

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 11-04-2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held virtually on October 21, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teresa Greggo 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 stated that this meeting is being recorded.

Roll Call – Assistant Board Secretary: Mrs. Kathleen Franklin

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 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; Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator; Lynn Courtright, Chief of Police.

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

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on October 11, 2021, for the purpose of negotiations, October 12, 2021 and October 14, 2021, for personnel matters; and an executive session was held on October 21, 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.

Prior to community comment, Mr. Fitzgerald announced an amendment to the agenda. Dr. Charlene Brennan added Board item 8.F.2. to the agenda for the resignation of Robinn Poole effective October 21, 2021. This is being added now because we received information late in the day.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Richard Hill, Polk Township, spoke about concerns not on the board agenda, and Mr. Fitzgerald advised him to speak at the end of the Board meeting during the second comment section.

Antoinette Gravel, Polk Township, discussed her concerns of viewing the documents under the treasurer report.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, shared her concern about the addition to the Board agenda. Mr. Fitzgerald said we do not discuss personnel matters.

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

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on October 7, 2021; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of October 21, 2021 including the addition of Board agenda item #8.F.2.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda Item #2.B. – The Minutes of the Operations Workshop meeting held on October 11, 2021, was provided for informational purposes.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable; Agenda item 3.B. – Financial Statement for September 2021, as attached:
Approval of Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable – October 21, 2021.
Approval of Agenda item #3.C. Trial Balance/Financial Statement September 2021.
Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Asset Cost Summary September 2021.
Approval of Agenda item #3.E. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues September 2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.F. - The Accounts Payable approved at the October 7, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

Other: Mrs. Jecker asked about the motion brought up at the last board meeting to replace the mask exemption form with a form that may be signed by a parent and/or guardian. She asked if there is any update from administration.

Dr. Charlene Brennan discussed the impact on the 504 process which also requires a medical documentation. This process can take in excess of 60 days and the child during that time would need to wear a face covering. The current process of a doctor signing a medical form is the most expeditious way for families with students with medical conditions to obtain mask exemption status. Our school nurses are concerned about an opt out form. The COVID decision trees have been working well in the buildings. The quarantine protocols are very different for non-mask individuals and would require longer days quarantined. We also reviewed the insurance liability. The district could lose insurance coverage if we did not follow the mask guidelines and protocols. We contacted CM Regent and under general liability for the district they recommended complying with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances. There is a school leader liability issue for

board members and administration, and they are recommending we follow the guidelines. Dr. Brennan believes our numbers are low because we are following protocol.

Mr. Fitzgerald agreed with Dr. Brennan and said the Commonwealth heard the legal matter that the Department of Health did not have the authority for the mask mandate. The determination could be days/weeks away. If this were to change, we would go back to the school district's health and safety plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak – Mrs. Yozwiak announced that MCTI Career Exploration Night for grades 8 and 9 is scheduled for November 4, 2021 from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM at MCTI and will be in person. She attended the Occupational Advisory Meeting yesterday and enjoyed watching the students actively engaged.

Colonial IU20: Mr. Dan Wunder – The next meeting is Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Teresa Greggo – No report.

Education Committee: Mrs. Kresge – The next meeting will be held Monday, November 1, 2021.

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

Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo – No report.

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

West End Park and Open Space Commission: Mrs. Laura Jecker – An informational report was provided.

Mrs. Jecker added that the intergovernmental agreement between WEPOSC agreement requires the district to open the gates at the park on weekends only but we continue to do this seven days a week. A letter from the school district was sent to the commission seeking two seats on the commission. Mrs. Jecker stated that we would need to pay more than the \$5,000. Mr. Chuck Gould does not agree with the additional seat and said they could hire someone for \$43,000 to open the gate. Mrs. Jecker suggests that we should operate according to the intergovernmental agreement. Mrs. Yozwiak said that the business office figured the extra cost for staff to open and close the gate totaled about \$10,000 to \$14,000 a year in salary and insurance. Mrs. Kresge mentioned the tax burden to the township with a new hiring and suggested we see if we can talk this through with the supervisors. Mr. Burger cautions driving a wedge between the township and district.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Charlene Brennan

