

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Board Approved 8-13-2020

CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on July 23, 2020 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 6:09 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Peeters, followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held virtually in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Yozwiak announced that this virtual meeting is being recorded.

Roll Call – School Board Recorder: Mrs. Debra Duff

School Board members in attendance: Donna Yozwiak, President, Todd Kresge, Teresa Greggo, Norm Burger, Laura Jecker, Treasurer, Delbert Zacharias, Sue Kresge, Len Peeters, Vice President, Dan Wunder.

Administrative staff in attendance: Lee Lesisko, Superintendent, Robert Mauro, Interim Director of Human Resources.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on July 23, 2020 immediately prior to the special 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.

Pleasant Valley Citizens: None.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Dr. Lee Lesisko (in the absence of Mrs. Famularo)

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on July 16, 2020; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of July 23, 2020 with the addition of Addendum #6.A. – Interim Assistant to the Superintendent. Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald noted that the agreement will reflect the following change: The word “similar” changed to “same.”

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald informed all that additional guidance to school entities with regard to reopening procedures and processes including face coverings and the like was put out by the Department of Health as our last meeting was taking place to approve our plan. He stated that things will continue to change.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Lee J. Lesisko

Dr. Lesisko stated that he met with high school Principal Matt Triolo as well as senior class officers to discuss the reopening of school. He said that their viewpoints are helpful in formulating plans for the start of school. Dr. Lesisko reminded all that graduation will be held at Pocono Raceway on Friday, July 24th and congratulated all seniors. In addition, Dr. Lesisko stated that Pleasant Valley is hosting a virtual town meeting on Monday, July 27th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for the opening of school and all are welcome.

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

Approval of Agenda item #4.A. – The following policies per attached:

- Policy #003.1 Board Communications
- Policy #007 Policy Manual Access
- Policy #911 News Media Relations

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Kresge questioned Policy #003.1 as to interpretation of certain language concerning procedures for responding to communications.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #4.A. Policy #003.1: Mrs. Kresge 8-1 CARRIED

Agenda item #4.B. – The following policies were attached to the agenda for a second reading:

- Policy #913.1 Sponsorships and Advertising (Policies 930 and 931 combined as advised by Solicitor)
- Policy #915.1 School District Logo

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. Robert D. Mauro

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #5.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #5.B. – The following position changes:

1. Director of Buildings and Grounds to Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services
2. Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Approval of Agenda item #5.C. – The following job descriptions per attached:

1. ACCESS Coordinator
2. Coordinator of District Services
3. Custodian
4. Director of Athletics and Activities
5. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
6. Director of Human Resources
7. Director of Operations
8. Director of Special Education
9. Educational Consultant
10. Event Manager
11. Event Supervisor
12. Food Services Director
13. Head of Maintenance
14. K-12 Curriculum Supervisor
15. Maintenance Technician
16. Principal
17. School Counselor
18. School Nurse
19. Social Worker
20. Student Information Data Specialist
21. Supervisor of Special Education
22. Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services
23. Technology Coordinator
24. Transition Coordinator

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about Agenda item #5.C. – job descriptions #10 and #11 relating to title changes. She also expressed concern about item #23 relating to Board policy and item #22 not having enough substance to warrant the salary. She stated that she will be voting no on job descriptions.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #5.C.: Mrs. Kresge and Mr. Wunder 7-2 CARRIED; Voting No on Agenda item #5.C. items #3 and #22: Mr. Zacharias 6-3 CARRIED

ADDENDUM - HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. Lee Lesisko

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Addendum item #6.A. – The independent contract of Dr. Robert Mauro, Interim Assistant to the Superintendent, based on the same terms of the previous appointment from August 3, 2020 through November 1, 2020.

ROLL CALL: 8-1 CARRIED

Voting No: Mrs. Kresge

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Dr. Lee Lesisko (in the absence of Mrs. Famularo)

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – The following contracts as attached:

1. St Luke's - Sports Medicine and Sponsorship Agreement - Term: July 16, 2020 - June 30, 2030. No Cost to District. Pending final solicitor review.
2. St Luke's - School Physician and Medical Services - Term: July 16, 2020 - June 30, 2030. No Cost to District. Pending final solicitor review.

3. St Luke's - Occupational Medicine - Term: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2030. No Cost to District. Pending final solicitor review.
4. Settlement Agreement MB060620
5. Trust Agreement MB072320
6. Settlement Agreement MB071620

Prior to roll call, Mr. Kresge expressed his views on the contracts for St. Luke's and stated that he cannot endorse this contract due to continuing changes relating to athletic trainers and that he will be voting no. Ms. Greggo expressed her concerns about athletic trainers' experience and qualifications relating to certain language she does not agree with. She also expressed concern about pre-season physicals not including certain services. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that St. Luke's is working in good faith before signing of the contract and that they have stepped up in providing services. Ms. Greggo posed legal questions to Mr. Fitzgerald about language in the contract relating to certain terms of the contract with regard to years of experience for trainers. Discussion was held and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he and the Board feel comfortable with the language contained in the contract. Mrs. Kresge questioned language in the contract with regard to fitness membership discounts and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he will review.

ROLL CALL: 6-3 CARRIED

Voting No: Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Kresge, Ms. Greggo

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Kresge suggested that policy and job description comparisons and review procedures be changed to procedures followed in the past. She also questioned if additional help is needed in the Cyber School office. Dr. Lesisko stated that he is in contact with the professional staff association leadership with regard to these concerns.

Mrs. Yozwiak commended the Pleasant Valley employees in reference to the reopening plan. She stated that we are ahead of the curve and thanked Dr. Lesisko and his team. Mrs. Yozwiak also encouraged all to attend the town hall meeting on July 27th and announced that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items): None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lee Lesisko, Superintendent

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
August 13, 2020 @ 7:00 PM