

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the April 21, 2022
Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 5-12-2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on April 21, 2022 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Joan Bumbulsky followed by a moment of silence. Mrs. Kresge asked for all to keep families in Pleasant Valley in their thoughts and prayers during this 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, Mr. Norm Burger, Ms. Teresa Greggo, Mr. Michael Galler, Mrs. Diane Serfass, Ms. Melanie Zipp. Absent: Mr. Delbert Zacharias.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, 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, Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Ms. Lori Hagerman, Curriculum Supervisor.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Ms. Kelli George, Mr. Brian Boylan, Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Ms. Angela Borealo, Ms. Kendal Askins (7:18 PM), Mr. Jason Van Voorhis, Mr. Roger Pomposello, Ms. Sabrina Albright.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on April 11, 2022 and April 21, 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.

Student Class President – Ms. Olivia Altman

Ms. Altman reported on events and activities at the high school:

- Shakey's Players will be performing The Tempest this weekend.
- The National Honor Society held first induction ceremony since the pandemic on April 8th.
- The National Honor Society is hosting a talent show on April 29th.
- Congratulations to USASA winners.
- Congratulations to 7 FBLA students who qualified for Nationals.
- Avedum hosting a yoga session after school.
- Classes of 2024 and 2025 hosting a roaring twenties spring fling for freshman and sophomores.
- MiniThon to be held on May 7th and 8th with the theme Through the Decades.

Presentation – The Future of Learning in Pleasant Valley School District –

Dr. Konrad stated that the presentation to be presented provides an understanding of the direction that the school district is going with reorganization and the impact for learning in the future. He also stated that a virtual educational townhall is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM where educational changes will be discussed with an opportunity to have a Q&A session. Dr. Konrad reviewed the focus for future learning and the financial challenges. Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, provided a presentation sharing the future of learning in the Pleasant Valley School District as we shift our grade level band structure to K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 to reflect district enrollment. Each building principal provided insight into the future of instruction within their buildings as well as the ongoing review and upcoming modifications to buildings instructional schedules. Board members were given the opportunity to comment and/or ask questions. Mrs. Jecker questioned about the WIN period which Ms. Askins addressed. She also questioned if all math options will be available in light of the reduction of teachers which Ms. George addressed. Mrs. Kresge questioned teacher involvement in looking at programs for next year which Mr. Pomposello addressed. In addition, Mrs. Kresge asked if presentations will be given on the results of assessments. Dr. Konrad said that presentations will be given possibly quarterly.

Students of the Month –

The student of the month event was presented by principals, assistant 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 – Delilah Rivera, Madison Jonke, Brett Potts, Lylah Morris; PVI – Lydia Mulcahy, Brody Ott, Tannya Nunez; PVMS – Mya Williams, Abigail Nelson (not present); PVHS – Phoebe Stone, Allie Kowski, William Bruckman, Jeremy Major (not present).

For Approval – Agenda item #I – Addendum to PVEA Retirement Incentive 4-12-2022 – Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve the Addendum to the PVEA Retirement Incentive as attached.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Dr. Konrad congratulated Pleasant Valley students from FBLA who placed last week at the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA. Denise Hopely, FBLA Advisor and FBLA students were present. Ms. Hopely provided a summary of process and preparation for the competition. She stated that the event was stellar and praised the FBLA students for their performance. Ms. Hopely as well as Zachary Dooner, President, and Maria Saitta, Vice President shared their experiences and gratitude for support of FBLA. Congratulations was extended to all students who attended the conference including students going to Nationals in the summer: Katelyn Honadel, Zachary Dooner, Maria Saitta, Izabela Baran, Jonathan Petzold, Lillian Erhardt, and Briana Palmieri.

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

Pleasant Valley Citizens – (Agenda items):

MaryEllen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the presentation given this evening on the future of learning; graduation requirements; dual enrollment at NCC.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed concern about the presentation given this evening; WIN period; special education students; furloughing staff.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the Resolution; reduction of staff; needs for special education students.

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, expressed concern about the stepping down of senior class advisor; band students at PVI.

End of public comment.

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

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on April 7, 2022; to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of April 21, 2022.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Accounts Payable April 21, 2022.

Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Financial Statements for March 2022.

Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement March 2022.

Approval of Agenda item #3.E. – Asset Cost Summary March 2022.

Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues March 2022.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald provided an update surrounding negotiations with PVEA as well as support staff. He stated that there will be a group meeting on Wednesday with Dr. Konrad, himself, and representatives from PVEA concerning finalization of any language issues in order to bring forward a final contract for approval. In addition, that same evening, an official bargaining session with the state mediator, representatives of support staff as well as PV negotiating team will be held to continue discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mr. Todd Kresge – An informational report was provided.

Colonial IU20: Mr. Michael Galler – No report.

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

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

Finance Committee: Mr. Norm Burger – The next meeting is May 9th.

Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo – No report.

Policy Committee: – Mrs. Diane Serfass – No report.

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

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

Dr. Konrad stated that the Resolution for approval this evening ultimately reduces the number of staff to be furloughed: 17 professional staff to 11 professional staff, two administrative employees. He said that at the next Board meeting the names of professional staff will be identified including 7 temporary professional employees. In addition, Dr. Konrad stated that this Resolution allows for adjustments in the special education department to operate more efficiently and effectively and provides an opportunity to bring back another teacher from the suspension list. He said this Resolution also takes four administrators in the Special Education Department down to two which saves on salaries and benefits.

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #6. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Resolution #3 - Resolution surrounding the suspension and non-renewal of administrative staff as the result of reasons identified in 24 P.S. 11-1124(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(5) of the Public School Code.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #6. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – The memorial donation of \$150.00 from the family of Dorine L. Getz, Polk Township High School Class of 1951, for the Pleasant Valley High School Family Consumer Science Department.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.C. – Informational: First Reading of Policies and Policies Reviewed With No Changes:

First Reading

- 1. Policy 209.1 Food Allergy Management - *Updated by PV Nurses*
- 2. Policy 827 Conflict of Interest - *Updated due to Federal Guidelines*

Policy Reviewed With No Changes

- 1. Policy 203.1 HIV was reviewed on April 6, 2022, with no changes by our PV Nurses.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Personnel Items:

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

1.	Name:	Peggyann Corriveau
	Building:	PVHS
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Effective Date:	April 25, 2022
2.	Name:	Laraine Gartrell
	Building:	PVIS
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Effective Date:	April 25, 2022
3.	Name:	Lyn Ower Mohle
	Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)

	Effective Date:	April 25, 2022
4.	Name:	Dianne Ryzner
	Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Effective Date:	April 25, 2022
5.	Name:	Tyler Martinez
	Current Position:	Security (PT)
	New Position:	Security (FT)
	Effective Date:	April 25, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching (pending receipt of required paperwork):

Appointment herein and the District’s obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions approved in this motion(s) is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor’s Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved herein shall be paid a pro-rata amount of the stipends herein based on the percentage of the season/activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Perry Tortora	Wrestling	Message Board Operator	\$40.00 Per Event

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Non-Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	Name	Position	Subject	Salary
1.	Joseph Agolino	Spring School Teacher	Social Studies	\$1,687.50
2.	Danielle Brandes	Spring School Teacher	English	\$1,687.50
3.	Jamile Ferrara	Spring School Teacher	Special Education	\$1,687.50

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – Intramural Advisor:

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:	Cheerleading
	Advisor:	Dawn Hahn
	Advisor:	Megan Dahlstrom
	Dates:	May 2, 2022 – August 10, 2022
	Day(s):	Monday and Wednesday
	Times:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	April 13, 2022
2.	Club/Activity:	Golf
	Advisor:	Steve Krechel
	Dates:	April 25, 2022 – June 30, 2022
	Day(s):	Any day depending on the weather
	Times:	After school and on weekends
	Building:	PVE Soccer Fields and Local Golf Courses
	Received in HR Office:	April 13, 2022

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

1.	Employee ID:	218
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS

	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	March 31, 2022 and April 4, 2022
2.	Employee ID:	282
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One-half (½)
	Dates:	April 22, 2022
3.	Employee ID:	921
	Position:	Secretary
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One-half (½)
	Dates:	April 7, 2022
4.	Employee ID:	3372
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	April 5, 2022 – April 7, 2022
5.	Employee ID:	2154
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	March 15, 2022 – March 17, 2022
6.	Employee ID:	3937
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Thirteen (13)
	Dates:	May 16, 2022 – June 2, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Kathleen Browne
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Sixteen (16)
	Dates:	January 4, 2022 – January 6, 2022; January 10, 2022; February 15, 2022 – February 24, 2022; March 7, 2022; and March 16, 2022 – March 21, 2022
2.	Name:	Lucann Burke
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Two and one-half (2½)
	Dates:	March 30, 2022 (½) – April 1, 2022
3.	Name:	Kim Chiselko
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Fifty-eight (58)
	Dates:	November 3, 2021 – February 3, 2022 and April 11, 2022 – April 13, 2022
4.	Name:	Dorene Darabaris
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Six (6)
	Dates:	December 16, 2021 – December 23, 2021
5.	Name:	Diane DeBarry
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 15, 2022
6.	Name:	John Grimaldi
	Position:	Custodian

	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	February 3, 2022
7.	Name:	Nikki Haden Coar
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	February 24, 2022
8.	Name:	Heidi Hotz
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Seventy-three (73)
	Dates:	November 1, 2021; November 2, 2021; November 8, 2021 - March 8, 2022
9.	Name:	Sean Kline
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	March 3, 2022 - March 4, 2022
10.	Name:	Desiree Kresge
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Two and one-half (2½)
	Dates:	January 4, 2022 (½) - January 6, 2022
11.	Name:	MiChelle Palmer
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	January 28, 2022; February 3, 2022 and March 4, 2022
	Dates:	Three (3)
12.	Name:	Mary Ellen Perloni
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	February 28, 2022 - March 2, 2022
13.	Name:	Gerald Radcliffe
	Position:	Security
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	Thirteen (13)
	Dates:	January 2, 2022 - January 23, 2022
14.	Name:	Robyn Rothrock
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Six (6)
	Dates:	January 31, 2022 - February 7, 2022 and April 4, 2022
15.	Name:	Rhonda Sawyer
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 11, 2022 (½) & March 22, 2022 (½)
16.	Name:	Norma Smith
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Two and one-half (2½)
	Dates:	March 17, 2022 (½); March 28, 2022 - March 29, 2022
17.	Name:	Jodi Swanson

	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	March 3, 2022; March 4, 2022 and March 28, 2022
18.	Name:	Dee Walsh
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 8, 2022
19.	Name:	Victoria Weaver
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 14, 2022

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	George Curcio	Security	District	June 2, 2022
2.	Denise Keiling	Teacher	PVES	Conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Miranda Brooks	German Teacher	PVHS	Conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year
2.	Rickie Kuntzman, Jr.	Custodian	PVHS	April 22, 2022

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #7.G.10.: Mrs. Kresge 7-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Tenure: The following professional staff has served Pleasant Valley School District for three (3) years and has been rated satisfactory. By the provisions of the PA School Code, she is recommended for tenure: Ashley Gutzeit.

Approval of Addendum item #8.C. – Retirement Incentive PVEA 2022:

	Name	Position	Building
1.	Joyce Green	Reading Specialist	PVES
2.	Julie Kresge	Gifted	PVIS
3.	Cynthia Lizzio	Reading Specialist	PVMS
4.	Kristine Meckes	Health & Phys Ed	PVMS

Approval of Addendum item #8.D. – Sabbatical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	282
	Type:	Medical
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Semester(s):	1 st of the 2022-2023 school year

Approval of Addendum item #8.E. – Resignations:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Jenna Rudolf	Class Advisor - Senior	PVHS	April 20, 2022

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper –

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #11. – Operations items:

Approval of Agenda item #11.A. – Facility Usage Request:

A.	Organization	PVYA Boys Lacrosse
	Facility Requested	PVHS Stadium, Concession Stand (No Fryer or Grill), Restroom
	Purpose	Youth Lacrosse Games
	Dates/Times	Sunday, May 15, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Cassi Bertoline
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	The Porsche Club of America
	Facility Requested	PVHS Front Parking lot
	Purpose	Porsche Parade TSD Rally - Event Checkpoint
	Dates/Times	Tuesday, June 14, 2022 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Jack Stephensen
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 4- All Appropriate Fees Apply

Prior to roll call, Mr. Galler questioned Agenda item #11.B. relating to adequately being able to control traffic flow. After brief discussion, Ms. Greggo, Mr. Burger and all Board members agreed to approve this item subject to final review by the administration.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS: The April Building Reports were provided for informational purposes. Each principal provided additional highlights of activities and events for their respective building.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

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

1. Accounts Payable for April 21, 2022.
2. For Approval Cafeteria Fund - Asset Cost Summary - March 2022

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

1. IntegraOne - Quality Management Suite renewal for Cisco phone system - Terms: 6/12/202 - 6/30/2023 - Cost: \$346.34
2. IntegraOne - Renewal of support coverage for the VM Production Support Coverage - Terms: 6/04/2022 - 6/30/2023 - Cost: \$3,971.57
3. One-to-One Plus - Centralized IT Ticketing and Asset Management Terms: One Year - Cost: \$6,990.00
4. AT&T Mobile HotSpot - AT&T Bridging Communities Unlimited Plan and AT&T AccessMyLan Plan - Cost: \$21.99 per device
5. Titan Mobile Shredding - Terms: 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025 - Monthly Cost: \$451.50
6. Johnson Controls - Security Camera Replacement in PVM and PVI Total Cost: 10,822.86 to be paid from ESSER III Funds

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – Self-Pay and Cobra Rates 2022-2023: Confirmation of the 2022-2023 monthly Self-Pay and *COBRA rates as adopted by the Employee Benefit Trust of Eastern PA (EBTEP) Board of Trustees for the Pleasant Valley School District as listed below:
Pleasant Valley School District

2022-2023 Self Pay and COBRA* Rates - 4/11/2022 8:49

Traditional:

Single \$817.44
Husband & Wife \$1,798.37
Parent & Child \$1471.40
Family \$2,288.84
Parent & Children \$1,716.63

PPO:

Single \$797.02
Husband & Wife \$1,753.44
Parent & Child \$1,434.64

Family \$2,231.66
Parent & Children \$1,673.75

PPO 500:

Single \$742.59
Husband & Wife \$1,633.69
Parent & Child \$1,336.66
Family \$2,079.25
Parent & Children \$1,559.44

PPO 250:

Single \$770.44
Husband & Wife \$1,694.95
Parent & Child \$1,386.78
Family \$2,157.22
Parent & Children \$1,617.92

Dental:

Single \$26.84
Family \$82.19

Vision:

Single \$1.68
Family \$4.67

* A 2% surcharge will be added to the above rates for those individuals qualifying for purchase of insurance under COBRA rules

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Long Term Disability Insurance with no increase to the rates. CM Regent – Long Term Disability Insurance \$.39 per employee – terms 7/1/2022-6/30/2023.

Approval of Agenda item #13.F. – Advertisement of Sealed Bids for Winter Athletic Supplies and Equipment.

Approval of Agenda item #13.G. – Student Placement:

- Student #109021 - Belmont New Oak Academy - Effective 03/23/2022
- Student #110831 - Gettysburg Area Middle School - Effective 03/11/2022

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #13.H. – Informational – Student Fundraiser Report.

Agenda item #13.I. – Informational: Student Activities Account.

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

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

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

1. Brightstar Care - Nursing Services for 2021-2022 School Year - Cost: Nurse - \$95.00
LPN - \$85.00

Approval of Addendum item #14.C. – Establishment of the Peter Stamm Kramer Memorial Scholarship and the accompanying bank account.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Jecker questioned making band an elective at the middle school. Mr. Van Voorhis addressed the questions and stated that all options will be looked at.

Mrs. Jecker and Mrs. Kresge addressed options for students taking higher level classes. Dr. Konrad stated that he met with ESU president and NCC to discuss articulation agreements, earning of college credits, and resources for costs involved. He said this issue will be further explored.

Mrs. Jecker raised the issue of coverage for teachers who are absent. Dr. Konrad addressed pulling other staff to cover for teachers who are absent and stressed the importance of supporting the students.

Mrs. Kresge addressed the issue of reduction in graduation requirements. Mrs. George stated that schedules with more credits limit what a student can take. She said that a student is given the freedom to take classes that they choose to take in their specialized area.

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

Jim Serfass, PVESPA President, spoke on behalf of support staff as a result of furloughs and impact on students.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed concern about staff furloughs; support staff for Title I services.

Colten Kieffer, Chestnuthill Township, 4th grade student, spoke about the band program at PVI; hiring of band teacher.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about reduction of paraprofessionals; support for students.

Dominic Roberti, Eldred Township, expressed concern and opinion about AP classes; future of the district should out-of-district students return; furlough of staff.

Kristin Wolf, Polk Township, on behalf of PVEA, expressed concern about the Resolution and reduction in staff; impact on students.

Drew Dymond, PVEA President, expressed his opinion on teacher coverage.

Janice Griffith, Ross Township, expressed concern about questions not being answered. Mrs. Kresge reminded that a townhall Q&A session will be held on May 5th. Ms. Griffith expressed concern about teacher coverage; class credits; math classes; parent responsibility.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about divisiveness; social and emotional learning and parent responsibility.

John Kurczeski, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern and opinion about furloughing of staff; consequences for students.

Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about furloughing of staff; alternative plan for potential of out-of-district returning; cyber school; formation of a subcommittee.

John Kurczeski, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion to reroute buses first and not staff reduction.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about furloughing paraprofessionals; substitutes; coverage for absent teachers.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed concern about the furloughing process; needs of students.

Dominic Roberti, Eldred Township, expressed concern in keeping students' best interest in mind when making decisions.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about reduction in staff; credit requirements.

End of public comment.

Dr. Konrad addressed comments made by the 4th grade student and stated that we are going to make sure that PVI has a band teacher and that the program will continue on. He addressed other concerns expressed and spoke about looking at data, the deficit, and reduction of staff.

Mrs. Kresge spoke about declining enrollment, furloughs, and the need for tough decisions. She encouraged all to work together in order to move forward for students and the community.

Dr. Konrad congratulated Ms. Julie Harris and the special education department for the successful Compliance Monitoring Report. He stated that the Elmer Gates Enterprise Awards will be held on May 26th for outstanding senior career and technical education students from PA District 11. Dr. Konrad congratulated the 2022 MCTI Gates Award recipients: PV Seniors Andrew Turpin, Joshua Gerhart, Rebecca Penn, and James Syracuse. In addition, Dr. Konrad thanked Mrs. O'Rourke for submitting stories and setting up our PSBA PA Public School Success Stories; and JB Hunt Trucking Company for their Adopt a Classroom Program. Reminders included that May is mental health awareness month and a virtual community townhall meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM; and a virtual townhall is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM to discuss educational changes and an opportunity for Q & A.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
May 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM