punishment. She assured the public that this Board or anyone else is not aware of this and it should not be happening. Dr. Brennan stated that she will be in contact with the administration and staff in connection with this issue. In addition, she will be in contact with administration and staff to address any staff member not wearing masks.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that Dr. Brennan has informed her that the homecoming dance is being discussed and final preparations are being made and that information will be going out to students in the near future. She reminded all about the public Q&A virtual meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> about spending of the Act 24 funds. She thanked all for attending this evening's meeting.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM. She stated that the superintendent search is ongoing and assured all that Board members are wearing masks at all meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
October 21, 2021 @ 7:00 PM