

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the February 24, 2022
Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 3-10-2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on February 24, 2022 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Olivia Altman, 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.

Roll Call – School Board Recorder: Ms. Debra Duff

School Board members in attendance: Mrs. Sue Kresge, Mrs. Laura Jecker, Mr. Todd Kresge, Ms. Teresa Greggo, Ms. Melanie Zipp, Mr. Delbert Zacharias. Absent: Mr. Michael Galler, Mrs. Diane Serfass, and Mr. Norm Burger due to participation in PVEA contract negotiations.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Mr. Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Ms. Lynn Courtright, Chief of Security, Mr. Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Mr. Michael McMullen, Special Education Supervisor, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Lori Hagerman, Curriculum Supervisor, Kathleen M. Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Ms. Kelli George, Mr. Brian Boylan, Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Mr. Jason Van Voorhis, Ms. Josephine Fields, Mr. Roger Pomposello, Ms. Angela Borealo, Ms. Sabrina Albright, Ms. Kendal Askins.

Senior Student Representative: Olivia Altman, Senior Class President

School Solicitor in attendance: Michele Mintz, Esq. (via Zoom)

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on February 15, 2022 and on February 24, 2022 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for the purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

Senior Class President: Olivia Altman – Ms. Altman highlighted events and activities at the high school:

- NHS Valentine's Day event.
- FBLA blood drive.
- Door decorating contest for black history month by the Cultural Diversity club.
- Valentine's Day themed yoga event hosted by Aevidum.
- Easter candy drive for the West End Food Pantry by Mrs. Ruschak.
- The PV Football Booster Club is giving two scholarships to two graduating seniors who played football and continuing with higher education.

Students of the Month: The first student of the month event was presented by principals and teachers recognizing students nominated by their teachers. They read statements of praise and accomplishments of their respective students who received the honor of being named Student of the Month. Students recognized along with their families were: PVE - Zeida Doub, Nico Speicher, Abigail Hill, and Kylie Brzostowki; PVI - Alaina Mease, Alexandra Green, and Jordyn Fleming; PVMS – Elijah Ramnarayan and Diya Patel; and PVHS – Clark Po, Chelsea Colonna, Cassidy Shupp, and Zachary Dooner.

Mrs. Kresge read a prepared statement:

Over the past several days there have been public announcements put out by both this Board and the Pleasant Valley Education Association regarding the status of negotiations.

In this day and age of Facebook any group or individual can motivate its base regarding whatever the issue of the day may be.

As president of this Board, I am not here to point fingers, share data points, or justify positions. We are here, on the eve of a strike called by the PVEA.

As a grandmother of students in the District let me just tell you, the prospects of a strike is sad and unfortunate for everyone. I suspect my childcare responsibilities will be going up significantly next week if a settlement is not reached.

The prospect of a work stoppage will have an impact on all of you and the nine of us - and we as a board realize that. We do not face this reality lightly. And the suggestion that we do is unfortunate and unbelievable.

To the community, this is what I can tell you: There is nothing more that the nine of us want than a contract we can come back to you and say we can afford and is sustainable. Our goal, after all, is to ensure Pleasant Valley survives its fiscal problems and to the extent possible limit the financial burden on you. Anything short of turning our fiscal house around will be devastating to the community and will have long term repercussions.

To our students: we get it, many of you support your teachers. And you should. Besides your family, these are the adults that have been in your lives. They teach you, coach you and are often friends. We as a Board however must also be mindful of affording the curriculum that you learn from, the technology that enhances your education, and maintaining our buildings that you learn in as they get older.

To our parents; you have been through a lot. The past two years have been devastating for everyone. Closures, masks, quarantines, have taken its toll. Timing of a potential work stoppage could not have come at a worse time.

Our community, students, staff and parents rely on us to make sound decisions, to be fiscally responsible, to provide a quality education and a safe environment and we as a board want to ensure that trust by our actions. We have shown over the past 2½ months our desire to right the ship and move forward. This board- the nine who make up our current school board- has been together for less than 90 days as we swore in 3 newly elected board members and one reelected board member on December 2nd. On December 9th I received an email from Christopher Jarrow, PVEA Vice President and Chief Negotiator asking and I quote "On behalf of the Association, I would like to request that the board makes our negotiations one if its top priorities as we transition into a new era with new leadership." My response to him and I quote "Due to the reorganization of the board, we now have a completely new negotiation team along with new legal representation. Attorney Fitzgerald has been in contact with both Matt Gruenloh and Marty Carr to inform them of the new team. Both Mr. Gruenloh and Mr. Carr were informed that the board has scheduled a meeting to discuss negotiations next Tuesday, December 14th. Please know that negotiations are a top priority for this board and when meetings occur they will be held in person." One week later on December 16th the union notified the District of a strike.

The Board will not be bullied into a settlement it cannot afford. The stakes are too high. The tactic of calling a strike mere days after this board was seated and mere days after the appointment of Dr. Konrad is a move that disregards all the pain we've been through over the past two years.

We, the nine of us, along with Dr. Konrad want to place the past behind us and lead Pleasant Valley in a positive direction.

Tonight, board representatives continue to bargain with the PVEA. As events warrant we will be sending out notices to the community as soon as we can.

Once again, we as a Board are PV proud. And we hope PVEA shares in this sentiment.

President Kresge announced the meeting procedures and provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items only.

Pleasant Valley Citizens – (Agenda items):

Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed concerns and opinions about the Audited Financial Statements.

Malcolm McKinsey, Polk Township, expressed concerns and opinions about substitute teacher pay increase; audited financial statement, and the MCTI budget.

Mary Ellen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns about the fencing proposal at Chestnuthill Elementary School; concerns about the Health and Safety Plan; use of St. Luke's; Schoology; and mask wearing on buses.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed gratitude for dress code decisions.

Anne Morton, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns about the school calendar.

Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed concerns and opinions about a potential conflict of interest with Mrs. Serfass participating in negotiations while working at MCTI; costs of charter schools; and notice to the community of potential strike.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion about the contract for Mrs. Serfass at MCTI.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, addressed costs of cyber school referring to 1949 Act 14.

End of public comment.

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

Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on February 10, 2022; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of February 24, 2022.

VOICE VOTE: 6-0 CARRIED

The minutes of the Operations Workshop Meeting held on February 15, 2022 were provided for informational purposes.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #3. – Accounts Payable:

Approval of Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable February 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.B. - The Accounts Payable approved at the February 10, 2022 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Michele Mintz, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mr. Todd Kresge – No report. Mr. Kresge stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 7th.

Colonial IU20: – No report.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Mrs. Melanie Zipp – No report.

Education Committee: Mrs. Sue Kresge – Mrs. Kresge stated that the Committee meeting was included in the Operations meeting. She highlighted that we will be moving away from Schoology and will return to Google Classroom; K-3 will continue to use SeeSaw. In addition, Mrs. Kresge stated that the High School and Middle School Program of Studies has been delivered to the Board and will be voted on in March. Also, the Night of Unity will be held on May 23, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the middle school.

Finance Committee: – No report.

Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo – No report. Ms. Greggo stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd.

Policy Committee: – No report.

West End Park and Open Space Commission: Ms. Melanie Zipp – No report.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. James R. Konrad

Dr. Konrad provided a PowerPoint presentation about St. Luke’s Sports Medicine and Sponsorship Agreement regarding the \$1.2 million over 10 years. Descriptions and costs were reviewed. A second PowerPoint was presented showing the PVSD Successes and Challenges based upon feedback during the Superintendent’s Parent/Guardian Engagement Meetings which took place in January 2022. Dr. Konrad reviewed overall successes and challenges as well as priorities based on overarching themes. Successes and challenges were also reviewed for each building.

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #6. –Superintendent Items and Addendum item #7. – Superintendent Addendum Items:
Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – 2022-2023 One Page Calendar

Approval of Addendum item #7.A. – Updated PDE ARP ESSER Health & Safety Plan for 2021-2022.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.C. – Informational: First Reading of Policy No. 221 Dress and Grooming, effective April 1, 2022.

Agenda item #6.D. – Informational: February Enrollment Report was provided.

Agenda item #6.E. – Informational: Superintendent’s Comments – Dr. Konrad announced that effective April 1, 2022 the standardized dress code will be eliminated which will offer more flexibility to families if revisions to the policy are accepted by the Board. He said that Policy #221 is on this evening’s agenda for a first reading and a list of dress code expectations will be provided to families in March. In addition, Dr. Konrad stated that the federal mask mandate should lift March 18th for buses and due to low COVID numbers in the community, suggested that masking on buses is strongly recommended but not mandated as of February 28, 2022.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. James Konrad

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

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Supplemental Contracts: (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.	Austin Warman	Track and Field	Varsity Assistant	1	\$4,550.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – 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.	Vanessa Fego	Class Advisor-Freshman	PVHS	\$750.00 (half stipend)
2.	Elaine Cucci	Student Government	PVHS	\$812.50 (half stipend)

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Athletic Volunteers:

	Name	Sport
1.	Joseph Akob	Track and Field
2.	Thomas Lawrence	Track and Field

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – 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:	Volleyball
	Advisor:	Kathleen Gesiskie
	Dates:	March 1, 2022 – June 9, 2022

Day(s):	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Times:	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Building:	PVHS and PVMS
Received in HR Office:	February 11, 2022

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

1.	Employee ID:	1855
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	January 25, 2022, January 31, 2022, February 2, 2022 and February 8, 2022

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

1.	Name:	Kathleen Browne
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	January 25, 2022 – January 31, 2022
2.	Name:	Kelly Heller
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	February 1, 2022 – February 4, 2022
3.	Name:	Debra Hvasta
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	January 27, 2022
4.	Name:	Mary Ellen Perloni
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	February 2, 2022

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Karina Martin	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	February 25, 2022
2.	Sandra Seda	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	March 4, 2022

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Samantha Hardy*	Monitor Long Term Substitute Secretary	PVES Polk	February 25, 2022
2.	Brian Mucklin	Security	District	February 7, 2022
3.	Theresa Pennington	Substitute Custodian	N/A	February 15, 2022

*Would like to remain on substitute lists.

Approval of Agenda item #8.J. – Rescind Hiring Due to Lack of Required Paperwork:

	ID #	Position	Building
1.	20220224-1	Monitor Substitute Monitor	PVMS
2.	20220224-2	Substitute Food Service Employee	N/A
3.	20220224-3	Monitor Substitute Monitor Substitute Food Service Employee	PVIS

Approval of Agenda item #8.K. – Increase Substitute Teacher Rate: Effective February 28, 2022, increase the substitute teacher rate to \$160 per diem.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. James Konrad

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

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff – Long Term Substitute (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Amber Brown
	Position:	2 nd Grade Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Education Level:	BS: Early Childhood Education (PreK-4)
	Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Certificate:	Instructional I: Grades PK-4
	Experience:	2021 – present: Pleasant Valley School District, Substitute Teacher
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$45,067 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	January 26, 2022 – March 23, 2022

Approval of Addendum item #9.C. – Family and Medical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	3426
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Nineteen (19)
	Dates:	February 14, 2022 – March 11, 2022
2.	Employee ID:	3372
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	February 14, 2022

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Brian Mucklin
	Position:	Security
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	January 9, 2022, January 24, 2022, January 28, 2022 and January 31, 2022

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Julie Harris

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

Approval of Agenda item #10.A. – Discard of Special Education Materials as provided.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper –

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #12. – Operations Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.A. – Facility Usage Requests:

A.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVI Main Gym
	Purpose	Winter Activities (basketball / Lacrosse)
	Dates/Times	March 1, 2022 through March 25, 2022 Monday, Thursday, Friday 5:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. <u>March Dates: 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25</u>
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVI Main Gym
	Purpose	Winter Activities (basketball / Lacrosse)
	Dates/Times	March 1, 2022 through March 25, 2022 Saturday, Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

		<u>March Dates:</u> 5, 12, 19, 26
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVE Athletic Fields #1, #2, and Upper Field
	Purpose	Lacrosse Practice / Games
	Dates/Times	March 1, 2022 through March 25, 2022 Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. <u>March Dates:</u> 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 <u>April Dates:</u> 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 <u>May Dates:</u> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 <u>June Dates:</u> 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 17
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVE Athletic Fields #1, #2, and Upper Field
	Purpose	Lacrosse Practice / Games
	Dates/Times	March 1, 2022 through March 25, 2022 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. <u>March Dates:</u> 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 <u>April Dates:</u> 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 23, 24, 30 <u>May Dates:</u> 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 <u>June Dates:</u> 4, 5, 11, 12
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVHS New Gym, New Gym Lobby
	Purpose	Lacrosse Clinic
	Dates/Times	Sunday, March 27, 2022 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVHS Stadium, Track, Field, Restrooms, Concession Stand
	Purpose	Lacrosse Clinic and Games
	Dates/Times	Sunday, April 24, 2022 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS

Agenda item #13.A. – Informational: February Building Reports were provided. High School Principal Kelli George announced that eleven wrestlers are competing in districts this weekend and wished them well.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

Approval of Agenda item #14.B. – Cafeteria Accounts Payable for February 24, 2022 as provided.

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

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - RWAN Internet Access Terms: 7/1/22 - 6/30/24 and Cloud based DDoS filtering Terms: 7/1/22 - 6/30/23. Combined Cost: \$728.85 per month.
2. IntegraOne - VMWare Yearly Renewal Terms: April 3, 2022 - April 2, 2023, Total Cost: \$5,394.00
3. IntegraOne - APC Upgrade, ERATE Total Cost: \$79,106.00 per COSTARS contract # HW 003-085 & SW #006-040

Approval of Agenda item #14.D. – 2022-2023 Monroe Career and Technical Institute Proposed Budget in the amount of \$10,044,808. Pleasant Valley's share of this budget will be \$1,948,135.

Approval of Agenda item #14.E. – Participation in the Department of General Services Costars Contract for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Approval of Agenda item #14.F. – Transfer Procurement Card Holders: Transfer the accounts payable procurement card from Lauren Nelson to Rose Lobe-Waller.

Approval of Agenda item #14.G. – Participation in the Northampton/Monroe/Pike County Joint Purchase Trash Removal Recycling Services Bid.

Approval of Agenda item #14.H. – Advertisement for sealed bids:

- Propane Fuel Bid
- Anthracite Coal

Approval of Agenda item #14.I. – Acceptance of the June 30, 2021 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Gorman & Associates, P.C.

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Jecker questioned the fundraiser report and stated that some clubs and activities use dress down days as fundraisers and with changes in the dress code how will that affect the fundraisers. Ms. George addressed the issue and discussions are being held with advisors of clubs and will look into alternative ideas.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #14.J. – The Student Fundraiser Report was provided for informational purposes.

Agenda item #14.K. – The District Investment Report was provided for informational purposes.

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Dr. James Konrad

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #15.A. – Business Management Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum #15.B. – The following contracts:

1. Hometown Ticketing Software - Online ticketing sales - Terms: One year - Cost: \$1 per ticket + credit card fee.
2. M&M Sight N Sound Professional DJ - Class of 2024/Class of 2025 Spring Fling on 4/23/2022 Cost: \$300.00 to be paid from Class of 2024/Class of 2025.
3. The Service Team Fencing Proposal - To replace Chestnuthill Elementary school fence at a Cost of \$7,100.00
4. Trane Maintenance contract for PVM Rotary Liquid Chillers from 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022 Cost - \$6,458.00 and 1/1/2023 through 6/30/2023 Cost - \$4,633.00

Approval of Addendum #15.C. – Establishment of a Scholarship Fund: Establishment of the Emma Werner Memorial Scholarship Fund and the accompanying bank account; the Scholarship Agreements between PVSD and Norman A. Burger and the accompanying bank accounts.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Michele Mintz, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Jecker congratulated all students who were named student of the month this evening.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS – Agenda items/Non-Agenda items:

Jacqueline Brinker, Chestnuthill Township, Communications Chair for PVEA, read a statement prepared by PVEA President Drew Dymond expressing opinions about negotiations.

Jenna Rudolf, Chestnuthill Township, continued reading the statement from PVEA President Drew Dymond.

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, expressed concern about transparency; hiring; PVYA Lacrosse field; dress code changes and effect on clubs.

Dominic Roberti, Eldred Township, expressed concern about a teacher's contract; possible strike; and updates on negotiations.

Elaine Cucci, Polk Township, GSA Club advisor, expressed her opinions about the GSA Club's name change and its purpose.

Bill Nearhood, Polk Township, expresses concern about charter school costs; and a potential teacher strike.

Michael Baldwin, Chestnuthill Township, president of the GSA Club, expressed his opinions about the GSA Club; and equality.

Oliver Lampke, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns about contract negotiations; and concerns and opinions about the GSA Club.

Angela George, Eldred Township, secretary of the GSA Club, expressed concerns and opinions about the GSA Club.

Emilee Roberti, Ross Township, expressed her concerns and opinions about contract negotiations; a potential teacher strike; a teacher's role.

Kim Asendorf, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions about negotiations; and potential strike; teacher's role.

Anastasia Krial-Victor, Eldred Township, expressed concern about negotiations and a potential teacher strike; students speaking out.

Abby Haberle, Ross Township, acknowledged PVE expressing thanks and expressed opinions about negotiations.

Dawn Ann, Ross Township, expressed her opinions about negotiations; students speaking on behalf of teachers; union representation; and a possible strike.

Michelle Mann, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support of teachers; opinion about negotiations and a possible strike.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed support for teachers and expressed concern about union representation.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns and opinions about teacher's salaries; continuing education for teachers; and union representation.

Heather Impellizeri, Ross Township, expressed concern about teaching during this time; teacher's contract; expressed support of teachers and the union.

Logan Impellizeri, Ross Township, expressed his support of teachers and opinion about negotiations.

Rachel Fable, Polk Township, expressed concern about negotiations; teachers' contract; transparency; financial matters; and a teacher strike.

Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about negotiations; a potential strike; social media; offered prayers for all involved.

Cheyenne Lillman, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about negotiations; students speaking out; and rumors being spread.

Mary Ellen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed support of teachers; fair teachers' contract; tax increase; and potential strike.

Rachel Fable, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about the teaching profession; teacher shortage; and negotiations.

End of public comment.

Superintendent James Konrad stated he had been tracking the weather and announced that a traditional snow day will take place tomorrow, February 25th. In addition, he acknowledged great work done by Bill Gasper and his team as well as Bill Mingle and his custodial crew for a quick and efficient move of furniture into the elementary classrooms. Dr. Konrad also thanked Chuck Tomori and the technology team for transitioning technology from Polk back to the administration building. Dr. Konrad acknowledged Alison Jochen, PVE nurse, who is now Dr. Jochen and defended her dissertation at East Stroudsburg University.

Dr. Konrad spoke about negotiations and stated that if an agreement is not met, there will not be school on Monday and possibly for the rest of the week. He spoke highly of the teachers in the district and encouraged all to work together for the future of the District and to put students first. He provided budget data regarding percentage of salaries and health benefits for members of PVEA. Mrs. Kresge offered her words of encouragement for Dr. Konrad and the hard work that he and the Board are doing.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
March 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM