

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 4th 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 1st 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 12th 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 27th 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):

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|----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 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:

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|----|-------------------|------------------|
| 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.

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|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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.

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| 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:

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|----|-----------------|---|
| 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:

| | Name | Position | Building | Effective Date |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Michael Olszewski | Custodian | PVHS | November 19, 2021 |

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

| | Name | Position | Building | Effective Date |
|----|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 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.

| | Name | Sport | Position | Level | Salary |
|----|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 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.

| | Name | Sport | Position | Salary |
|----|--------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Joe Anderton | Boys Basketball | Varsity Announcer | \$40.00 |
| 2. | Joe Anderton | Girls Basketball | Varsity Announcer | \$40.00 |

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| 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.

| | Name | Position | Building | Salary |
|----|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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:

| | Name | Sport |
|----|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | Madison Oren | Wrestling |

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

| | Name | Date Previously Approved |
|----|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Dorothy Sawyer | September 9, 2021 |

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

| | Name | Position | Building | Effective Date |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 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):

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|----|-----------------------|---|
| 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:

| | | |
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| 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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| | | 02/08/22, 02/09/22, 02/10/22, 02/14/22, 02/15/22, 02/16/22, 02/17/22, 02/21/22, 02/22/22, 02/23/22, 02/24/22, 02/28/22, 03/01/22, 03/02/22, 03/03/22, 03/07/22, 03/08/22, 03/09/22, 03/10/22, 03/14/22, 03/15/22, 03/16/22, 03/17/22 |
| | Requestor | Hope Christman |
| | Attendance | 40 |
| | Tuition | N/A |
| | Fee by District | Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply |
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| 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 27th 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