

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brodheads ville, PA 18322

Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 9-24-2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on September 10, 2020 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:06 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, 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.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on September 10, 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.

Superintendent Lesisko provided a summary of the operations of the District and stated that more than 2,500 students are attending brick and mortar classrooms at this time. He stated that we have experienced minimal sickness symptoms and are COVID free at this time and are following the approved Health and Safety Plan procedures. Dr. Lesisko thanked all for their cooperation including in routine services in special education, athletics, and activities believing that safety is our number one concern. With regard to the PV Cyber Academy, Dr. Lesisko stated that about 800 students are matriculating through the Cyber Academy, 300 of which have begun the program. He asked that all be patient if you have not been notified to pick up materials as there is a scarcity of the required materials, and that in the interim consider making preparations with building administration to return to school until cyber is fully available.

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:

Christine Deihl, Polk Township, wished to speak about a non-agenda item and was instructed to speak at the end of the meeting.

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on August 27, 2020; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of September 10, 2020 with the removal of Agenda item #9.A.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable, and Agenda item #3.E. – Financial Statements for August 2020, as attached:
Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.
Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 – PSDLAF.
Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – September 10, 2020.
Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statements August 2020.
Approval of Agenda item #3.G. – Asset Cost Summary August 2020.

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

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the August 27, 2020 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald stated that with regard to the reopening of school, there has been guidance from Governor Wolf as it relates to attendance at athletic events. There has been legislation from the Senate and House specific to expanding how many can attend athletic events which Governor Wolf will veto and based on that action the original order from Governor Wolf who can be at an outdoor events including participants and attendees is capped at 250.

Mrs. Kresge made a personal statement regarding the PV Cyber Academy and expressed her apologies to the parents, students, and community for the lack of leadership, communication, and misinformation which she stated is unacceptable. She outlined timelines, communications, and issues with equipment shortages expressing her apologies for the inexcusable confusion with the cyber school process and the limitations for enrollment. Several questions were asked of Dr. Lesisko concerning equipment, funding, and whether or not the students that did not make the cutoff date have been notified. Dr. Lesisko stated that everything is being done to remedy the cyber school process and accommodate all students. Mr. Wunder reviewed the numbers of enrolled students, registered students, and the numbers who did not meet the cutoff. He stressed the importance that parents be notified individually and to bring in additional staff if needed. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that technology infrastructure suffered due to past indecisions years ago.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that September is Suicide Prevention Month. She referred to an article on suicide prevention and in that light, expressed concern that we may be facing a post COVID suicide epidemic. She questioned what is being done to improve on our suicide prevention programs K-12. Director of Special Education Julie Harris stated that communication has been taking place with St. Luke’s Mental Health Department to start the process for training in suicide prevention. Dr. Mowrer Benda provided information on staff training that has previously taken place in suicide prevention among other trainings up until January 2020. She stated that due to closures, there have been no subsequent trainings. Dr. Mowrer Benda stated that she has had communication with St. Luke’s and that information on training has been given to Director of Human Resources Jessica Tomon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the Committee Reports were provided for informational purposes.

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

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

Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – Homebound Instruction – Pleasant Valley Middle School:

Student No.	Reason
HB108464DS-M	Medical, retroactive to 9/8/2020; Student will be homebound 2020-2021 school year.

Approval of Agenda item #6.C. – Reappointment of Western Pocono Community Library Trustees for a term to expire October 2023:

- Karen Catina
- Debby York

Approval of Agenda item #6.D. – The following policies per attached:

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

Prior to the roll call vote, Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about Agenda item #6.D. Policy No. 005.1 and asked the reason that this new policy was created. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that it was a recommendation from PSBA. Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about communication from Board members being directly communicated through the Board President to the Superintendent and not PVSD staff. Discussion was held and Mrs. Yozwiak explained that past practice has proven to be productive. Mr. Wunder agreed that communication should go through the Board President but that it does not prohibit a Board member from speaking with the Superintendent. Mr. Peeters stated that this process was put in place by past administration and worked well when he was board president. Mrs. Kresge also questioned item #6.E. Policy 003 as to why it is on for a first reading and Mrs. Yozwiak stated that it was missed during a personnel transition and therefore the review process must start with a first reading.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED
 Voting No on Agenda item #6.D. Policy No. 005.1: Mrs. Kresge 8-1 CARRIED

Mrs. Kresge stated that she voted no on Policy No. 005.1 and expressed concern that not all will follow procedures. Mrs. Yozwiak assured all that the Policy Committee will take action if procedures are not followed.

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

- Policy #003 Functions
- Policy #113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students With Disabilities

Agenda item #6.F. – The following policies were attached to the agenda for a second reading per attached:

- Policy #011 Principles for Governance and Leadership
- Policy #203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- Policy #209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- Policy #314 Physical Examination
- Policy #340 Responsibility for Student Welfare
- Policy #705 Facilities and Workplace Safety
- Policy #904 Public Attendance at School Events
- Policy #910.1 Memorials for Deceased Students and Staff

Agenda item #6.G. – No recommended changes were made to the following policies reviewed on September 1, 2020. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle:

- Policy 105.1 Review of Instruction Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
- Policy 105.2 Exemption from Instruction
- Policy 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
- Policy 110 Instructional Supplies
- Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students With Disabilities

Agenda item #6.H. – The Enrollment Report for September 2020 was provided for informational purposes.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Hiring Furloughed TPE as Long-Term Substitute:

1.	Name:	Christina Ciaravino
	Position:	Kindergarten Teacher
	Education Level:	BS – Early Childhood Education
	Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Certificate:	Grades PK-4 Grades 5-6
	Salary:	BS, Step 1: \$45,067 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	September 8, 2020
	Replace:	Sarah Sipler

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Recall from Layoff of Paraprofessional Associate:

1.	Name:	Laraine Gartrell
	Building:	PVIS
	Effective Date:	September 8, 2020
	Replace:	Margaret O’Leary

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Amanda Campbell
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$10.97 per hour
	Effective Date:	September 14, 2020
	Replace:	Stephanie Green

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

1.	Name:	William Mingle
	Current Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Custodian (2 nd Shift)
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Custodian (1 st Shift)
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Maryann Veneziano
2.	Name:	Margaret O’Leary
	Current Building:	PVIS
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Effective Date:	September 8, 2020
	Replace:	Alexander Wunder
3.	Name:	Maria Sarwar
	Current Building:	PVES
	Current Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)
	New Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)
	Effective Date:	September 8, 2020
	Replace:	Linda Reborchick
4.	Name:	James Shoopack
	Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Spanish Teacher (.77)
	New Position:	Spanish Teacher (1)
	Effective Date:	September 14, 2020

Approval of Agenda item #7.F. – Rescind Change to Current Assignment: Rescind Kim Wimmer’s change to assignment that was board approved August 13, 2020. She remains at PVIS.

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Addition to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Shena Klein
	Position:	Substitute Secretary
	Effective Date:	September 3, 2020

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Cassandra Crawford	Teacher	PVES	Sixty (60)	October 6, 2020 – January 11, 2020
2.	Kerilyn Semeraro	School Counselor	PVIS	Twenty-nine (29)	September 15, 2020 – October 23, 2020
3.	Bethanne Yanchick	Teacher	PVES	Eight (8)	August 31, 2020 – September 11, 2020

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Debra Howell	Paraprofessional Associate	PVHS	September 3, 2020

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Elizabeth Gesualdi	Diversity Club Advisor	PVMS	August 20, 2020

Approval of Agenda item #7.K. – Sabbatical Leave:

	Name	Position	Building	Semester(s)
1.	Sarah Sipler	Teacher	PVES	1 st Semester of 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agenda item #7.L. – 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.	Megan Dahlstrom	Cheering	JV Assistant	1	\$2,512.00
2.	Item Removed				
3.	JoAnna Richardson	Cheering	Junior High Assistant	1	\$2,112.00
4.	Item Removed- Board Approved August 27, 2020				
5.	Trevor Dorn	Wrestling	JV Assistant	1	\$4,800.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.M. – 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 (per event)
1.	Joan Toolan	Wrestling	Varsity Ticket Taker	\$36.00
2.	Joan Toolan	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Taker	\$36.00
3.	removed - duplicate			
4.	Bron Leupold	Girls Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
5.	Bron Leupold	Girls Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
6.	Bron Leupold	Girls Basketball	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
7.	Bron Leupold	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
8.	Bron Leupold	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00

9.	Karen Voulo	Boys Basketball	Varsity Ticket Taker	\$36.00
10.	Karen Voulo	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
11.	Karen Voulo	Girls Basketball	Varsity Ticket Taker	\$36.00
12.	Karen Voulo	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
13.	James Igoe	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
14.	James Igoe	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
15.	James Igoe	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
16.	James Igoe	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/scorekeeper	\$25.00
17.	Jenna Wernett	Wrestling	Varsity Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00
18.	Jenna Wernett	Wrestling	JV Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$30.00
19.	Dana West	Wrestling	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00
20.	Dana West	Wrestling	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
21.	Dana West	Wrestling	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
22.	Dana West	Wrestling	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
23.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00
24.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
25.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
26.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
27.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
28.	Dana West	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00
29.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Varsity Message Board Operator	\$40.00
30.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
31.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
32.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
33.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
34.	Dana West	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$25.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.N. – 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.	Holli Capricuso- Register	Stage Manager Assistant	PVHS	\$2,021.25
2.	Removed - duplicated			
3.	Elizabeth Negron	Animation Club Advisor	PVHS	\$1,137.50

4.	Linda Reborchick	Musical Director	PVMS	\$2,310.00
5.	Liam Mulligan	Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
6.	Crystal Hicks	Drama Assistant Director	PVI	\$1,617.00
7.	Nadine Snyder	Drama Director	PVI	\$2,310.00
8.	Donna Morris	Accompanist	PVHS	\$700.00

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM: HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon

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

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Homebound Instruction: All current teachers, therapists, and substitutes to implement homebound instruction for students as may be deemed necessary. The Administration is further authorized to identify the appropriate individuals to implement homebound instruction.

Approval of Addendum item #8.C. – Intramurals:

1.	Club/Activity:	Aevidum
	Advisor:	Michele Connors
	Dates:	August 31, 2020 – May 28, 2021
	Day(s):	Varies
	Times:	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
	Building:	PVHS

Approval of Addendum item #8.D. – Position Descriptions per attached:

1. Assistant to the Superintendent
2. Information Systems Technician
3. Technology Coordinator

Approval of Addendum item #8.E. – Salary Correction:

1.	Name:	Dawn Borger
	Position:	Registration Secretary
	Approved Salary:	\$31,206
	Correct Salary:	\$32,820

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Wunder expressed concern about Addendum item #8.D.3. – Position Description for Technology Coordinator, that no functions are listed for the Cyber Academy. Mrs. Kresge also expressed concern and said functions should be spelled out in relation to the Cyber Academy. Mr. Wunder also expressed concern about the term vendor credentials status listed under qualifications for this position. Lengthy discussion was held about the term and Attorney Fitzgerald and Dr. Lesisko addressed the question. Mr. Wunder also questioned #11 under qualifications relating to certifications which Dr. Lesisko addressed. Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about the “watering down” of the qualifications and questioned who is going to oversee the upgrade of the technology infrastructure. Further discussion took place. Mrs. Kresge also questioned the Technology Systems Coordinator position description and pointed out among other things, that #12 is incomplete.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Addendum #8.D.3.: Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Kresge, Mr. Burger, Mr. Wunder 5-4 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda – Dr. Mowrer Benda gave a presentation on the Student Assistance Program (SAP). She provided an overview of the program which is a state mandated program in all K-12 buildings and focuses on students who may be experiencing difficulties in the school setting. She stated that the strategic mission is to remove barriers to learning and enhance academic achievement through collaborative prevention, intervention, and post-intervention services. Dr. Mowrer Benda stated that the program is a collaborative effort with PDE Safe Schools Office, PA Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs’ Division of Prevention and Intervention, the PA Department of Human Services Offices of Mental Health & Substance Abuse and K-12 Schools. She reviewed the referral process, training of SAP team members, and provided statistics for the 2018-2019 school year. She further reported on previous trainings and continued student support including suicide prevention training. Dr. Mowrer Benda stated that we are continuing collaboration with county agencies and countywide and statewide providers. She indicated that Governor Wolf has set forth a new task force regarding suicide prevention and more information will be forthcoming. Mrs. Yozwiak suggested that some of the preventative measures could be brought to students as a whole by way of assemblies, etc.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris – Ms. Harris extended her thanks to the Special Education Department and management team for working collaboratively with a tremendous work load during this time.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper – No report.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Susan Famularo –

Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.B. – Cafeteria Fund per attached.

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for September 10, 2020 – None to report.
2. Cafeteria Fund – Asset Cost Summary – August 2020

Approval of Agenda item #12.C. –The following contracts as attached:

1. IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 for the 2020-2021 School Year.
2. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Special Education contract for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost for special education services are estimated to be \$2,089,196. The final reconciliation of the charges is to be made by August 2021.
3. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - to provide a sign language interpreting service at the Pleasant Valley School District. Cost is \$53.08 per hour per student for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. I Love U Guys Foundation - Reunification Training for Security on 10-07-2020 Cost: \$7,000.00
5. Dude Solutions Costs: \$4,882.19 online software for technology, maintenance & facility/automation requests Effective September 1, 2020 thru August 31, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #12.D. – VisionQuest Agreement effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 per attached, pending solicitor review.

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – Procurement Card Holder: Addition of Ms. Jessica Tomon, Director of Human Resources to the Procurement Card Holder List.

Approval of Agenda item #12.F. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$9,195.00.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #12.G. – Informational: District Student Activity Accounts as attached:

Beginning Balance August 1, 2020: \$253,231.64

Receipts: \$384.25

Expenditures: \$1,302.00

Ending Balance August 31, 2020: \$252,313.89

ADDENDUM: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Susan Famularo

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Addendum item #13.A. – Addendum Business Management Items:

Approval of Addendum item #13.B. –The following contracts, per attached:

1. NEXT Up Transition Curriculum Inc. - Cost: \$3,000.00 Contract Terms: 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2020.
2. Strivven Media LLC - Cost: \$6,500.00 Contract Terms: 09/04/2020 - 09/04/2021
3. Pleasant Valley- CEC-LCE-9-2-2020 STD Contract - Cost: \$2,340.00 Contract Terms: One (1) year.
4. Council for Exceptional Children Contract.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Peeters made a statement about reflection on how our budget is prioritized. He stated that past administration did not focus on technology but that we have made strides forward with Dr. Lesisko as Technology Director and now Superintendent. He said that we need to be better prepared for the 21st Century.

Mr. Wunder thanked the parents that have reached out about the Cyber Academy and stated that they deserve an answer and that he is expecting a plan in place to contact these parents. In addition, Mr. Wunder stated that he toured the middle school and was impressed and encouraged by the dedication of administrators, teachers, guidance and

everyone else in order to provide a safe and productive learning environment for the students.

Mrs. Kresge asked if it is possible for the agenda to be on the screen for the public to view during the meeting. She also asked about IEPs for students in Cyber School and who is signing off on these IEPs which Ms. Harris addressed. Mrs. Kresge also echoed comments made by Mr. Wunder that parents need to be contacted about their cyber school registration.

Mrs. Jecker stated that VLN who services equipment for the Cyber Academy, has many school districts to service. She said that Board members share the concerns and frustrations of many parents and that it is a state and countrywide issue. She said that the administration and staff are working diligently to resolve these issues and for parents to consider coming back to buildings if cyber school is not an option.

Mr. Zacharias questioned the amount of rent The Growing Place is paying Pleasant Valley. Mr. Gasper addressed the question stating that The Growing Place pays Pleasant Valley at Chestnuthill and Polk \$49,800 and \$54,900 respectively, per year.

Mr. Wunder questioned if Dr. Lesisko met with Mr. Triolo about the National Honor Society process which Dr. Lesisko addressed.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items):

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, thanked Mrs. Kresge for her comments. He expressed concern that the survey sent to parents should have been more specific and sent in April and administration should have been more prepared relating to Cyber School. He expressed his opinion that specific qualifications should be included for technology positions.

Allan Kaspar, Chestnuthill Township, thanked Mrs. Kresge for her comments. He expressed his thoughts on the term vendor credential status in general and offered help in writing the position description for technology coordinator in order to get the best skilled person. He expressed his opinion that cyber school responsibilities should be listed.

Jody Kirk, Polk Township, expressed concern and disappointment about her daughters with IEPs, one being gifted, not being able to receive gifted services in Cyber School.

David Essel, Polk Township, thanked Mrs. Kresge for her comments. He expressed concern about not being contacted even though he registered his sons for Cyber School well in advance. He expressed concern about sending his sons to school and concern about the consequences of truancy.

Brief discussion was held about truancy issues. Attorney Fitzgerald indicated that PDE has deferred to the LEA as to the mechanism in which attendance is taken. He said that if we see that, based on our mechanism, that there are problems with attendance, then the truancy provisions of the Public School Code would be applicable under those circumstances.

Diane Martinetti, Ross Township, expressed concern about the cyber school process and how enrollment is determined. She expressed her disappointment with the lack of oversight and stated that she has not received any communication about her son's enrollment who registered on June 23rd and as a result is sending her child who is a senior, to private school.

Jeff Hallenbeck, Eldred Township, stated that the cyber school issue must be the number one priority and to hire additional staff if necessary and that answers must be given with specificity. He made statements about a five year technology plan, textbooks for Cyber School, and administrative positions.

William Phelps, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the cyber school issues and that he has not received any communication concerning enrollment. He questioned a possible third option such as virtual school. He thanked Mrs. Kresge for her comments.

Toni Bush, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern about the lack of transparency relating to the National Honor Society selection process and would like the process to be reexamined.

Christine Deihl, Polk Township, thanked Mrs. Kresge and Mr. Wunder for their comments. She expressed concern about the cyber school program and stated that she has not had any communication from the District even though she signed up well in advance. She stated that her daughter is a senior and they have their own equipment and also expressed concern about her daughter's medical condition and will not attend in-person school.

Tracey Jacobi, Chestnuthill Township, reiterated comments previously made and expressed concern that the cyber school issues should have been planned better. She sent the Board an email which has not been answered and she read the email in its entirety expressing all her concerns.

Stacy Bittenbender, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern that she has not received any communication and that parents are not given a choice but to send their children back to brick and mortar classes and feels it is not a viable choice.

Heather Blum, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her thanks for all who supported the PVI PTO Basket raffle. She further recommended that ConnectEd calls be put out as a whole, not by individual buildings, when it pertains to the entire District.

Jimmy Conway, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about lack of responses as elected officials. He expressed concern about safely sending students to school and the need to spend more if necessary. He thanked Mrs. Kresge for her comments.

Kelly Patrice, Polk Township, expressed her opinion that this unprecedented issue is an excuse for poor leadership. She talked about the hardships for parents during this time. She thanked Mrs. Kresge and Mr. Wunder for their clarifications about job descriptions.

Elsie Gonzalez stated that she would be willing to volunteer to help in any way and suggested possibly a virtual school for students who did not make the cut off for Cyber School.

Tabitha Barnes, Ross Township, expressed her opinion that everyone should take ownership and responsibility and not blame past administrations and other issues. She thanked Julie Harris and the Special Education team for doing a great job and that they have been more than accommodating.

Robert Serfass, Ross Township, thanked Mrs. Kresge and Mr. Wunder for their comments. He spoke about making days up and truancy issues relating to responses by administration. He expressed his concern about the Board and Superintendent relating to the Cyber School issues. Mr. Serfass also expressed his concern about the three-minute time limit for citizens to speak.

Jeff Porter, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about the leadership of the District and that so many families are having troubles. He expressed his opinion that action be taken with regard to the leadership.

Faith Lawrence, Chestnuthill Township, commended and thanked teachers and administrators. She stated that her children are in the brick and mortar classes and are doing well.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about the time limit placed on citizens to speak at the meetings. He stated that he has his own equipment to use for Cyber School and offered his opinion on how the Cyber School issue should have been handled.

Rob Honadel, Polk Township, expressed his opinion on legislation relating to attendance at sporting events. He stated that we should be proactive and have an attendance policy in place in the event Governor Wolf's veto is overridden.

Richard Hill, Polk Township, requested the total number of families that responded to the survey sent to families. Dr. Lesisko stated that over 2000 responded and directed him to the website for all results.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that we will all get through this unprecedented time together as a community and that our community remains healthy and our school remains open. She stated that the next Buildings & Grounds meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM and that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
September 24, 2020 @ 7:00 PM