

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 3-25-2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on March 11, 2021 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 Administrative Offices are located at 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322. The meeting was held virtually in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that this meeting is being recorded. Mrs. Yozwiak noted that Agenda item #8.B.2. has been removed from the agenda.

**Roll Call – School Board Recorder:** Mrs. 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, Rae Lin Howard, Assistant to the Superintendent, Jessica Tomon, Director of Human Resources, Joseph Surridge, Acting 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 & Assessment, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator. Tom Toth, Athletic Director, Lori Hagerman, Curriculum Supervisor, Bob Miller, Assistant Chief of Police, Beverly Hendricks, Director of Food Services.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Matt Triolo, Jason Van Voorhis, Todd Breiner, Sabrina Albright.

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

**Notification of Executive Session:** President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on March 4, 2021 for purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations and legal issues; and an executive session was held on March 11, 2021 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of legal issues, negotiations, personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline.

President Yozwiak announced that the meeting procedures were attached to the agenda and posted online. She provided the opportunity for Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on agenda items with a three-minute time limit.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

Anne Morton, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion and disappointment that Ms. Ehrhardt was not selected for the Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach position and should be recognized for her past dedication.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Board Secretary**

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on February 25, 2021; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of March 11, 2021.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable and Agenda item #3.E. – Financial Statements for February 2021, as attached: Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021. Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021– PSDLAF.

Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – February 11, 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement February 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #3.G. – Asset Cost Summary February 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #3.H. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues February 2021.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #3.D. Check No. 00230317: Mrs. Yozwiak 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the February 25, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #6 – Superintendent Report/Requests:

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – The following policies:

1. Policy 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
2. Policy 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
3. Policy 247 Hazing
4. Policy 249 Bullying
5. Policy 252 Dating Violence

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.B. – The following policies were provided for a second reading:

1. Policy 229 Fundraising
2. Policy 625 Procurement Cards
3. Policy 828.1 Whistleblowers (New Policy)

Agenda item #6.C. – Informational: The Enrollment Report for March 2021 was provided.

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

Agenda item #7.A. – Informational: 2021-2022 Budget Review: Mr. Joseph Surr ridge, Acting Business Manager, provided a review of the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget including a summary of revenues and expenditures; the current and preliminary budget charter school cost; charter school cost at projected enrollment; the district enrollment history; the district Basic Education Subsidy (BES) and instructional cost; and the district tax rate history. Mr. Surr ridge stated that the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget has a 4% increase while complying with the Act I cap for raising taxes. He said that meetings will be held over the course of the next thirty days and there is still work to be done while monitoring the Governor's proposal and the federal 3<sup>rd</sup> round of funds due to COVID. He recognized Mrs. Tammy Smale for her work and said that Board members can email him and/or Mrs. Smale with any questions. Mrs. Kresge questioned the funding formula which Mr. Surr ridge addressed.

Agenda item #7.B. – Presentation: Return to In-School Instruction: Rae Lin Howard, Assistant to the Superintendent, stated that bringing students back for 5 days/week is the top priority and believes we can keep the buildings open until the end of the year. Principals, Matt Triolo, Jason Van Voorhis, Todd Breiner, and Sabrina Albright, outlined options offered including: Brick and Mortar 5 days/week; fully remote synchronous instruction; and PVCA full-time asynchronous instruction. Other information included overflow concerns, lunch plans, and mask breaks. All return to in-school instruction plans can be found on the pvbears website. Dr. Howard expressed her appreciation to all for their hard work on these plans.

Board members were given the opportunity to pose questions. Mr. Wunder raised questions regarding what precipitated the change in plan from two weeks ago; expressed concern about the Hybrid model no longer being offered; how teachers overall are receiving this information; cleaning issues with the possible increase of furniture needed; use of monitors and specialists, and busing concerns. Principals addressed the issues and discussion was held. Mrs. Yozwiak questioned plans to survey the community if schools are approved to reopen on March 29<sup>th</sup> to determine the number of students returning. Dr. Howard stated that a survey will be on the website tomorrow with a requested quick response. Mr. Burger raised the issue of students outside the district re-enrolling and stated that a firm timeline be established. Dr. Howard and Mr. Fitzgerald responded to questions about the district's ability to decline a student who wants to return to school. Mr. Kresge raised concerns about the possible shortage of staffing if some are concerned about returning to school as well as cleaning issues at the high school. Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about MCTI students due to MCTI not being open on Wednesdays and Mrs. Yozwiak questioned if they would have the ability to log in to classes. Mrs. Kresge also expressed concern about contact tracing and quarantining if needed and how students would be taught. Discussion was held and principals addressed the questions raised. Mr. Kresge questioned the continuation of the meal distribution currently held on Wednesdays and Mrs. Hendricks stated that distribution would cease but other sites would be available and are posted on the website.

Dr. Lesisko stated that at the February 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, he recommended that we stay in a hybrid learning model for now, but since then, many things have changed and we are responding to these changes. He said that although Monroe County is still at a substantial level, our COVID numbers continue to decline, we have secured vaccinations and are continuing to follow the data. Dr. Lesisko stated that he is recommending that we open all schools full-time on March 29<sup>th</sup> and for parents not comfortable with their children returning to the building full-time, the virtual option five days a week will be offered. He stated that we are not out of the woods but is optimistic that we are prepared to handle any situation, including returning to a fully remote status if needed. He said that we need to open full-time for our students and to remember to continue to wear face coverings, practice social distancing as much as possible, and routinely wash hands. Dr. Lesisko stated that our Health and Safety Plan will be updated.

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to reopen schools for 5 days/week beginning on March 29, 2021 as outlined.

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Kresge thanked the team for their work but stated that she cannot support opening for 5 days/week due to our county still in the substantial category, obtaining substitutes, etc. She stated that she would support opening 4 days/week and recommended looking at a staggered start starting with elementary and then high school. Mr. Burger stated that he is in favor of reopening 5 days/week after teachers are vaccinated for those who want it. Mr. Wunder recognized the work that went into the plan but expressed concern that there is more work to be done and agrees with the recommendation by Mrs. Kresge. Mrs. Jecker stated that she is open to the March 29<sup>th</sup> opening and recommended that the staggered start issue be included on the parent survey.

President Yozwiak provided an opportunity for community comment on the issue of the reopening of schools on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his concerns about the challenges for reopening schools.

Melissa Ezro, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about sanitizing at the high school, synchronous learning, and meal distribution.

Adrienne Fors, Polk Township, expressed her support for reopening 5 days/week and expressed her opinion about staggered reopening.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, spoke about the previous survey and expressed her support to reopen schools. She expressed concern about increased taxes.

Mitchel Costa, Chestnuthill Township, commented that senators and congressmen have been contacted and expressed reopening is a good opportunity.

Kerri Kish, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern that the number of students returning should have been surveyed prior to the plan.

Ania Fiduccia, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion that the Hybrid model is working and should not be discontinued and stated that she does not support opening up for 5 days/week but rather focus on next school year.

Robert Mullin, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his support for the plan to reopen.

Marilyn Wills, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for opening schools 5 days/week and encouraged the Board to vote yes.

Jeff Fors, Polk Township, expressed his concerns about negative comments from some Board members and that parents want schools open and other options are available for those who disagree.

Kristine Rodriguez, Ross Township, expressed concern about negative impacts on children and urged the Board to reopen schools.

Suzanne Jones, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for reopening school and expressed concern about the Hybrid model.

Erin Beers, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for reopening schools March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly Patrice, Polk Township, expressed concern about the impact on children if the Hybrid model is not offered and encouraged waiting to reopen until next year.

David Hardy, Jr., Polk Township, expressed his support for returning to school and spoke of academic concerns and the importance of education.

Jessica Place, Eldred Township, expressed concern about the mental struggles for students and meal distribution. She encouraged the Board to vote to reopen 5 days/week.

Chris Hagenbuch, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the free lunch program. Mrs. Hendricks, Director of Food Services, clarified that we are not discontinuing the free lunch program which is extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the meal distribution program on Wednesdays would have to cease due to students being back in school for 5 days/week. She said that information is on our website with other locations for meal distribution including food pantries and the Ecumenical Network.

Alexis Mellett, student at the high school, expressed her support for reopening school 5 days/week and which would benefit students.

Twila Meyers, Chestnuthill Township, stated that she does not support reopening 5 days/week and encouraged preparing for next year.

Suzanne Jones, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about the Hybrid model and is in support for returning to school 5 days/week. She shared her experience with a middle school teacher.

Tracey Jacobi, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for the PVCA as an option and expressed her opinion about discontinuing the meal distribution.

Aneta Kulikowski, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for reopening schools 5 days/week and expressed her opinion that it would be beneficial to students.

Kelly Patrice, Polk Township, expressed concern about returning 5 days/week and is in support of the Hybrid model.

Jessica Jennings, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for reopening schools 5 days/week, shared the struggle with the Hybrid model, and expressed her opinion about busing for day care.

John Hines, Polk Township, expressed his support for returning to school 5 days/week and encouraged the Board to vote yes.

Allison Conklin, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for returning to school 5 days/week, expressed her opinions about the importance of instruction and interaction between students.

Jeremiah Santo, Polk Township, expressed his opinion about vaccinations, transmission among children, his disagreement with opening 4 days/week, and concern about financial burden on families.

Sandra Perry, Ross Township, expressed her support for returning to school 5 days/week shared struggles with the Hybrid model.

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

ROLL CALL 7-2 CARRIED  
Voting No: Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Wunder

Mr. Wunder stated that he voted no and would prefer waiting until after Easter to reopen schools. Mrs. Kresge stated that she voted no reiterating that she is in favor of 4 days/week with a staggered start date starting with elementary and then high school.

Dr. Lesisko addressed comments made by the community including budget concerns, following the data for opening schools, the community survey and moving forward, and conversations had with Senator Scavello. He said that he and the district are standing up for the students and following the data. He also will direct Mrs. Hendricks and Dr. Howard to investigate the meal distribution program.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon**

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

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Hiring of Support Staff Substitutes (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Randy Serfass	Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	March 15, 2021
2.	Removed			

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 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>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Adam Bastidas	Boys Soccer	Head Coach	1	\$6,100.00

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 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>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Jillian Janotti	Track and Field	Jr. High Timer	\$35.00 (per event)
2.	Holli Capricuso Register	Track and Field	Varsity Judge	\$35.00 (per event)
3.	Holli Capricuso Register	Boys Lacrosse	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
4.	Holli Capricuso Register	Boys Lacrosse	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)
5.	Holli Capricuso Register	Girls Lacrosse	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
6.	Holli Capricuso Register	Girls Lacrosse	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – Athletic Volunteer (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
	Joe Bush	Girls’ Lacrosse

Approval of Agenda 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.	Denise Linkhorst	Teacher	PVES	Three and one-half (3 ½)	February 8, 2021 (1), February 9, 2021 (½), February 11, 2021 (½), February 12, 2021 (1) and February 16, 2021 (½)
2.	Maureen O’Connor	Paraprofessional Associate	PVMS	Twelve (12)	February 18, 2021 – February 23,

					2021, February 25, 2021 – March 2, 2021, March 4, 2021 – March 5, 2021, March 8, 2021 and March 12, 2021
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Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Leave Without Pay:

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Jessica Borger	Monitor	PVMS	One (1)	February 12, 2021
2.	Rachel Borger	LTS School Nurse	PVHS	Four (4)	May 4, 2021 – May 7, 2021
3.	Bryan Kohberger	Security	District	One (1)	February 7, 2021
4.	Barbara Partyka	Food Service Employee	PVES	One (1)	February 12, 2021
5.	Jodi Swanson	Monitor	PVIS	One (1)	February 12, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Jessica Borger*	Monitor Substitute Custodian Substitute Secretary	PVMS	March 9, 2021
2.	Nikki Haden-Coar #	Monitor	PVES	March 12, 2021
3.	Christopher Henry	Substitute Teacher Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	District	March 1, 2021
4.	Katlyn Parsons	Substitute Teacher	District	March 2, 2021

\*Wants to remain on substitute monitor list.

#Wants to remain on substitute list.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

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

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

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Athletic Volunteers:

	Name	Sport
1.	Dallas Greenzweig	Baseball
2.	Jules Lopez	Girls Lacrosse

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	India Johnson	Paraprofessional Associate	PVMS	Twelve (12)	March 1, 2021 - March 2, 2021 and March 8, 2021 - March 19, 2021
2.	Nancy Ryan	Teacher	PVES	Sixty (60)	February 19, 2021 - May 18, 2021
3.	Barbara Kuntzman	Custodian	PVMS	One-half (1/2)	February 15, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Family and Medical Leave: Revised Return Date:

1.	Name:	Lori Bettencourt
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Twenty-three (23)
	Dates:	January 28, 2021 - February 9, 2021 (8) and February 11, 2021 - March 10, 2021 working every Wednesday remotely (15)
	Previously Approved:	February 11, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Leave Without Pay:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Joan Toolan	Paraprofessional Associate	PVHS	One (1)	February 3, 2021

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda –** Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #10.A. – Curriculum/Staff Development Items:

Approval of Agenda item #10.B. – Purchase of Gizmos for PVHS Science, per attached proposal.

Approval of Agenda item #10.C. – Purchase of Science materials for grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-8 (3 quotes attached) using ESSER II Grant funds and the contract with Carolina Biological, pending solicitor review.

Approval of Agenda item #10.D – PV Cub Summer Academy (Summer Camp) Brick and Mortar Proposal for summer 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #10.E. – Virtual Field Trips for FBLA students competing in State and National Competitions.

Prior to roll call, Mr. Wunder questioned availability of spots in the PV Cub Summer Academy and Mrs. Jecker questioned if the middle school would have the opportunity to provide a summer academy. Dr. Mowrer Benda stated that the possibility of instituting a middle school program can be looked into. Mrs. Yozwiak suggested this issue be investigated and reported to the Education Committee as to the determination.

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

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #11.A. – Informational item included: Life Skills Programming K-12.

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper –** No report.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Joseph Surridge/Mrs. Tammy Smale**

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. – Cafeteria Fund, per attached.

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for March 11, 2021
2. Cafeteria Fund – Asset Cost Summary – February 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #13.C. – The following contracts:

1. Johnson Controls - PVHS Security Cameras - Total Cost \$24,992.19 using PDE Safe School Grant Funds
2. Chrin Trash Hauling - One year extension to Trash Hauling with no rate change. Terms - July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. –Extension of Solicitor Engagement:

Extension of Fox Rothschild LLP as Solicitor for the Pleasant Valley School District for the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, based upon the following:

1. A retainer of \$2,000.00 per month.
2. A base hourly rate ranging from \$200.00 – \$210.00 per hour.
3. Alternate rates in accordance with the Engagement Letter.
4. Rates as established by the insurance carrier where Fox Rothschild LLP is an approved provider.
5. HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between Client and Fox Rothschild LLP as the result of Fox Rothschild LLP handling cases that involve protected health information on behalf of the District.

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Memorandum of Understanding between PA State Police and Pleasant Valley School District for two years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #13.F. – The following fundraisers:

1. PVHS - Scrivener and Four Diamonds - Drive-in Movie Night - April 7, 2021
2. PVHS - Class of 2023 - Easter Candy Grams - March 15-19, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #13.G. – The following Student Placements:

1. Student # 083120MP - Pocono Mountain School District - Effective 08/31/2020
2. Student # 083120BP - Pocono Mountain School District - Effective 08/31/2020
3. Student # 033120AH - Norristown State Hospital - Effective 08/31/2020.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #13.H. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts, per attached:

Beginning Balance: February 1, 2021: \$221,424.13

Receipts: \$2,578.05

Expenditures: (\$6,078.17)

Ending Balance: February 28, 2021: \$217,924.01

**ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Joseph Surridge/Mrs. Tammy Smale –**

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Addendum item #14.A.:

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – The following contracts:

1. Infinite Campus INC. - AMENDMENT - Infinite Campus Online Registration Prime Prorated 3 Month Pricing Term 4/1/2021 – 6/30/2021 - Cost \$2,302.00 pending Solicitor review.
2. Infinite Campus INC. - AMENDMENT - Infinite Campus Online Registration Prime Implementation Support and Training for first year only - Cost \$6,700.00 pending Solicitor review.
3. Infinite Campus INC. - AMENDMENT - Infinite Campus Online Registration Prime Annual Renewal 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 - Cost \$9,208.00 pending Solicitor review.
4. IntegraOne - RFP proposal per E-rate Funding for Wireless Networking Equipment including licensing and installation - Total Project Cost \$172,331.00. IntegraOne to provide discounted bills. The remaining funding will be covered under the E-rate program.

Approval of Addendum item #14.C. – Memorandum of Understanding between Star Community Health Mobile Dental Van and Pleasant Valley School District for Grade K-12 School Dentist at a cost of \$4.00 per student for a one year term from March 8, 2021, pending Solicitor and administrative review.

Approval of Addendum item #14.D. – Settlement and Release Agreement 022621BS.

Approval of Addendum item #14.E. – The following fundraiser: PVHS FBLA – Blue Mountain Farms Hanging Flower Baskets – April 6, 2021 to April 29, 2021.

Approval of Addendum item #14.F. – Student Placement: Student #083120NVN - Silver Springs/Martin Luther School - Effective 03/31/20.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Burger requested a vote be taken at the next Board meeting to determine whether or not we want to continue with VLN services and to continue to search for a replacement.

Mrs. Kresge addressed the open positions of Curriculum Supervisor and IT which were put on hold stating that these are two integral positions that need to be filled as soon as possible. She requested that these positions be put on the next meeting agenda.

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to move forward with the Curriculum Supervisor and IT positions.

Prior to roll call, Mr. Peeters stated that before he can make a decision, he would want more information. Mr. Wunder stated that he has been told that these areas need help. Mrs. Kresge clarified that these positions are in the budget and will move us forward for next year. Mrs. Jecker stated that help has been offered to assist in the area of curriculum and expressed that we can hold off until July for the IT position. Mr. Burger stated that with the challenges we face, the help in technology will get us better ready for the fall without overburdening staff. Ms. Greggo expressed that she would like more data before refilling these positions. Mr. Kresge expressed the desire to hold off on the curriculum and IT positions and increase food service personnel. Discussion was held and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that a vote should be taken on the motion directing the administration to re-advertise for these two positions.



There being no further discussion the following action was taken:

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

Mrs. Jecker thanked the principals, Dr. Howard and all who put together the plan to return to school.

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

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about costs of charter school as well as VLN services.

Robert Mullin, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board.

Marilyn Wills, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the principals, Dr. Lesisko and the Board who voted in favor to open school. She also addressed providing of lunches, paraprofessionals, volunteers, and meal distribution.

Tracey Jacobi, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion in support of VLN services and also her opinion on holding off hiring for the positions that were proposed.

Mitchel Costa, Chestnuthill Township, thanked all who voted to bring students back to school 5 days/week on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Aileen Lorah, Chestnuthill Township, spoke in favor of VLN services and expressed her concerns about returning to school in the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period.

Melissa Bone, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for returning to school 5 days/week and offered to volunteer if needed.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her support for paraprofessionals and that the students have learned and feel safe. She expressed her opinion that more monitors and nurses are needed. She expressed her support for opening school but has concerns about the March 29<sup>th</sup> start date.

Ania Fiduccia, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern that students remain with their teams.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, clarified his previous comments about VLN services and money spent.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about negativity and encouraged that a more positive tone be set. She praised personnel and proposed that schools possibly open after Easter.

Dr. Lesisko addressed issues of concern expressed by the community including working on opening a cyber-school but it will take time; VLN issues expressed; and the positive role of paraprofessionals.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that PSBA Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 22, 2021 virtually with charter cyber reform as a topic. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that school will reopen on March 29<sup>th</sup> 5 days/week and wished all staff best wishes. She stated that this is the Board's final Zoom meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium and that masks will be required as well as following social distancing guidelines and sanitizing measures.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
March 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM