

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the June 30, 2022  
Board of Education Special Meeting

Board Approved 7-21-2022

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

A special meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on June 30, 2022 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 6:18 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hicks followed by a moment of silence. Mrs. Kresge asked that all keep the DeVivo family in their prayers. 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, Mrs. Diane Serfass (via Zoom), Mrs. Melanie Zipp, Mr. Delbert Zacharias, Mr. Michael Galler, Ms. Teresa Greggo.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Mrs. Tammy A. Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Mr. Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Ms. Lynn Courtright, Chief of Security, Mr. Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator.

**School Solicitor in attendance:** Alicia Luke, Esq.

## **Notification of Executive Session**

Mrs. Kresge announced that an executive session was held on June 30, 2022 immediately prior to this special meeting for purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

## **Presentation: Highlights of the PVESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement – Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager**

Mr. Simonetta provided an update of the Pleasant Valley Educational Support Professionals' Association contract for a term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 which is on this Agenda for approval. In summary, Mr. Simonetta stated that this is a five-year contract, an average salary increase of 3.0% annually over five years and contains benefits concessions and miscellaneous language changes. He said that the average annual net impact on the budget is 2.0% for the next five years.

## **Presentation: 2022-2023 General Fund Budget – Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager**

Mr. Simonetta provided information regarding tax impact scenarios of two options for the Board's consideration – 3.5% increase and a 2.9% increase. In addition, Mr. Simonetta provided a summary of budgeted capital reserve for each option. Mrs. Kresge questioned the budgeted capital reserve and Mr. Simonetta reviewed information previously provided at the Finance Committee meeting for each option presented and discussion was held. Mr. Burger, Mrs. Serfass, Ms. Greggo, and Mrs. Jecker expressed their views and concerns on financial planning and all stated that they support Option #1 – 3.5%.

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Board Secretary**

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve the Special Board Meeting Agenda of June 30, 2022 as amended to include a new Agenda item #7. Human Resources – Change of Assignment for the 2022-2023 school year: Timothy McCutchan, teacher at the middle school to Assistant Principal at PVI at a salary of \$80,000.00. The current Agenda item #7 is now #8 and #8 is now #9.

Mrs. Kresge stated that the addition of this Agenda item #7 for Change of Assignment is important at this time as there is no Board meeting until July 21<sup>st</sup>.

VOICE VOTE: CARRIED

## **PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (agenda and non-agenda items)**

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about certain items in the Comprehensive Plan and security concerns in the District. He provided handouts outlining concerns for the Board.

Leigha McGlinch, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about inappropriate materials and plan to be removed; security training and protocols in the buildings.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her thoughts about the PVESPA negotiating process and teams and thanked all involved; stressed the importance of support staff.

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

Dr. Konrad stated that approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Educational Support Professionals’ Association is being sought this evening which he outlined and the following motion took place:

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #4. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #4.A. – Collective Bargaining Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Educational Support Professionals’ Association effective for five years from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 subject to final review and approval of contract language by the administration and solicitor. Upon completion of such language, the Board President shall be so authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mrs. Kresge recognized and thanked Mrs. Smale and Mr. Simonetta for their hard work in negotiating the contract. She also thanked the PVESPA team for their patience. Dr. Konrad thanked the negotiating teams for their commitment and expressed appreciation to the Board for their support.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #5 – Business Management items:

Approval of Agenda item #5.A. – 2022-2023 General Fund Budget – Option #1 as presented calling for a tax levy of 24.3723 mills in property tax and the Act 511 Earned Income Tax of .5% and Real Estate Transfer Tax of .5% representing a 0.8242 mill, 3.5% tax increase.

Approval of Agenda item #5.B. – 2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution based on the 2022-2023 budget approval contained in Option #1: The maximum homestead/farmstead assessment exclusion will be \$26,711. The maximum homestead/farmstead tax exclusion will be \$651.02.

ROLL CALL: 6-3 CARRIED  
Voting No: Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Zacharias, Mr. Kresge

**SOLICITOR: Alicia Luke, Esq.** – No report.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager**

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #7: Human Resources item:

Approval of Agenda item #7 – 2022-2023 Change of Assignment:

1.	Name:	Timothy McCutchan
	Current Position:	Teacher
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	Assistant Principal
	New Building	PV Intermediate
	Salary:	\$80,000.00
	Effective Date:	July 5, 2022
	Replace:	Angela Borealo

ROLL CALL: 5-4 CARRIED  
Voting No: Mr. Burger, Mrs. Jecker, Mr. Kresge, Mr. Zacharias

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mrs. Kresge expressed appreciation to the support staff at PVI for getting classrooms ready.

Mr. Kresge thanked all retirees for their services to the District and wished them good luck in the future.

Dr. Konrad wished all retirees good luck in the future. In addition, he stated that summer school programs ended today and thanked Lori Hagerman for her hard work with the PV Cubs Academy. He also thanked summer school teachers and paraprofessionals for all they do for our students.

Mr. Jim Serfass, President of the Pleasant Valley Educational Support Professionals’ Association, expressed his gratitude to the negotiating teams for their committed efforts in reaching an agreement and stated that the support staff looks forward to work for the betterment of the District. Mr. Serfass also said that this is his last day in the District after

serving 30 years and expressed thanks to Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Greggo, and Mr. Kresge for their support. Mrs. Kresge thanked Mr. Serfass for his years of service and wished him the best in his retirement.

Mrs. Kresge announced that the Comprehensive Plan will be on the agenda at the July 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
July 21, 2022 @ 7:00 PM