

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 8-27-2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on August 13, 2020 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Laura Jecker, 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, Jessica Tomon, Director of Human Resources, Robert Mauro, Interim Assistant to the Superintendent, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor, Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor.

School Solicitor in attendance: Brian Subers, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on August 13, 2020 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of legal issues, negotiations, personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline.

FBLA Presentation: Ms. Denise Hopely, FBLA Advisor, thanked parents, students, community, Board members, Superintendent and others for their encouragement and support. She shared the outstanding achievements in this record-breaking year highlighting that Jaxon Havens was the national champion in journalism and Jordan McGrath placed third nationally for network design. FBLA students, Jaxon Havens, Jordan McGrath, and Tyler Moore shared their accomplishments and praise for being part of FBLA and thanked Ms. Hopely for her support. Students, Maria Saitta, PV Lead4Change chairperson, outlined the leadership program which placed second nationally giving \$500 to the Schyler Strong Foundation. Also sharing was Briella Kish, mentor, and Jaclyn James. All students thanked the Board of Education for making FBLA possible.

Superintendent Lesisko made an opening statement. He said that the decision for a hybrid opening allows for all students to meet with their teachers two days per week and is confident that this is in the best interest of students, staff, and community. He stated that information will be communicated shortly to students from their building administration regarding school opening and that we will be operating with the Health & Safety Plan. Dr. Lesisko stated that based on the survey, the majority of the community prefers students to be in school and that Monroe County has one of the lowest rates of COVID cases in the Commonwealth. Dr. Lesisko also outlined procedures that will be followed in the event a COVID case is identified and stressed the importance that parents have students self-check for COVID symptoms prior to coming to school and practice daily personal hygiene and if a student is sick to please stay home. He stated that face coverings must be worn and social distancing must be followed; average class sizes will be about 10-13 students. Dr. Lesisko also addressed issues with staffing and stated that every effort will be made to place substitutes and outlined procedures to be followed in the event of a COVID case.

Superintendent Lesisko stated that anyone that signed up for PV Cyber Academy to be patient and that staff is working hard to address requests. He provided information about attendance at cyber-charter schools outside of Pleasant Valley and the costs involved including costs for special education students. He also addressed achievement concerns and provided data compiled from the Future Ready PA Index suggesting that PVSD offers a greater level of rigor and produces a higher percentage of graduates. Dr. Lesisko stated that Pleasant Valley wants to ensure that all students are receiving the best education possible.

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:

MaryEllen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about students bringing backpacks to school and what precautions will be taken to insure safety.

Sophia Dominick, Chestnuthill Township, shared her childrens’ experiences and accomplishments with being part of FBLA and stated that Ms. Hopely has been a tremendous resource for students.

Jessica Jennings, Chestnuthill Township, questioned virtual instruction on the days when students are not in school.

Heather Blum, Chestnuthill Township, stated that she is the President of the PTO at PVI and thanked the volunteers from the PTO at PVI, PVE, and the middle school and that everyone is working hard.

Kristine Rodriguez, Ross Township, thanked the Board of Education for making a decision about the reopening of school and bringing some normalcy to children’s’ lives.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Mrs. Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting held on July 23, 2020; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of August 13, 2020.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable, and Agenda item #3.E. – Financial Statements for July 2020, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 – PSDLAF.

Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – August 13, 2020.

Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statements July 2020.

Approval of Agenda item #3.G. – Asset Cost Summary July 2020.

Approval of Agenda item #3.H. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues July 2020.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #3.D. Check
Nos. 00228502 and 00228503 8-0-1
CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the July 16, 2020 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Brian Supers, Esq. – No report.

Mrs. Jecker stated that three other Monroe County school districts and MCTI were awarded a grant through the Governor’s Emergency Relief Fund and that Pleasant Valley was not named. In addition, she stated that the Department of Education recently made an announcement for a Continuing of Education Equity Grant for the 2020 academic year and Pleasant Valley was not included. Mrs. Jecker questioned if Pleasant Valley applied for these grants. Dr. Mowrer Benda stated that those grants were available April 14th and she was not aware of the grants as they were not in her jurisdiction at that time. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that further inquiries should be made for this upcoming year.

Mrs. Kresge addressed the reopening plan for Pleasant Valley and expressed her concern for the importance of the safety of students, staff, and community. She stated that although she understands that it is better for students to be in school, she would like to see Pleasant Valley School District go completely virtual. She also expressed concern about social distancing on the buses. Mr. Wunder agrees that we should reopen virtually and since the plan was approved, guidelines have changed. He pointed out several issues including staffing, substitutes in the event of the need to quarantine teachers, and concern that the environment is not ready. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that Monroe County has the lowest numbers in the Commonwealth of COVID cases. She also stated that athletes have been practicing and that the coaches are doing a great job with procedures, etc., and we have had no cases

of COVID. Mrs. Yozwiak also addressed special education needs if we go completely virtual and stated that our plan to reopen using the hybrid method is coming to fruition. Mrs. Jecker said that students should be able to go back to school with limited classrooms and particulars in place. She stated that she attended all reopening meetings and that we are ready to reopen also pointing out that we have the lowest numbers in the Commonwealth. Mrs. Yozwiak expressed concern about MCTI students in the event of reopening virtually and Mrs. Kresge stated that students would have to provide their own transportation. No further discussion, the following action was taken:

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kresge to reopen the Pleasant Valley School District virtually until October 1, 2020.

President Yozwiak opened discussion for Pleasant Valley citizens since this is a new agenda item.

Tracy Jacobi questioned if PV Cyber Academy will be operating in the event of a delayed opening.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed her fears of sending children to school. She spoke in favor of the reopening to be held virtually for the first month or two.

Kimberly Meloy, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about the need for the students to have interaction and that the child care center that she teaches at has been open since June with no incidents.

Jennifer Pandolfo, Ross Township, expressed concern about the district not being prepared to go completely virtual in two weeks.

Aleisia Kinny, Ross Township, expressed concern about delaying the start of school and although she has safety concerns she wants schools to reopen.

Jessica Place, Eldred Township, expressed concern about special needs students if we reopen virtually and expressed that school needs to reopen. She referred to the survey sent to parents where most parents want to go back.

Faith Lawrence, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board for making a decision and stated that her children are looking forward to going to school.

Meredith Mead, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board for their work on the reopening plan. She stated that coaches are working above and beyond to make sure that the athletes are safe. She expressed concern about the mental health of children and suggested the possibility of starting after Labor Day.

Jillian Murray expressed concern about children who have abusive environments and stated that school is a safe haven for them.

Michelle Krayem, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the teachers returning to school. She stated that Board meetings are still being held remotely but teachers are being asked to return to buildings.

Samantha Witt, Eldred Township, spoke in favor of reopening and expressed the importance of interaction with other students and in-person learning.

Wayne Jennings, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about reopening virtually and stated that children need to get back to school.

James Weiss spoke of school board power and authority and taxpayer dollars. He also spoke of the possible need for an occupational safety professional pertaining to bringing teachers back.

Deborah Kanaly, Polk Township, stated that her children are excited about going back to school but expressed concern about social distancing especially on the buses. She expressed concern about the spikes in the country and suggested taking the first semester off.

Kristine Rodriguez, Ross Township, expressed her opinion that not everyone will agree with any decision. She questioned the number of cyber school students that are enrolled.

Bill Brennan, Ross Township, expressed his opinion that the hybrid model is a happy medium and expressed concern that there may not be enough time for teachers to prepare for reopening virtually.

Tracy Jacobi expressed her opinion that buying some time by opening virtually is the best option and spoke of other options available. She expressed that socialization for the students will not be the same and has concerns about the mental capacities of students and also the substitute shortage in the event of quarantine.

Kate Loffio, Chestnuthill Township, expressed that she is in agreement with decisions made so far. She stated virtual did not work out for her child and asked if consideration has been given for Google classrooms for elementary classes.

James Sinisko, Chestnuthill Township, commented that he has worked and the company could not do reasonable social distancing and all is fine. He expressed his opinion that remote learning does not work well and feels all are overreacting.

Toni Bush, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion that parents have had a hard time teaching at home and that children miss being at school and noted their emotional hardship. She feel teachers are essential and should be back in school.

Tanya Iandoli, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board members and stated that decisions should be based on numbers and our numbers are low. She stated that the hybrid model is a happy medium and feels students need to get back to school to feel connected and to follow protocols in place. She expressed that postponing will not make a difference.

Amanda Hoffman, Chestnuthill Township, stated that she wants to send her child back to school but expressed concern about social distancing in elementary classrooms and school buses. She expressed concern about quarantining staff in the event someone gets sick.

Kelly Patrice, Polk Township, thanked the Board and stated that there is no right decision. She stated that the school delayed opening for a mold issue in the past and that there should be a delayed opening with the option of Cyber School until a better plan is in place.

Marie Ortiz, Polk Township, expressed her opinion that it is not worth opening school and expressed concern about children following protocol. She said that Pleasant Valley is an amazing district and thanked all for their hard work.

Jason Kish thanked the Board and hopes they can come together on this decision. As a coach in the district, he said everyone is working hard to keep everyone safe. He questioned the number of students that will be in each building on a daily basis and feels having exact numbers would help parents in making their decision.

Keri Kish expressed concern about virtual instruction with the special education population and fears they will suffer extreme regression without service providers.

Jessica Jennings, Chestnuthill Township, stated that the hybrid model is good and expressed concern about holding off until October due to it being flu season as well.

Tim Zarate, Ross Township, expressed his opinion about children maintaining social distancing and wearing masks and stated that a hybrid approach is the best approach.

Adrienne Fors, Polk Township, expressed concern about parents who have to work and issues with child care.

Robert Mullin, Ross Township, expressed concern about virtual learning for his four children and requested communication from the district. He also expressed concern in the event of internet issues.

Amanda Hoffman, Chestnuthill Township, stated that day care facilities are open and parents need to work but that is not the same comparison as attending school buildings and riding buses.

Nicole Weiss, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about virtual learning and the curriculum offered in the spring at PVE and spoke in favor of the hybrid approach.

Alice Wheelis, Ross Township, expressed concern about exposure on buses running possibly three times a day.

Lauren Nelson, Chestnuthill Township, stated that her child struggled with cyber school and that she is in favor of the hybrid option to have teacher interaction.

Luke Meloy, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion that we cannot live in fear and that we should get back to some sort of normal schedule and as issues arise we can plan and deal with it.

Donna Pirozzi, Kunkletown, stated that we should go back to school and that her child is regressing due to not being in school.

There being no further comments, the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 3-6 NOT CARRIED
Voting No: Mr. Zacharias, Ms. Greggo, Mr. Peeters, Mrs. Jecker, Mr. Burger, Mrs. Yozwiak

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the Committee Reports were attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

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

Dr. Lesisko shared good news stating that St. Luke’s University Health Network is offering an additional athletic trainer, Erika Trout, as a full-half time trainer although our contract calls for only 3.5 athletic trainers. In addition, T-bor Bodi will assist as a Sports Performance Coach and Athletic Trainer. Dr. Lesisko thanked St. Luke’s for ensuring that our programs are successful. Also, Dr. Lesisko thanked Agnes Correll for donating 450 face masks for our students and they have been distributed to the buildings.

Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #6. – Superintendent items:

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Final Reading Policies:

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

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.B. – The following policies were attached to the agenda for a first reading:

- Policy #003 Functions
- Policy #005.1 Board Relations
- Policy #008 Meeting Agendas and Materials
- Policy #103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy #104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- Policy #247 Hazing

Agenda item #6.C. – The Enrollment Report for August 2020 was provided for informational purposes.

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

Agenda item #7.A. – The following policies were provided for a first reading as attached:

- Policy #249 Bullying
- Policy #252 Dating Violence
- Policy #317.1 Educator Misconduct
- Policy #824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Addition to Current Assignment - The following individuals to receive per diem rate to assist the Special Education Department with rewriting of IEPs.

	Name	Effective Date
1.	Diana Davenport	August 11, 2020
2.	Eileen Decker	August 11, 2020
3.	Lisa Kandl	August 11, 2020
4.	Michelle LaBadie	August 11, 2020
5.	Lindsay McKenna	August 11, 2020
6.	Albert Miller	August 11, 2020

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – 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 the fall 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.	John Gesiskie	Girls Volleyball	Head Coach	6	\$6,950.00
2.	Paul McCrone	Football	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$4,050.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – 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 the fall 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.	Dana West	Football	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00(per event)
2.	Hillary Atkinson	Fall Season	Event Manager	\$610.41
3.	Augie Kresge	Fall Season	Event Manager	\$610.41
4.	Greg Duff	Fall Season	Event Manager	\$610.41

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – 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 the fall 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.	Sheri Fallon	Advanced Placement	PVHS	\$700.00
2.	Robin Powell Feerrar	Art Club Advisor	PVMS	\$600.00
3.	Susan Scully	Chess Club Advisor	PVMS	\$1,300.00
4.	James Percey	Chess Club Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
5.	Jenna Rudolph	Class Advisor- Junior Class	PVHS	\$1,800.00
6.	Vanessa Fego	Class Advisor- Senior Class	PVHS	\$2,000.00
7.	Elaine Cucci	Class Advisor- Sophomore	PVHS	\$1,600.00
8.	Bobbi Shupp	Computer Club Advisor	PVMS	\$600.00
9.	Elizabeth Gesualdi	Diversity Club Advisor	PVMS	\$600.00
10.	Elaine Cucci	Diversity Club Advisor	PVHS	\$350.00 (split stipend)

11.	Ann Parham	Diversity Club Advisor	PVHS	\$350.00 (split stipend)
12.	Donna Morris	Drama Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
13.	Marcie Mulligan	Drama Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
14.	Amanda Altemose	Drama Assistant Director	PVMS	\$1,617.00
15.	Dan Mulligan	Drama Director	PVHS	\$2,887.00
16.	Alexandria Gibb	Drama Director	PVMS	\$2,310.00
17.	Robin Powell Feerrar	Drama Set Design	PVMS	\$600.00
18.	Carol Priebe	Ecology Club Advisor	PVMS	\$1,300.00
19.	Maricatherine Garr	Envirothon Advisor	PVHS	\$1,625.00
20.	Denise Hopely	FBLA Advisor	PVHS	\$2,887.50
21.	Craig Morris	FBLA Assistant Advisor	PVHS	\$2,021.25
22.	Jacqueline Brinker	FBLA Assistant Advisor	PVHS	\$2,021.25
23.	Barbara Arroyo	Graphic Novel Society Advisor	PVHS	\$700.00
24.	Elaine Cucci	GSA Club Advisor	PVHS	\$700.00
25.	Aleisa Kinsey	Honor Society-Junior Advisor	PVMS	\$1,600.00
26.	Ann Parham	Honor Society-Senior Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
27.	<i>Item Removed</i>			
28.	<i>Item Removed</i>			
29.	Elaine Cucci	Key Club	PVHS	\$1,137.50
30.	Elaine Cucci	Leo Club	PVHS	\$1,137.50
31.	Elizabeth Gesualdi	Literary Magazine Advisor	PVHS	\$700.00
32.	Bernadette Fierro	Mock Trial Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
33.	Marcie Mulligan	Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
34.	Melissa Kline	Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
35.	Dan Mulligan	Musical Director	PVHS	\$2,887.50
36.	Robin Powell Feerrar	Musical Set Design	PVMS	\$600.00
37.	Jacqueline Brinker	Newspaper Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
38.	Kathleen Krall	Newspaper Advisor	PVMS	\$1,600.00
39.	Ann Parham	Scholastic Scrimmage Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
40.	James Shoopack	Scholastic Scrimmage Advisor	PVMS	\$800.00 (split stipend)
41.	Alexandria Gibb	Scholastic Scrimmage Advisor	PVMS	\$800.00 (split stipend)
42.	Eileen Arnold	Sewing/Crochet Club Advisor	PVMS	\$600.00
43.	Craig Morris	Stage Manager	PVHS	\$2,887.50
44.	Vanessa Fego	Stage Manager Assistant	PVHS	\$2,021.25
45.	Lisa Wojton	Student Government Advisor	PVMS	\$1,300.00
46.	Philomena Reduzzi	Yearbook Advisor	PVHS	\$2,887.50
47.	James Shoopack	Yearbook Advisor	PVMS	\$1,155.00 (split stipend)
48.	Alexandria Gibb	Yearbook Advisor	PVMS	\$1,155.00 (split stipend)

Approval of Agenda item #8.F. – Intramural Advisors:

1.	Club/Activity:	Tennis
	Advisor:	Mark Allison
	Advisor:	Laura Ammermann
	Dates:	July 14, 2020 – August 13, 2020
	Day(s):	Tuesday & Thursday
	Times:	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
	Building:	Tennis Courts
2.	Club/Activity:	Cheerleading
	Advisor:	Dawn Hahn
	Advisor:	Megan Dalstrom
	Advisor:	JoAnna Richardson
	Dates:	July 8, 2020 – August 17, 2020
	Day(s):	Monday & Wednesday
	Times:	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
	Building:	PVHS
3.	Club/Activity:	Football
	Advisor:	James Ward
	Advisor:	Kyle Bonser
	Volunteer:	Blaec Saeger
	Volunteer:	Robert Hahn
	Dates:	July 8, 2020 – August 14, 2020

Day(s):	Monday – Thursday
Times:	7:45 am – 12:00 pm
Building:	PVHS

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Viola Murphy	Coordinator of Child Accounting	Polk	Twenty (20)	August 3, 2020 – August 28, 2020
2.	Lauren Staub	Teacher	PVHS	Sixty (60)	August 30, 2020 – November 24, 2020
3.	Deborah Wadiak	Custodian	PVIS	Fifteen (15) Summer Days	June 22, 2020 – July 19, 2020
4.	Michael Walters	Information Systems Technician	District	Five (5) Summer Days	July 16, 2020 – July 24, 2020

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Jane Shevlin (Cadotte)	Boys Soccer Score Keeper	N/A	July 14, 2020
2.	Michelle Piontkowski	Volleyball – Varsity Scoreboard Operator Volleyball – JV Scoreboard Operator	N/A	July 17, 2020
3.	Susan Ryan	School Nurse	PVHS	July 30, 2020
4.	Rosemarie Coppola	Substitute Food Service Employee Substitute Monitor Substitute Secretary	N/A	June 26, 2020
5.	Tara Marques	Substitute Teacher	N/A	July 7, 2020
6.	Julia Palmieri	Substitute Teacher	N/A	June 28, 2020
7.	Deborah Walkowiak	Substitute Teacher	N/A	July 5, 2020
8.	Joshua Rake	Substitute Teacher	N/A	August 5, 2020
9.	Megan Gower	Substitute Teacher & Homebound Instructor	N/A	July 6, 2020
10.	Scott Marlin	Substitute Custodian	N/A	August 6, 2020

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #8.E.1.: Mrs. Yozwiak 8-1 CARRIED; Abstained on Agenda item #8.D.3.: Mr. Kresge 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

ADDENDUM: HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Continuation of Assignment:

1.	Name:	Tom Dudley
	Building:	PVIS
	Position:	Dean of Students
	Dates:	2020-2021 School Year

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Viola Murphy	Coordinator of Child Accounting	Polk	Twenty (20)	August 3, 2020 – August 28, 2020

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Resignation

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Allison Hoak	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	N/A	August 6, 2020

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Appointment of Jessica Tomon as the Open Records Officer and Title IX Coordinator.

Approval of Addendum item #9.F. – Independent contract for Mary Beth Gustafson, Ed.D. as Interim Supervisor of Special Education.

Approval of Addendum item #9.G. – Change to Current Assignments:

1.	Name:	Debra Howell
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
2.	Name:	Beth Green
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
3.	Name:	Anna Manwiller
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
4.	Name:	Linda Reborchick
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
5.	Name:	Nancy Heckman
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVIS
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
6.	Name:	Lyn Ower Mohle
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
7.	Name:	Maria Sarwar
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
8.	Name:	Paulette Chopick
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVIS
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
9.	Name:	Brenda Bush
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVIS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
10.	Name:	MaryAnne Peleschak
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVIS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020

11.	Name:	Erica Smith
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVIS
	New Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
12.	Name:	Kim Wimmer
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVIS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020
13.	Name:	Sharon Graver
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVIS
	New Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	August 25, 2020

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #10.A. – Curriculum/Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #10.B. – Renewal of Renaissance STAR Early Literacy and STAR Reading for PVE and PVI and Renaissance STAR Reading for PVMS, per attached and pending Solicitor review.

Approval of Agenda item #10.C. – Quote for Newsela Science and Social Studies Resources and Professional Development for Pleasant Valley Intermediate for 2020-2021, per attached (initial use was approved on March 12, 2020)

.ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper – No report.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Susan Famularo

Mrs. Famularo shared information about a new tax collection system purchased by Monroe County. She informed all that there is a glitch within the system and that the county and the software provider are working to rectify the situation. The business office has advised our tax collectors to submit their collections report and copies of their deposit slips with their remittance checks to the school district and that the differences, only off a few cents higher or lower, will be tracked and reconciled at the end of the tax collection period. She said that written instructions will be sent to our tax collectors.

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #14.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #14.B. – Cafeteria Fund per attached.

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for August 13, 2020 – Total Amount: \$945.97
2. Cafeteria Fund – Asset Cost Summary – July 2020

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

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. To provide the following web-based curriculum licenses. Symbolstix License cost: \$94.05 per license for 11 licenses, Total: \$1,034.55. Unique Learning license cost: \$526.78 per license, for 4 licenses, Total \$2,107.12. Shall not exceed \$3,141.67 and is in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Secure an LPN or RN to administer medication for Pleasant Valley School District students while attending Community Based Instruction and/or field trips. Cost: \$58.00 per hour for LPN or RN. Effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #20. Will provide psychiatric evaluations as requested for the 2020-2021 school year. Rates of services are as follows:
 1. Psychiatric Evaluation - \$295.61
 2. Psychiatric Amendment - \$118.24
 3. Fee for No Show Appointment - \$118.24
 4. Fee for Cancellation - Less than 48 Hours' Notice - \$118.24

4. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: \$11.50 per month, for 12 months, not to exceed \$138.00, plus a fee of \$1.15 per minute for interpreting services. Effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Total costs not to exceed \$3,557.40. To provide an associate teacher for direct, one-on-one services for a student attending the Extending School Year Program at the Colonial Academy. This contract will be in effect from July 7, 2020 through July 30, 2020.
6. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: Shall not exceed \$463,579.80. Associate teacher for direct, one-on-one services. Effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
7. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Cost: \$600.00. SSK&W - Provide proactive strategies, training, and procedures to help stop potential problems or liability that comes with new technology in the digital age. Effective August 26, 2020 through August 25, 2021.
8. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: Provide and bill directly for Alternative Augmentative Communication, Educational Audiology Services, Feeding Team Evaluation, Itinerant Hearing and Vision Support, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Orientation and Mobility Services, Psychological Services and Speech and Language Support for the 2019-2020 school year. Rates of services are as follows:
 1. Alternative Augmentative Communication (AAC) Process - \$748.00/student
 2. Educational Audiology Services - \$254.49/hour
 3. Feeding Team Evaluation - \$1,200/eval
 4. Itinerant Hearing Support - \$170.06/hour
 5. Itinerant Vision Support - \$299.12/hour
 6. Occupational Therapy - \$129.07/hour
 7. Orientation and Mobility Services - \$299.12/hour
 8. Physical Therapy - \$148.36/hour
 9. Psychological Services - \$125.44/hour
 10. Speech and Language Support - \$126.65/hour.
9. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: \$15,000.00 shall not exceed. Additional funding if needed for the School-Based Outpatient Program to provide PVSD students and community. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
10. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 and Pleasant Valley School District. Alternate and Regular Education Transportation Contract for School Year 2020-2021. The cost of said service is projected to be \$2.80 per mile, for each student transported. The cost will increase or decrease depending on variations in number of students and miles transported from 2019-2020 and throughout 2020-2021.
11. LifeTrack Services - Cost is \$4,350 for Class of 2020 Senior Exit Survey

Approval of Agenda item #14.D. – Advertisement for Bids – Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment for the 2020-2021 school year.

Approval of Agenda item #14.E. – Letter of Agreement for Title I services with Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Agreement shall commence on August 31, 2020 and terminate on June 11, 2021 or the last student day of the 2020-2021 Pleasant Valley School District school year. Cost: \$7,816.00 for instructional services; \$81.00 for Parent and Family Engagement Service; 3% of instructional cost for Administrative Services, per attached and subject to Solicitor review, revision and approval.

Approval of Agenda item #14.F. – Band and Drum Major Uniform Bid Additional: Band Shoppe – Shipping and Handling \$689.00.

Approval of Agenda item #14.G. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$170,158.51.

Approval of Agenda item #14.H. – Payment from Capital Reserve per attached - \$467.50.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #14.I. – Informational: District Student Activity Accounts as attached:

Beginning Balance July 1, 2020: \$261,764.81
 Receipts: \$2,057.57
 Expenditures: \$10,590.74
 Ending Balance July 31, 2020: \$253,231.64

ADDENDUM: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Susan Famularo

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

Approval of Addendum item #15.B. –The following contracts, per attached:

1. Industrial Appraisal Company - Updated Property Record/Fixed Asset Report, Cost: \$830.00 and Insurable Values Summary, Cost: \$915.00

2. VLN Partner's LLP - Addendum to Blended Learning Services Agreement - Subject to review and approval of the Solicitors's office.

Approval of Addendum item #15.C. – Refunding Opportunity – To authorize the financing team to proceed with requesting a loan proposal from JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. and to prepare related documents to refund the District’s Series of 2012 Bonds for debt service savings purposes. The financing team consists of PFM Financial Advisors, as financial advisor, and Eckert Seamans, as bond counsel and special counsel for purposes of the refunding.

Approval of Addendum item #15.D. – Resolution authorizing Superintendent Lee J. Lesisko to complete electronic signatures in eGrants.

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Jecker opened up discussion with regard to Addendum item #15.C. and stated that this loan proposal is not a savings to the District. Mrs. Kresge stated it is a 2% savings. Mrs. Jecker addressed the fees involved and Mr. Peeters questioned what fees were cut to reach the final numbers. Ms. Greggo questioned whether we could look elsewhere for a better proposal. Mrs. Famularo stated that this was done at the direction of the Board and we did not instruct our financial advisor to issue an RFP. No further discussion being held, the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED
Voting No on Addendum item #15.C.: Mrs. Yozwiak, Mr. Kresge, Mrs. Jecker, Mr. Peeters, Ms. Greggo 4-5 NOT CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Brian Subers, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Kresge requested clarification on the athletic trainers being offered by St. Luke’s and brief discussion was held.

Mrs. Jecker thanked Pocono Raceway for having our graduation ceremony and she congratulated the class of 2020.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items):

Mr. Barry Crown, Chestnuthill Township, stated that he attended many graduation ceremonies and he said that Mr. Triolo did a wonderful job this year.

Ms. Kristine Cucci, Polk Township, expressed concern about the developmental difficulties for special needs students with the reopening of school and also expressed concern about mandated information for special education students as well as modified instruction. She also stated the importance of communicating to parents.

Mrs. Yozwiak congratulated the Interim Supervisor of Special Education and that she will be working closely with Ms. Harris, Director of Special Education.

Mrs. Yozwiak announced that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
August 27, 2020 @ 7:00 PM