

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Board of Education

Organization Meeting

Board Approved 12-17-2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The Organization meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on December 3, 2020 and called to order by Board Secretary, Susan Famularo, at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Peeters, followed by a moment of silence. The Administrative Offices are located at 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322. The meeting was held virtually in light of the COVID19 pandemic.

Roll Call – School Board Recorder: Ms. Debra Duff

School Board members in attendance: Donna Yozwiak, President, Len Peeters, Vice President, Laura Jecker, Treasurer, Todd Kresge, Norm Burger, Sue Kresge, Teresa Greggo, Delbert Zacharias, 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, Bill Gasper, Director of Operations, Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notice of the Organization Meeting:

Ms. Famularo read the Notice of the Organization Meeting: The Organization Meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education shall be held on December 3, 2020 via Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be sent to the Board members as well as being posted on the school district website at www.pvbears.org on the day of the meeting. This meeting was scheduled and approved at the December 5, 2019 School Board meeting.

Pleasant Valley Citizens: None.

Nominations and Election of Temporary President: Donna Yozwiak nominated Laura Jecker as Temporary President, seconded by Len Peeters. There being no further nominations, a voice vote was taken and Laura Jecker is hereby elected Temporary President by unanimous vote.

Nominations and Election for President:

Laura Jecker, Temporary President, opened up nominations for the election of President of the Board of Education.

Len Peeters nominated Donna Yozwiak as Board President, seconded by Delbert Zacharias. There being no further nominations, Delbert Zacharias motioned, seconded by Todd Kresge, to close the nominations for Board President.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

A voice vote was then taken to elect Donna Yozwiak as Board President and it is hereby recorded that Donna Yozwiak is elected as Board President of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education by unanimous vote.

Nominations and Election for Vice President:

President Donna Yozwiak opened up nominations for the election of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Donna Yozwiak nominated Len Peeters as Board Vice President, seconded by Delbert Zacharias. There being no further nominations, Donna Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Delbert Zacharias, to close the nominations for Board Vice President.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

A voice vote was then taken to elect Len Peeters as Vice President and it is hereby recorded that Len Peeters is elected Vice President of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education by unanimous vote.

President Donna Yozwiak, asked for motions on the following appointments:

- MCTI JOC Representative – 3-year term (term expires December 2023): Donna Yozwiak volunteered for this position and was unanimously appointed by voice vote. Mrs. Yozwiak joins Mr. Todd Kresge whose term expires December 2022 and Mrs. Susan Kresge whose term expires December 2021.
- MCTI JOC Representative – 1-year term for Alternates – Mrs. Yozwiak stated that all remaining Board members are appointed as alternates with terms expiring on November 30, 2021 or upon the convening of the 2021 organization meeting. A voice vote was taken and was unanimously approved.
- PSBA Liaison: Mrs. Yozwiak nominated Teresa Greggo, seconded by Mr. Zacharias (term expires on November 30, 2021 or upon the convening of the 2021 organization meeting). A voice vote was taken and Ms. Teresa Greggo was unanimously appointed.
- PSBA Voting Delegates: Mr. Peeters and Mrs. Jecker volunteered for this position and were unanimously appointed by voice vote (term expires on November 30, 2021 or upon the convening of the 2021 organization meeting).
- Dr. Lesisko requested the appointment of Ms. Rae Howard as the West End Open Space Commission representative and himself as Alternate Representative. Ms. Howard was unanimously appointed by voice vote and Dr. Lesisko was appointed as Alternate Representative of the West End Open Space Commission.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Donna Yozwiak thanked the Board for their support. She stated that there are many challenges that the Board will face in the next year including maintaining the Hybrid model for as long as possible, finalizing Dr. Lesisko’s administrative team, negotiating professional, support, and Act 93 contracts, preparing for any and all issues that may arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and planning for the high school renovation, just to name a few. Mrs. Yozwiak further stated that the Board and the Superintendent are prepared to work as a team of ten to provide every employee a safe and productive workplace, every student the opportunity to grow, and the community with the commitment of excellence in education and she looks forward to working together.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Dr. Lesisko stated that the Board of Education has made a lot of progress and will continue to work together as a team of ten in the year 2021. He expressed appreciation for the Board’s support.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder