

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brodheadsville, PA 18322
Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 12-2-21

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on November 18, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Peeters followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium, Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322 and via Zoom.

Mrs. Yozwiak welcomed those present and 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, Delbert Zacharias. Absent: Daniel Wunder.

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, Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Lynn Courtright, Chief of Security, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Julie Harris, Director of Special Education.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Kelli George, Josephine Fields, Kendal Askins, Roger Pomposello, Annette Schaffer.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on November 18, 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.

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 (30 minutes for in-person participants and 30 minutes for Zoom participants). President Yozwiak further announced that Agenda item #7.D. has been removed from the agenda.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Anne Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern about items being added to the agenda without public knowledge; and expressed her opinion about transparency.

Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about Policy 251 expressing concern about the safety of students. Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald clarified that Policy 251 Homeless Students is not dictated by the Board but required by law.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about hiring; expressed concern about learning loss and recovery for students; use of specialists; and the need for teachers and paraprofessionals.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern and opinions about Policy 913.

Lawrence Kahn, Polk Township, expressed concern and opinion about hiring college students as substitutes; and contract for teachers.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concern about hiring; class size; lack of substitutes; and contract negotiations for teachers.

Karen Deppen, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the health room technician resignation; resignations in general; lack of substitutes; change in the culture and need for respect.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, addressed hiring college students as substitutes and expressed concern about busing contracts; negotiations for a teacher contract; and salaries for nursing staff.

Acting Superintendent Charlene Brennan clarified that we have been and are searching for substitutes. She stated that there is no intent to have college students replace teachers and it

is an allowable use in education to use college students and will be a help in order to avoid pulling our teaching staff to cover classrooms. Further, Dr. Brennan stated that there is a national shortage of substitutes and we are doing everything we can to get as many substitutes on hand.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concern about substitute negotiations. Dr. Brennan clarified that it is a daily substitute rate that the District approved and it is not a negotiated rate.

Siv Shea, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern and opinion about the shortage of substitutes; staff layoffs; and contract negotiations for teachers.

Vanessa Winger, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about reassigning teachers and the impact on students.

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on November 4, 2021; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of November 18, 2021, as amended to remove Agenda item #7.D.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #2.B. – The Minutes of the Operations Workshop meeting held on November 8, 2021 was provided for informational purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #3.:
Approval of Agenda item #3.A. – Financial Statements for October 2021;
Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement October 2021;
Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Asset Cost Summary October 2021;
Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues October 2021;
Approval of Agenda item #3.E. – Accounts Payable – November 18, 2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.F. - The Accounts Payable approved at the November 4, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak – No report.

Colonial IU20: – No report.

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

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

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. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the next meeting will be held on December 13, 2021.

West End Park and Open Space Commission: Mrs. Laura Jecker – No report.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Charlene Brennan

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #6.:
Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Final Reading of Policies:

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

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.B. – Informational: First Reading of Policies:

1. Policy 124 Alternative Instruction Courses
2. Policy 124.1 Online Courses
3. Policy 207 Confidential Communications of Students
4. Policy 217 Graduation
5. Policy 229 Student Fundraisers
6. Policy 913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Agenda item #6.C. – No changes were recommended to the following policy reviewed on November 8, 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 907 School Visitors

Agenda item #6.D. - The Enrollment Report for November 2021 was provided for informational purposes.

Mrs. Jecker requested clarification of Policy 913. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that it relates to requests from non-school organizations, groups and individuals and requests from students are governed by Policy 220. This is a first reading of the policy and more discussion will be held prior to adoption.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that this is Dr. Brennan’s last meeting and she expressed her gratitude and thanked her for her dedication to the Pleasant Valley School District. She presented her with a plaque in appreciation for her service from November 4, 2019 through March 31, 2020 and June 14, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

Dr. Brennan stated that it has been an honor to serve the Pleasant Valley School District and that every person in the District is committed and here for the children. She thanked all for their support.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #7.A. (#7.B., #7.C. and #7.E. through #7.K.) – Personnel Items:

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

1.	Name:	Norma Smith
	Education Level:	BS: Criminal Justice Administration MS: Psychology
	Undergraduate School:	University of Phoenix
	Graduate School:	University of Phoenix
	Certificate:	Emergency Permit: All Instructional Areas PK-12
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	November 22, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Hope Glover
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$12.20 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Alison Rake

Agenda item #7.D. – Compensation – Removed.

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

1.	Name:	Heidi Hotz
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Current Building:	PVIS (3 hrs.)
	New Building:	PVMS (4 hrs.)
	Effective Date:	November 22, 2021
	Replace:	Kristen Neglia

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

1.	Name:	Lizbeth Blair
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 19, 2021

2.	Name:	Dawn Chechel
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 10, 2021
3.	Name:	Nikki Haden-Coar
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 16, 2021
4.	Name:	Melissa L'Heureux
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 19, 2021
5.	Name:	Chris Mora
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 11, 2021
6.	Name:	Elizabeth Morgan
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 11, 2021
7.	Name:	Erica Sciarrone
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 19, 2021
8.	Name:	Sherri Sprague
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 17, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – 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.	Gunnar Pattison	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,550.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – 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:	Softball
	Advisor:	Steve Caffrey
	Advisor:	Drew Dymond
	Dates:	November 19, 2021 – March 6, 2022
	Day(s):	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Times:	3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	November 2, 2021
2.	Club/Activity:	Volleyball
	Advisor:	Kathleen Gesiskie
	Advisor:	John Gesiskie
	Volunteer:	Melissa Brickman
	Volunteer:	Ari Weaver
	Volunteer:	Joe Akob
	Volunteer:	Katie Frankunas
	Dates:	December 2, 2021 – February 24, 2021 (depending on

		snow days)
	Day(s):	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Times:	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
	Building:	PVMS
	Received in HR Office:	November 8, 2021
3.	Club/Activity:	PVIS Volleyball
	Advisor:	Arianna Weaver
	Dates:	December 6, 2021 – End of 2021/2022 School Year
	Day(s):	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
	Times:	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
	Building:	PVIS
	Received in HR Office:	November 11, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Michele Antolick
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Seven (7)
	Dates:	November 2, 2021 – November 10, 2021
2.	Name:	Crystal Hicks
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Eighteen (18)
	Dates:	December 6, 2021 – January 6, 2022
3.	Name:	Richard Hicks
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Eleven (11)
	Dates:	December 6, 2021 – December 15, 2021; December 28, 2021; December 29, 2021 and January 3, 2022
4.	Name:	Christianna Johnson
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Twenty-seven and one-half (27½)
	Dates:	October 12, 2021 – November 18, 2021 (October 19 th was a ½ day)

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

1.	Name:	Kathleen Browne
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Fourteen (14)
	Dates:	October 5, 2021 – October 26, 2021
2.	Name:	Kimberly Chiselko
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One and one-half (½)
	Dates:	November 1, 2021 (½) – November 2, 2021 (1)
3.	Name:	Bonnie Drinkwater
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	October 18, 2021 – October 22, 2021
4.	Name:	Dawn Knauff
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	October 23, 2021
5.	Name:	Robyn Rothrock
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	October 25, 2021 – October 26, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Roxann Nicholas	Health Room Technician	PVHS	November 19, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM: HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Hiring of College Students as Professional Staff Day-to-Day Substitutes (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Sarah Brodsky
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
2.	Name:	Nani Dickerson
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
3.	Name:	Keidy Mejia
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
4.	Name:	Felicia Miller
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
5.	Name:	Hailee Reinhardt
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
6.	Name:	Jasmine Rivera
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
7.	Name:	Ashley Stackhouse
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
8.	Name:	Michaela Susko
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Donald Steffy
	Education Level:	BS: Church Leadership Master of Divinity
	Undergraduate School:	Lee University
	Graduate School:	Pentecostal Theological Seminary
	Certificate:	Emergency Permit: All Instructional Areas PK-12
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Denise Doering
	Position:	Substitute Food Service Employee
	Salary:	\$10.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	November 16, 2021

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

1.	Name:	John Grimaldi
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS

	Number of Days:	Twenty-four (24)
	Dates:	November 18, 2021 – December 28, 2021
2.	Name:	Kristine Delmas
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	October 29, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Jonathan Lopez
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Six (6)
	Dates:	November 11, 2021 – November 19, 2021
2.	Name:	Sandra Seda
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Thirty-two (32)
	Dates:	October 19, 2021; November 4, 2021 and November 8, 2021 – December 23, 2021
3.	Name:	Randi Slamiak
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	October 21, 2021; October 29, 2021; November 2, 2021; November 9, 2021 and November 11, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.G. – Resignation:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Mary Colon	Monitor	PVIS	November 15, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.H. – 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	Position
1.	Mike Wassuta	Substitute Event Worker

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – Informational items were provided:

- Act 16
- RISC Reporting
- Contingency Funds
- St. Luke’s YESS! Program
- Cyclical Monitoring
- AEDs & Oxygen Tanks
- Flu Shot Clinic

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper – No report.

BUILDING REPORTS –

Building reports for November 2021 were attached to the Agenda for informational purposes. Principal Roger Pomposello thanked all for the excellent Veterans Day celebration and thanked

the Veterans. Principal Kendall Askins thanked all for the Veterans Day celebration and the Dodge Ball tournament. Principal Kelli George highlighted the success of the Drama Club play, 12 Angry Jurors; the 9th grade trip to MCTI; HOSA club CPR training; FBLA volunteerism including cleanup at the West End Park and Open Space Commission; and food drive. She thanked all for the Veterans Day recognition.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. – Cafeteria Fund as attached: Cafeteria Accounts Payable for November 18, 2021; Asset Cost Summary October 2021.

Agenda item #13.C. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund, \$449,484.63.

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – Purchase a Multi-Sport Scoreboard - Purchase Eversan Multi-Sport Scoreboard to replace the existing scoreboard on the middle school boys/girls soccer field. Total Cost of \$4,935.00 to be paid from St. Luke's District Sports Facility Sponsorship.

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Purchase a Softball Field Cover – Purchase a Full Field Cover for the Softball Field Total Cost of \$3,819.38 to be paid from St. Luke's District Sports Facility Sponsorship.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #13.G. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts

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

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Addendum Item #14.A.:

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – Contracts:

1. Four Diamonds Mini-Thon Partnership Agreement for PVHS Mini-THON event on 5/07/2022 5pm-10pm
2. MTI Production Contract for High School Musical Total Cost \$1,175.00
3. IntegraOne - Professional Service Barracuda Web Filter Migration - Total Cost: \$4,099.50

Approval of Addendum item #14.C. – Industrial Tech Room Power Tools: Purchase an 8-inch Parallelogram Jointer with Helical Cutterhead, cost \$4,419.99 and a 5-HP 3PH 230/460V 18" Bandsaw, cost \$6,659.99 plus shipping and handling, cost \$198.00 for a total cost of \$11,079.98. This is to be paid using St. Luke's Sponsorship funds. The machines will be housed in the Industrial Tech Room at the high school for shared use by students and the maintenance technicians, as needed.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Ms. Greggo wished Mrs. Yozwiak, Mr. Peeters, and Mr. Wunder good luck and thanked them for their service and leadership.

Mr. Burger expressed appreciation to Mrs. Yozwiak, Mr. Peeters, and Mr. Wunder for their many years of service.

Mrs. Kresge addressed college students being hired as substitutes as well as the shortage of substitutes and stated we do not want to pull our specialists or teachers to cover classrooms. Mrs. Tomon addressed the issue and the requirements that they must meet. Mrs. Kresge thanked Mr. Peeters, Mr. Wunder, and Mrs. Yozwiak for their years of service. She thanked Dr. Brennan for her direction and service to the District and wished her well.

Dr. Brennan spoke about the dedication and role of the Board members. She thanked Mr. Peeters for his years of service. She thanked Mrs. Yozwiak and expressed her appreciation for open communication and wished her well. Dr. Brennan also recognized Mr. Wunder who could not be in attendance and thanked him for his many years of service. Dr. Brennan thanked all three outgoing Board members for their years of dedicated service and she presented them with plaques and a blanket in appreciation.

Mrs. Kresge expressed kudos to the PVE Veterans Day celebration for which she attended. She recognized the National Junior Honor Society at the Middle School and expressed kudos to all for a stellar event.

Mrs. Jecker thanked Mrs. Yozwiak and Mr. Peeters for their guidance throughout the years and their years of service.

Mr. Kresge thanked Mr. Peeters, Mr. Wunder, and Mrs. Yozwiak for their guidance and expressed appreciation to Dr. Brennan for her service. Mr. Kresge stated that he attended the PVE Veterans Day celebration and stated that it was truly great.

Mr. Peeters stated that he has been a Board member since 1991; involved in PVI PTO, and band. He encouraged all to participate in all events and said that this District has a lot to offer students.

Mrs. Yozwiak provided a statement and requested that they be made part of these minutes:

Closing Remarks:

Volunteerism has always been important to me. As you can see from this Board of Education sitting here, many of us also believe in the importance of volunteerism, as well.

I wish to thank the board members and Acting Superintendent Charlene Brennan for their support during my tenure as a PV volunteer. As my time on this board is drawing to a close for now, please know that my community involvement and volunteering to help PV students will continue. I am proud that I had a small part in the development and implementation of All-DAY KINDERGARTEN and the increase of Graduation Credit Requirements, even though these credits are not as numerous as they previously had been.

I have actively participated in PV education for more than 4 decades and will continue to assist in this area.

In addition to serving of the PV Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, I have been asked to remain on at least 6 committees at MCTI as a community member and will work very hard to insure that PV students are supported in all aspects of their career and technical education, as I have done previously.

Career and Technical Education has always held a special place in my heart. With this in mind, my husband and I are in the process of establishing an INTEGRITY Scholarship for an outstanding PV/MCTI student. We are currently developing the scholarship criteria with MCTI Director Dennis Virga and his team to facilitate this award this year.

With that said, I look forward to broadening my horizons of volunteerism in this community and most importantly for our PV students.

My wish for all of you is long life and prosperity.

Donna M. Yozwiak
President
Pleasant Valley Board of Education

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items):

Drew Dymond, PVEA President, provided a statement regarding negotiations for a teachers' contract expressed concern about turnover of staff among other things.

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, expressed her concerns and opinions regarding teacher contract negotiations; nepotism; and salaries.

MaryEllen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern and opinion regarding the superintendent contract; negotiations for a teachers' contract; and opinions about outgoing Board member Mrs. Yozwiak.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concerns and opinions about negotiations for a teacher contract; communication; and an outgoing Board member.

Heather Impellizeri, Ross Township, expressed concern about special education students; learning loss; lack of substitutes; pulling specialists to cover classrooms; lack of paraprofessionals.

Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed concern about communication; addressed Policy 913 and first amendment rights.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, thanked Mrs. Yozwiak for her years of service at PV and MCTI. She expressed her opinion concerning communication; hiring of college students as substitutes; and contract negotiations.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board for all they do and thanked Mr. Pomposello for the success of the Veterans Day celebration. She expressed her opinion about the shortage of substitutes; furloughed staff; and hands-on technology.

Ramon Baker, Eldred Township, expressed concern about the direction of Pleasant Valley.

Leia Leiuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about masks for students being optional at Pocono Mountain; science; and shortage of teachers. Dr. Brennan clarified that Pocono Mountain Superintendent informed her that they did not vote to make masks optional.

Leigha McGlinch, Ross Township, expressed concern about staff shortages; students with disabilities; and the direction of the District.

Rosemarie Altemose, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about teacher contract negotiations; and what teachers are teaching.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about communication; and the need for a Citizens advisory committee.

Janice Griffith, Ross Township, expressed her opinion about outgoing Board member Mrs. Yozwiak.

Amanda Andrews, Chestnuthill Township, stated the Veterans Day celebration at PVE was awesome and expressed support for a teachers' contract.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed her opinions about the value of teachers and shared data about teacher pay and benefits.

John Gesiskie, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board members for their service. He expressed concern about negotiations for a teacher contract.

Ramon Baker, Eldred Township, expressed his opinions about education and the direction of the District.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, spoke about her teacher experience; expressed concern about mental health of teachers; and negotiations for a teacher contract.

End of public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next scheduled Reorganization Board of Education meeting
and regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
December 2, 2021 @ 7:00 PM