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #6.A. – Acting Superintendent Items and to approve Addendum item #6. – Acting Superintendent Items: Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Agreement of Expulsion for Student #E101321AH-H and for Student #E101321JM-H.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #6.C. – No changes were recommended to the following policies reviewed on July 26, 2021. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle:

1. Policy 200 Enrollment of Students
2. Policy 201 Admission of Students
3. Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
4. Policy 205 Postgraduate Students
5. Policy 206 Assignment within the District

No changes were recommended to the following policies reviewed on October 12, 2021. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle:

1. Policy 302 Employment of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

Agenda item #6.D. – The following policies were provided for a first reading:

1. Policy 113.2 Independent Educational Evaluations
2. Policy 113.3 Screening and Evaluation for Students with Disabilities
3. Policy 251 Homeless Students

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo 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:	Joan Mattson
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
2.	Name:	Jessica Miller
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Tenure: The following professional staff has served Pleasant Valley School District for three (3) years and has been rated as satisfactory. By the provisions of the PA School Code, they are recommended for tenure: Seana Parcha and Kelsey Tompkins.

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – 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:	Boys Lacrosse
Advisor:	Bob VanDerheyden
Volunteer:	TJ Dorn
Dates:	October 25, 2021 - November 22, 2021
Day(s):	Mondays and Wednesdays
Times:	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Building:	PVHS
Received in HR Office:	October 7, 2021
2. Club/Activity:	Girls Basketball
Advisor:	Daniel Muir
Volunteer:	Frank Dekmar
Volunteer:	Bob Stivala
Dates:	October 22, 2021 - November 17, 2021
Day(s):	Wednesdays
Times:	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Building:	PVHS
Received in HR Office:	October 8, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. - Student Activities:

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

1. Club/Activity:	HOSA Advisor
Co-Advisor:	Carol Patterson
Co-Advisor:	Mark Rehrig
Co-Advisor:	Jenna Wernett
Dates:	October 25, 2021 - June 1, 2022
Day(s):	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Times:	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Building:	PVHS
Received in HR Office:	October 7, 2021
2. Club/Activity:	Ski and Snowboard Club Advisor
Co-Advisor:	Mark Rehrig
Co-Advisor:	Dave Lewis
Co-Advisor:	Jason Smith
Dates:	January 5, 2022 - February 23, 2022
Day(s):	Wednesdays
Times:	3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Building:	PVHS
Received in HR Office:	October 7, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.F. – Long Term Substantial Volunteer:

Name	Building
Staci Gower	PVE

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

1. Name:	Matthew Gould
Position:	Teacher
Building:	PVMS
Number of Days:	Twenty-five (25)
Dates:	September 20, 2021 – October 22, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Laura Duncan	Substitute Custodian	N/A	August 12, 2021
2.	Amy Keller	Teacher	PVHS	TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.I. – Terminations as follows:

1. Job Abandonment
 - a. Employee # 4889
2. Failure to complete required paperwork.
 - a. 20211021-1
 - b. 20211021-2

Approval of Agenda item #7.J. – Extension of Independent Contract:

Extension of the independent contract of Dr. Charlene Brennan, Acting Superintendent based on same terms of the previous appointment from November 2, 2021 until no later than June 15, 2022, or until the position is filled.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED
 Abstained on Agenda item #7.D.2.:
 Mrs. Kresge 7-0-1 CARRIED
 (Abstention form attached)

ADDENDUM - HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

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

1. Name:	Norma Smith
Position:	Monitor
Building:	PVMS
Salary:	\$10.97 per hour
Effective Date:	TBD
Replace:	Laura DePompo

2.	Name:	Removed

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

1.	Name:	P. Douglas Posten
	Education Level:	BS: Biology M.Ed.: Biology
	Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Graduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Certificate:	Biology
	Experience:	2020: Pleasant Valley School District, Long Term Substitute Science 2018-2020: Pocono Mountain School District, Long Term Substitute Biology & Algebra 2 2016-2018: East Stroudsburg High School North, Long Term Substitute General Science & Biology 2016: Nazareth Area School District, Long Term Substitute Biology 1999-2001: Academy of the New Church, Chemistry & Biology Teacher 1996-1999: East Stroudsburg High School, Biology Teacher 1994: Stroudsburg Middle School, Long Term Substitute Earth & Space Science
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Rachel Borger
	Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Long Term Substitute School Nurse
	New Position:	School Nurse
	Salary:	B, Step 2: \$45,467 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	October 22, 2021
2.	Name:	Amy Krasniqi
	Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Long Term Substitute School Nurse
	New Position:	School Nurse
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$45,067 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	TBD (pending receipt of required paperwork)

Approval of Addendum Agenda item #8.E. – Addition to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Rhonda Price
	Position:	Substitute Teacher
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem

	Effective Date:	October 25, 2021
2.	Name:	Christian Mora
	Position:	Substitute Monitor
	Salary:	\$9.15 per hour
	Effective Date:	October 25, 2021

Approval of Addendum Agenda item #8.F. – Resignation:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Edward Lauritsen	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	October 29, 2021
2.	Robinn Poole	Assistant Principal	PVHS	October 21, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Kristine Delmas
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Ten (10)
	Dates:	October 15, 2021 – October 28, 2021
2.	Name:	Patrick Smith
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Twenty-eight (28)
	Dates:	November 10, 2021 – December 23, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.H. – 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.	Kris Gratalo	Wrestling	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,550.00
2.	Destry Hartrum	Wrestling	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,550.00

Approval of Addendum item #8.I. – 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.	Craig Morris	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Line Judge	\$35.00
2.	Ryan O’Keefe	Wrestling	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00
3.	Ryan O’Keefe	Boys Basketball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00
4.	Kris Meckes	Boys Basketball	Freshman Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
5.	Joe Anderton	N/A	Winter Event Manager	\$610.41
6.	Kris Meckes	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00

Approval of Addendum item #8.J. – 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	Grades	Salary
1.	Alison Jochen	Health Services Department Chairperson	K-12	\$1,365.00 (split stipend)
2.	Dawn Kieffer	Health Services Department Chairperson	K-12	\$910.00 (split stipend)

Approval of Agenda item #8.K. – 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:	Weightlifting
	Advisor:	Jeremy Goff
	Dates:	October 26, 2021 – May 20, 2022
	Day(s):	Tuesday – Thursday
	Times:	2:45 PM – 4:15 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	October 18, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

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

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Addendum Agenda item #10.A. – Curriculum/Staff Development Items:

Approval of Addendum Agenda item #10.B. – Approval of Application – Adult English Language Development and EL Student Homework Help Program; and Addendum Agenda item #10.C. – Discard/Donation of Books – unused/outdated Science Horizons, Silver Burdett Ginn textbooks, copyright 1993, 66 student editions, 1 teacher edition from PVI.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Dr. Charlene Brennan –

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Operational Items; Agenda item #12.B. – Approval of Donation of 8’ X 10’ shed from the PV Cubs organization to be used to store PV Cubs equipment; and Agenda item #12.C. – Facility Usage Requests:

A.	Organization	PV Cubs Football and Cheerleading
	Facility Requested	PVHS Stadium, Field, Concession, Restrooms
	Purpose	Home Football Playoff Game
	Dates/Times	Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Kristen Pierri
	Attendance	250
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	PV Cubs Football and Cheerleading
	Facility Requested	PVHS Stadium, Field, Concession, Restrooms
	Purpose	Home Football Championship Game
	Dates/Times	Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

	Requestor	Kristen Pierri
	Attendance	250
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	PV Bruins Wrestling
	Facility Requested	PVHS New gym, New gym Lobby, Concession
	Purpose	VEWL Quad Meet Wrestling Event
	Dates/Times	Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	West End Little League
	Facility Requested	PVHS Old Gym
	Purpose	West End Little League Softball Winter Workouts
	Dates/Times	Sunday's: 1/9/2022 thru 4/24/2022 1:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. January Dates: 9, 16, 23, 30 February Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 March Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 April Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS - Building reports for October 2021 were attached to the Agenda for informational purposes.

Mr. Pomposello has nothing additional to report.

Mrs. Askins spoke about October being National Bullying Prevention month and the different things planned at the building. The 4th graders went on a field trip to the Cranberry Bog. The second PTO meeting of the month was held today. PVI is working on building relationships with parents. They will continue to award positive paws and recognize students for the great things they are doing.

Mr. Van Voorhis said the middle school is also doing things for National Bullying Prevention month. Guidance Counselors have been discussing topics such as how to handle bullying, adversity and sexual harassment. They make sure the middle schoolers feel safe and healthy and know what supports are here if they do not.

Mrs. George followed up that high school clubs are doing positive things such as the Avedium club which are participating in "Chalk About Mental Health" which includes putting positive messages outside in chalk. The Diversity club is also doing different things. There is a lot going on with sports as our last home football game is Saturday at 1:10 PM and our trick or treat drive through event will follow. The Fall Ball Dance is November 6, 2021 with doors open at 6:00 PM and dance begins at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Tomori has nothing additional to report for the cyber academy.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #14.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #14.B. – Cafeteria Fund, per attached.

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for October 21, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #14.C. – The following contracts:

1. Sights for Hope - Vision Screening for Pleasant Valley School District Students at no cost to the District -- Terms: One Year with annual renewal.
2. Education Plus, LLC - to assist with the Federal E-Rate Program application process for funding year 2022-23. Cost: Category 1 applications is \$1,650.00 and Category 2 applications will be 3% of committed funding, with a minimum admin fee of \$1,250.00.
3. CDW-G - Purchase QTY: Five (5) Epson PowerLite X49 3LCD XGA Classroom Projector with HDMI -- Total Cost: \$1,969.30 Contract: COSTARS 3 IT Hardware Contract (COSTARS-003-32)
4. Jeneral Entertainment - DJ Services for SGA Fall Ball on 11/06/2021 Cost: \$750.00 to be paid from SGA.

Approval of Agenda item #14.D. – Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment Bid, per attached:

Spring Athletic Supplies & Equipment Bid 2021 - 2022 School Year

BSN Sports - \$2,480.20

MFAC, LLC - \$63.00

Pyramid School Products - \$642.32

Scholastic Sports Sales, Ltd. - \$3,570.60

Sportsman's - \$856.12

Triple Crown Sports - \$521.40

Total 2021-2022 Spring Athletic Supplies & Equipment Bid - \$8,133.64

Approval of Agenda item #14.E. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$337,113.48.

Approval of Agenda item #14.F. – Student Placements:

- Student #107894 - Southwood- Effective 9/23/2021
- Student #208413 - Norristown State Hospital - Effective 8/30/2021
- Student #208413 - Norristown State Hospital - Effective 8/30/2020

Agenda item #14.G. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts Report.

Agenda item #14.H. – Informational: Student Fundraiser Report.

Agenda item #14.I. – Informational: District Investment Report.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Addendum Agenda item #15.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #15.B. – The following contract:

1. Edulink. PA-EETEP Agreement - Three (3) Year Licensing Fee. Electronic teacher and supervisors' evaluation portal. Total Cost: \$55,809.00.
2. Education Plus – To assist with the application of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). Total Cost: \$1,500.00.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Kresge thanked administrative staff for all their hard work and doing duties that they do not typically do.

Mr. Kresge asked Mrs. George about the time change for the football game Saturday. It was moved ten minutes later to accommodate it being televised.

Mrs. Yozwiak gave special thanks to Beverly Hendricks, Food Services Director, and her amazing staff, ensuring that our students receive complete meals for breakfast and lunch.

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

Richard Hill, Polk Township, shared his concerns about his daughter's health, withdrawing his children from the school district, limited use of the high school bathrooms and the lunch areas.

Janice Greco, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about virtual board meetings.

Ann Miller, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about outside organizations playing on school grounds, virtual board meetings and upcoming elections.

MaryEllen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern over guidance counselors teaching sexual harassment curriculum at the middle school and the need for the high school to open all the bathrooms.

Lawrence Kahn, Polk Township, inquired when board meetings would be held in person.

Kristine Rodriguez, Ross Township, shared her opinion about returning to in person meetings, curriculum at the middle school, elections, and teachers sharing their political views.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, agreed with others, asked about a plan for the superintendent replacement. He also expressed his opinion about teaching subjects without parent permission.

Antoinette Gravell, Polk Township, shared her concerns regarding staff turnover, timeline for new Superintendent and returning to in person meetings. She also expressed her concern over school pension debt.

Leigha McGlinch, Chestnuthill Township, shared her concerns regarding meeting virtually, masks and disciplining students with no mask breaks, bathrooms at the high school, sexual harassment curriculum and shirts being sold at the high school.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, commented regarding classroom training for sexual harassment, spoke about her volunteering with different organizations.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about others speaking at meetings and holding in person meetings again.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, shared her concern of money being paid to outside cyber schools and other districts. She also detailed an incident at the school where she felt the teacher should have met with the parent.

Melissa Ezro, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about the bathrooms at the high school, teachers talking politics to students and board meetings returning to in person.

Jodi Kneisly, Ross Township, shared her concerns about shirts being sold over at the high school, books in the library and believes more attention needs to be given to suicide prevention.

Christopher Enderes, Chestnuthill Township, expressed the need for communication. He also requested a copy of the insurance policy and the notes that Dr. Brennan spoke about earlier. Mr. Fitzgerald commented that he can get a copy of the insurance policy by filling out the Right To Know request form.

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, shared her concerns of teachers working without contracts, bullying at the intermediate school, staff raising their voices to students at dismissal.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, shared his concerns of board members conducting unofficial meetings with school employees.

Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, shared her desire to have a subcommittee of parents and taxpayers to meet with the Board for a question and answer session.

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

Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about those against vaccines, virtual meetings and bathrooms begin closed.

Angela Hill, Polk Township, wished good luck to Mr. DeVivo and the band who are competing in West Chester this Saturday.

End of public comment.

Dr. Brennan addressed the comments made about mask breaks being used as punishment. She assured the public that she contacted building principals who reiterated to staff that mask breaks should not be used to discipline students. If there are pockets of teachers or other staff that are not following this directive, principals need to know who they are. Please contact your building principal.

Dr. Brennan also addressed that the Zoom meetings resumed when the mask mandate went into effect. The football games are outside and do not fall under the same guidelines. The COVID dashboard on our PV Bears website is updated daily with not only our building numbers, but our township numbers from numbers off of state website. At one time, our cases were three times higher than they should have been. Zoom allowed people who were not comfortable attending the meetings to still be able to participate. The numbers are starting to drop and the Board will reevaluate whether to resume in person meetings when more data shows the numbers are remaining low.

Dr. Brennan asked Mr. Simonetta to address the \$200-million-dollar deficit claim for retirement. He explained that this is a section of the audit report requirement by GASB 65 reporting guidelines. We are not \$200,000,000 in debt. The information provided is the district obligation if the state were to shut down. Pleasant Valley is no different than the other school districts. This state prorated debt is shown on all school district audits. No teacher or staff member is in danger of losing their pension.

Mrs. Yozwiak reminded all about the public question and answer virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM about spending of the Act 24 funds. Board members are invited to attend. She also commented that the superintendent search has been actively underway.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
November 4, 2021 @ 7:00 PM