

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

**Board Approved 11-5-2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on October 22, 2020 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:07 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Norm Burger, 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, Tom Toth, Athletic Director, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Matt Triolo, Roger Pomposello, Jason Van Voorhis, Kendall Askins.

**School Solicitor in attendance:** Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

**Notification of Executive Session:** President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on October 22, 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.

**Student Council Representative:** Alexis Neri, President of Student Council –

Ms. Neri announced activities and events at the high school:

- Halloween Night – received various donations from teachers and sponsors.
- Spirit Month.
- Yearbook 2019-2020 – shipped to 2020 seniors.
- Picture Day – A-K October 19<sup>th</sup>; L-Z October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jaxon Havens – finished in the top 50,000 for PSAT takers with 1.5 million students taking the test.
- Mary Sculli – won district golf qualifiers finishing 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Aavidum Club Mental Health Day.
- Class of 2021 car show – over 50 cars participating.

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:**

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns and opinions about Agenda item #8.H. She stated the desire to have dialogue on this issue and thanked the support staff for all they do for the students.

Leia Collins, Chestnuthill Township, spoke about Agenda item #3 with regard to the Condensed Board Summary concerning negative categories.

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

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on October 8, 2020; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of October 22, 2020.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED on the Minutes of October 8, 2020; Voting No on Agenda of October 22, 2020: Mrs. Kresge due to items being added after deadline 8-1 CARRIED

The Minutes of the Buildings & Grounds meeting held on October 12, 2020 were provided for informational purposes.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Laura Jecker**

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #3 per attached:  
Approval of Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable 10-22-2020

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

Prior to the roll call vote, Mrs. Kresge requested a copy of the VLN invoice which Mrs. Famularo will provide. Mrs. Kresge addressed Agenda item #3.B. – Condensed Board Summary and thanked the Finance Committee and Mrs. Famularo for answering her questions and although there are still some negative numbers, she now understands them. She also expressed that her concerns about outside cyber numbers have been discussed.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED  
Abstained on Agenda item #3.A. Check No. 00229129: Mr. Wunder 8-0-1 CARRIED  
(Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #3.C. - The Accounts Payable approved at the October 8, 2020 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – No report.

Mrs. Yozwiak announced that the Chestnuthill Township Supervisors will be holding a public meeting on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at the Municipal Building located at Route 715 for the purpose of discussion about the agreement with PVSD which will hopefully result in a mutually agreeable understanding. She stated that Dr. Lesisko will be attending and that she will be submitting a written statement to be added to the record. Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald stated that this is in regard to a potential intergovernmental cooperation with Chestnuthill Township surrounding services that we have been providing both to the Township and the Commission over the last many years. He said that we are reaching out to the Township with regard to anticipated services that we will need that they can provide to us and that he has been in contact with the attorney for the Commission.

Mrs. Yozwiak congratulated John Gesiski, Coach of the PV Girls’ Volleyball program, for his #500 career win.

Mrs. Yozwiak reported that she, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. Greggo, and Mrs. Jecker attended the virtual PSBA Conference. Dr. Lesisko stated that the conference was informative and focused on learning loss which is a major issue in education across the country. He said that one of our goals this year is to focus on learning deficits and possible solutions. Ms. Greggo stated that the conference was very informative, the Keynote speakers were great, and that all school districts are in this situation together and to stay the course and we will get through it. Mrs. Jecker reported on the discussion about not doing any renovation projects at this time. Mrs. Yozwiak spoke about the Keynote speaker, a teacher from New Jersey, who spoke about equity and equality differences.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Mrs. Jecker suggested a possible after school student work program in the maintenance and custodial departments in the middle school and high school. She also encouraged administration to start making plans for graduation so as not to be rushed in the spring.

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

Dr. Lesisko stated that Pleasant Valley uses a telephone communication system to bring information to parents such as emergencies, snow days, and building level information. He said if parents are not receiving this information or wishes to update their information, to fill out the form on the pvbears.org website located under the Announcements Section on the homepage. The link will expire on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #6:  
Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – The following policy, per attached:

- Policy #115 Career and Technical Education

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Wunder questioned the degree of accuracy of the enrollment report (Agenda item #6.D.) relating to Cyber School. Discussion was held where Dr. Lesisko explained the discrepancies. Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about compared enrollment numbers from October 2019 and October 2020 and asked administration to look into it. Mr. Burger addressed the cyber charter school numbers as to accuracy and Mr. Tomori stated the numbers have been fluctuating.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

- Policy #118 Independent Study
- Policy #123 Interscholastic Activities
- Policy #123.1 Concussion Management
- Policy #123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Agenda item #6.C. – No changes were recommended to the following policy reviewed on October 13, 2020. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, the policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle.

- Policy #122 Extracurricular Activities

Agenda item #6.D. – The October 2020 Enrollment Report was attached for informational purposes.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Ms. Jessica Tomon**

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

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

1.	Name:	William Calhoun
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$17.84 per hour
	Effective Date:	October 26, 2020
	Replace:	Thomas O’Leary
2.	Name:	James Haldeman
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$17.84 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Dustin Wilds
3.	Removed	
4.	Name:	Glenda Martini
	Position:	Health Room Technician
	Building:	PVHS/Districtwide
	Salary:	\$29,760
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	new

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

	Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
1.	Paul Fava	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	TBD
2.	Nickolas Snyder	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Shefike Mehmedi
	Current Building:	PVMS
	Current Position:	Food Service Employee
	New Building:	PVES
	New Position:	Custodian
	Salary:	\$17.84 per hour
	Effective Date:	October 26, 2020
	Replace:	Diane Wicknick/Louis Cannarella

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – Memorandum of Understanding between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Education Association, per attached.

Approval of Agenda item #7.F. – Intramural Advisors:

1.	Club/Activity:	Math Lab
	Advisor:	Theresa Sinisko
	Dates:	2019-2020 School Year
	Day(s):	Tuesday & Thursday
	Times:	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
	Building:	PVHS

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Noreen Ciarleglio	Teacher	PVIS	Four (4)	October 1, 2020 – October 6, 2020
2.	Jillian Hansen	School Counselor	PVES	Twenty-eight (28)	December 2, 2020 – January 19, 2021
3.	Jeannine Saylor	Teacher	PVE	Eight (8)	October 7, 2020 – October 16, 2020
4.	Deborah Wadiak	Custodian	PVI	Six (6)	October 2, 2020 – October 11, 2020
5.	Elizabeth Watson	Teacher	PVI	Twenty-five (25)	October 5, 2020 – November 6, 2020

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Deena Boyne	Secretary	Polk	Three (3)	September 16, 2020 – September 18, 2020

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Jody Berube	Special Education Department Chairperson	K-6	October 2, 2020
2.	Stephanie Foust	Paraprofessional Associate	PVE	October 14, 2020

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**ADDENDUM: HUMAN RESOURCES: Ms. Jessica Tomon**

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

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – 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.	Craig Morris	Girls Volleyball	Line Judge	\$35.00
2.	Dan Muir	Football	Jr. High Chain Crew	\$30.00

Approval of Addendum item #8.C. – 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.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Leticia DiPipi	Social Studies Curriculum Leader	PVIS	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)
2.	Jennifer Mulder	Social Studies Curriculum Leader	PVIS	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)

Approval of Addendum item #8.D. – Addition to Current Assignment:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Sharon Sweazy	Substitute Monitor	\$9.15 per hour	October 26, 2020

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Gayle Markowski	Teacher	PVHS	October 12, 2020 – April 7, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.F. – Family and Medical Leave:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Randy Hinton	Teacher	PVMS	One (1)	October 9, 2020

Approval of Addendum item #8.G. – Intramural

1.	Club/Activity:	Field Hockey
	Advisor:	Cory McKeever
	Advisor:	Briana Fulmer
	Dates:	September 28, 2020 – October 29, 2020
	Day(s):	Monday and Thursday
	Times:	4:15 pm – 6:15 pm
	Building:	PVMS

Approval of Addendum item #8.H. – Temporary Furlough: Authorization for the Administration to take any and all necessary steps to furlough support staff employees due to a lack of work as the result of the pandemic of 2020 and the resulting modifications to the delivery of education. In the event employees are furloughed as a result of this motion, the Administration shall bring back the names of the impacted individuals for ratification by the Board of Education. This motion further authorizes the Administration to recall employees once work becomes available.

Approval of Addendum item #8.I. – Extension of Independent Contracts:

1. Extension of the independent contract of Dr. Robert Mauro, Interim Assistant to the Superintendent based on same terms of the previous appointment from November 2, 2020 through January 15, 2021 or until the position is filled.
2. Extension of the independent contract of Mary Beth Gustafson, Ed.D., Interim Supervisor of Special Education based on the same terms of the previous appointment from November 4, 2020 through January 15, 2021 or until the position is filled.

Approval of Addendum item #8.J. – Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Education Association (PVEA) subject to approval by PVEA and Solicitor review of any changes to the MOA, per attached.

Prior to the roll call vote, Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald addressed Addendum item #8.H. Temporary Furlough. He stated it does not result in an immediate furlough of any employee but in the event of a closure of schools for a longer period of time. He said that COVID cases are surging nationally and this item allows us to be flexible to the extent we have to move to a full remote platform and it is the intent of the administration that should that occur, once schools come back that those individuals are reinstated and that this is a proactive measure in such event.

Mrs. Kresge stated that she cannot vote yes on Addendum item #8.H. because there was no discussion and in addition, cannot vote yes on Addendum item #8.I. due to it not meeting the timeline to be added to the agenda in compliance with policy. Mrs. Yozwiak read the motion under Addendum item #8.I. for clarification. Discussion was held about Addendum item #8.H. concerning Union leadership being involved; the ability of furloughed employees to apply for unemployment compensation; and eligibility for insurance benefits in the event of furlough to be paid, all of which will need further discussion. Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Tomon addressed these issues. Mr. Wunder feels that there should have been more discussion on certain items, but will be voting yes.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED  
Voting No on Addendum item #8.H. and #8.I.: Mrs. Kresge 8-1 CARRIED;  
Abstained on Addendum item #8.B.2.: Mrs. Kresge 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda**

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Curriculum/Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Adult English Language Development and Student Homework Help - The application for the Adult English Language Development and EL Student Homework Help program to run virtually for the 2020-2021 school year. The program will be held on Wednesdays from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM and will be paid for using Title III funds.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda gave a detailed outline of the above program which has been in the District for a number of years. She stated that it not only supports students but supports parents as well for those involved, and is a homework club that supports those in the EL Program.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris –**

Agenda item #10.A. through #10.F – Ms. Harris noted informational items which were included on the agenda:

- A. RISC Reporting
- B. Paraprofessional Professional Development
- C. St. Luke's Flu Shot Clinic
- D. Sharps Containers
- E. Suicide Prevention
- F. 2019/2020 AEDU Reporting

Mrs. Yozwiak questioned if suicide prevention resources were available for the staff and community for which Ms. Harris stated that they could be made available for all staff through sharing the drive and for parents on the website. Mrs. Yozwiak commended Ms. Harris and her team for all their work in providing resources for suicide prevention and addressing this serious global problem.

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper –**

Mr. Gasper stated that he received correspondence from the company working on the Transcontinental Pipeline which goes through District property. He said that they will begin work on October 26, 2020 and will be doing vegetation management. Mrs. Jecker questioned the safety surrounding the area of the test hole and Mr. Gasper said that PennDOT is aware and that it will be taken care of.

**ADDENDUM: OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper –**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Addendum item #12.A. – PennDOT Appraisal Agreement per attached: Land appraisal from PennDOT totaling \$324,700 as recommended by the Director of Operations.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mrs. Jecker said that she understands the urgency of approving this agreement as outlined by Mr. Gasper but stated that she is not in favor of it expressing safety concerns.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Wunder and Mrs. Jecker stated that they voted yes on the agreement upon the advice of the solicitor.

**BUILDING REPORTS:** Mrs. Yozwiak stated that all building reports for October 2020 were provided for informational purposes. Mr. Wunder commended all the guidance counselors for their recognition of difficulties endured by students and parents during this difficult time. Mrs. Kresge expressed her appreciation for the Cyber Academy report. She also pointed out that great things are happening in the District which are depicted in the building reports.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Susan Famularo**

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

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

Cafeteria Accounts Payable for October 22, 2020 – \$6,590.50.

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

1. School Check-in Software and Scanners - Cost: \$11,936.74 being paid out of PCCD Meritorious Grant (Safe School Grant)
2. CSI - Fire Alarm Inspection Service Agreement - Cost: \$1,764.00 - Terms - 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021
3. CSI - Fire Alarm Central Station Monitoring and Communication Upgrade - Cost: \$3,540.00 per year plus a one time Equipment Set-up cost \$10,786.00 Total initial cost: \$14,326.00 - Terms: 10/1/2020 to 6/30/2024 - Costars Contract: 040-003
4. Robert M. Hilberts, INC - Airius PureAir units for PVHS Auditorium, PVI 251, PVMS H7 and PVHS J213 Cost: \$15,050.00 plus tax and installation. (Monroe County Mitigation Grant)
5. Robert M. Hilberts, INC - Airius PureAir units for PVHS Gym and Gym #2, Cafeteria, PVMS Cafeteria, Gym #1 and #2, PVI Cafeteria, Gym and PVE Cafeteria, Gym Cost: \$74,545.00 plus tax and installation. (Monroe County Mitigation Grant)
6. PPL Grant Right of Way - no cost to district ~ approval of the ROW subject to final review and approval by the School District's administration and solicitor.

Approval of Agenda item #14.D. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$5,565.32.

Approval of Agenda item #14.E. – Student Placements:

- Student # 090320DRM - KidsPeace National Centers - Effective 09/03/2020
- Student # 070120EW - Devereux - CIDDS - Effective 07/01/2020
- Student # 083120ESR - Abraxas Leadership - Effective 08/31/2020

Approval of Agenda item #14.F. – Resolution Authorizing Proposed Preliminary Budget Display and Advertising and Authorizing Referendum Exception 2021-2022 per attached.

Approval of Agenda item #14.G. – State Auditor General Performance Audit dated September 2020 per attached.

Approval of Agenda item #14.H. – State Audit Response Appendix A per attached.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Kresge questioned Agenda item #14.C.4. & 5. – Mr. Gasper addressed the questions and stated that samples were taken and will start at the middle school gym and then test again. He noted that this is paid through a grant.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #14.C.6.: Mrs. Jecker 8-1 CARRIED

Mrs. Jecker suggested that Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald review the contracts for the fans and to make sure that if they are not to our satisfaction we will not be tied to the contract for the additional fans. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he will meet with Mr. Gasper.

Agenda item #14.I. –Informational: District Investment Report for September 30, 2020 as attached.

**ADDENDUM: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Susan Famularo**

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #15.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Addendum item #15.B.- Fundraiser: PVMS - 7th/8th SGA - Food Collection for West End Food Pantry 11/6/2020 – 11/12/2020.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mrs. Jecker suggested that food drives be implemented for all the food pantries instead of just one and she asked the principals to look into it. Mr. Van Voorhis stated that he and his advisors are looking to do that moving forward.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – No report.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mrs. Jecker extended congratulations to Jaxon Havens for his accomplishments and stated that he is a well-rounded person and is happy to know him.

Mr. Kresge extended congratulations to Coach Gesiski on his #500 career win.

Mrs. Kresge questioned if approval is needed for Dr. Lesisko's goals and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that statutorily we do not need to approve them but we do need to publicize the goals. In addition, Mrs. Kresge requested that reports from any Renovation Committee meetings be made available. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that D'Huy has been touring the District with Mr. Gasper and the Board will get a report.

Mrs. Kresge recommended that an ad hoc committee be instituted concerning cyber issues since there are still issues and questions and that community members be involved.

Mr. Burger stated that he understands the difficulties that parents are having working with the tools available today. He stated that he is hoping that as we go forward we can ease that burden for those who are less tech savvy.

Mr. Kresge suggested that renovation projects that are needed be looked at again.

Mr. Zacharias questioned Mr. Gasper about the PVE roof. Mr. Gasper addressed the issue and explained that the roof has gotten progressively worse over the summer.

Mrs. Jecker stated that she has received communications about Schoology expressing concern that it does not work with Google Classroom and expressing their frustration about learning a new program. She asked about the District's preparedness in the event of a shut down. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that once the staff is well trained in Schoology, videos will be placed on the website for training. Mrs. Jecker also addressed negative comments through a Schoology Facebook group about Schoology not integrating well with Google Classroom. Dr. Mowrer Benda provided the details of the plan to roll out Schoology looking at a November roll out for students and a full roll out in January. She also explained the interface between Google and Schoology and that we are on the path to make it happen.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items):**

Samantha Armstrong, Chestnuthill Township, stated that she is a teacher at MCTI and uses Schoology. She said that it is a great program and offered help if needed.

Kelly Patrice, Polk Township, expressed her opinion that the Seesaw Program is not a good program and feels there should be other options for elementary students. She offered to share her cyber program from CCA and also expressed concern over costs for outside cyber schools and how it will affect the budget and potentially raising taxes. She offered to sit on a committee for Cyber School.

Keith Orach, Polk Township, expressed concern about not having teachers for every subject in Cyber School especially in foreign languages. He also expressed concern about time limit for classes.

Christine Higgins, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about lack of support for the students in Cyber School who have questions. She questioned and suggested that tutoring would be a great benefit to the students. In addition, she stated that she is willing to sit on a committee to help the process.

Tracy Jacobi, Chestnuthill Township, stated that PVCA does work for some students and shared the success of her daughter and son. She urged the Board not to abandon the program.

Robert Mullen, Chestnuthill Township, recognized the parents who are teaching their students.

Renee Walter, Effort, expressed concern about students who do not do well virtually and what support can be offered for those students.



Leia Collins, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about hybrid virtually learning and stated that it is not working according to a Facebook parents page and spoke in favor of opening school fully.

Jeannine Saylor, Chestnuthill Township, stated that the Seesaw Program is a wonderful program.

Dr. Lesisko extended deepest sympathy on behalf of the Board and School District for the loss of a 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy student, William Jones.

Mrs. Yozwiak announced that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and the next Building Renovation meeting is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 AM for Board members wishing to attend.

Mrs. Jecker questioned if any changes have made with regard to restrictions on indoor attendance and is it possible for the District to have brick and mortar classes. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that nothing has changed and that the last guidance that came from the Department of Education and the State Department of Health was giving the district guidance on instructional models that should be utilized when looking at the number of cases per 100,000 as well as the positivity rates. He stated that our county falls in the moderate range recommending hybrid or virtual learning and that full in-person instruction can occur only when you are in an extremely low transmission area. He said that these are recommendations and that the only mandate is the universal masking order. Mrs. Jecker questioned options in Monroe County to be fully in the classroom. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that a survey to the community would be his recommendation and Dr. Lesisko said that the administration is working on a second survey.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
November 5, 2020 @ 7:00 PM