

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322  
Minutes of the May 27, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 6-10-2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on May 27, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Peeters followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium, Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

**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, Dan Wunder, Delbert Zacharias.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** Lee Lesisko, Superintendent, Rae Lin Howard, Assistant to the Superintendent, Jessica Tomon, Director of Human Resources, Joseph Surrige, 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, Lynn Courtright, Chief of Security, Marcia Taylor, Accountant, Chuck Tomori, Director of Technology, Doug Palmieri, Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services, Fawn Meli, Special Education Supervisor.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Matt Triolo, Josephine Fields, Todd Breiner, Roger Pomposello.

**Student Council Representative:** Emma Barrett, Vice President

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

**Notification of Executive Session:** President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on May 17, 2021 and May 21, 2021 for the purpose of personnel matters and legal issues; May 27, 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.

**Presentation – Troop 98 Eagle Scout Project:** Justin Rankel outlined his proposal to restore the nature trail at PVE. He indicated that the project will take approximately three or four weeks and wishes to begin as soon as possible.

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve the Troop 98 Eagle Scout Project as outlined by Justin Rankel.

ROLL CALL 9-0 CARRIED

Dr. Lesisko thanked all of the student representatives this year: Alexis Neri, Tyler Mann, and Emma Barrett. Ms. Barrett stated that she will attend Yale University to pursue environmental studies. Dr. Lesisko wished her the best and thanked her for representing the best in Pleasant Valley High School.

**Student Council Representative: Ms. Emma Barrett, Vice President**

Ms. Barrett highlighted activities and events at the high school including the baseball team advancing to finals, inductions, athletic and academic awards, senior week, prom, and graduation to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Lesisko stated that the earlier version of the agenda involving action items on reduction in staff at both the administrative and professional levels, have been removed from this evening's agenda and that no action will occur at this meeting on the furlough of staff. He said that these resolutions will be given consideration in the near future in light of our economic and enrollment issues in connection with the budget development process. Dr. Lesisko said that the pause on this action is in part due to resignations and retirements which may mitigate the number of staff to furlough and he encouraged any professional staff member considering retirement to advise the administration so numbers can be finalized. In addition, he stated that consideration of how professional staff is reduced in not just a seniority analysis but also takes into account end of year evaluations which is required by law. Dr. Lesisko stated that ongoing discussions with representatives of PVEA have taken place and will continue.

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

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern about learning loss and suggested that many teachers have offered to help students. She expressed concern about the contract for an onsite nurse for the summer school program in connection with the rate of pay per hour and questioned if PV nurses and/or HRTs were given a comparable opportunity.

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on May 13, 2021; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of May 27, 2021.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to add Agenda item #9.C.5. – Retirement.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #2.B. – The Minutes of the Operational Workshop meeting was provided for informational purposes.

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Accounts Payable May 27, 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Accounts Payable – Courtyard Gardens May 27, 2021

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #3.B. Check No.

00231012: Mr. Wunder 8-0-1 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.D. - The Accounts Payable approved at the May 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – Mr. Fitzgerald stated that as reported previously, the CDC put out guidance that individuals who have been vaccinated do not need to wear masks both indoors or outdoors and was followed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health issuing guidance concurring with the CDC. Subsequent guidance has come out deferring to school districts in connection with masks. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the Attestation form has expired and the Department of Health has released further guidance which says that school districts should maintain universal masking through the end of the school year even if you are vaccinated. He suggested that during the regular school day that students and staff continue to adhere to the guidance; however, with regard to outdoor activities such as graduation we have flexibility and masking would be optional for participants.

Ms. Jecker stated that more mask breaks are needed for the health of the students and staff. Dr. Lesisko addressed the issue and stated we will continue to wear masks and will work with principals for more mask breaks.

Ms. Kresge expressed her concern about changes made to the agenda and not following policy. She expressed concern about the lack of communication.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the MCTI Senior Awards Ceremony was held on May 25, 2021 and that 70% of the scholarship awards were achieved by Pleasant Valley students. She requested that the award recipients be recorded:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| The Kiwanis Club of Stroudsburg Scholarship \$1,250                                | Melody Norlander   |
| The Kiwanis Club of Stroudsburg Citation \$500                                     | Storm Fernandez    |
| The Dietz Scholarship \$250  | Cheyenne Nemeth    |
| The Good Citizenship Award \$500   | Storm Fernandez    |
| The Jimmy Johnson Scholarship 3-\$1,600  | Elijah Accilien    |
| The Motts Family Future Auto Technician/MCTI Senior Award \$500                    | Christopher Frable |
| The Gameron Malozzi Memorial Scholarship \$500                                     | Charles Alcamo     |
| The Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce “Youth Appreciation Award”                  | Cheyenne Nemeth    |
| The Ed Cardiello Automotive Technology Award                                       | Christopher Frable |
| The Abeloff Nissan Automotive Technology Award                                     | Nathan Arnold      |
| The Jason Honey Memorial Award (A Welder) Donated by Brandon Azzalina, MCTI Alumni | Zachary Walters    |

**Colonial IU20: Mr. Daniel Wunder** – Mr. Wunder provided an informational report to the Board for their information.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – Ms. Greggo provided an informational report. She highlighted that the Charter School Taskforce Report has been Released: The Outcome of a Multiyear Effort Spearheaded by PSBA; the full report can be found on the PSBA website.

**Education Committee: Ms. Susan Kresge** – Ms. Kresge stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters** – No report.

**Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – Ms. Greggo stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

**Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – Mrs. Yozwiak provided an informational report and that the next meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

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

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

Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – Appointment of Tammy Smale as Board Secretary for a four year term beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #7.A. – Informational: First Reading of Policies:

1. Policy 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
2. Policy 345 Employee Identification Badges

Agenda item #7.B. – No changes were recommended to the following policies reviewed on March 8, 2021. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle:

1. Policy 117 Homebound Instruction
2. Policy 119 Current Events

No changes were recommended to the following policies reviewed on March 23, 2021. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle:

1. Policy 109 Resource Materials
2. Policy 111 Lesson Plans
3. Policy 112 Guidance Counseling
4. Policy 114 Gifted Education
5. Policy 121 Field Trips
6. Policy 137 Home Education Resources
7. Policy 210 Medications

No changes were recommended to the following policies reviewed on May 24, 2021. The revision date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle:

1. Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities
2. Policy 140 Charter Schools
3. Policy 142 Migrant Students
4. Policy 232 Student Participation in School Affairs

Agenda item #6.A. – 2021-2022 Budget Presentation: Joseph Surr ridge, Acting Business Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year. He said that the proposed budget is an update as to where the district is at this time in the budget process with a 4.1% tax increase. Mr. Surr ridge said that work will be continued including review of expenditures, the progress of the Commonwealth budget, federal revenue ESSER II and III funds use, property tax collection percentage, and fund balance. He said that this proposed budget is included on the agenda for approval this evening and that the final budget for the 2021-2022 school year is scheduled to be passed on June 29, 2021. The budget summary is attached hereto.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon**

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

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Extension of Current Assignment:

|    |                       |   |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1. | Name:                 | Stephanie Gursky  |
|    | Education Level:      | BS: Elementary and Early Childhood Education  |
|    | Undergraduate School: | The Pennsylvania State University   |
|    | Certificate:          | Instructional I: Elementary K-4   |
|    | Experience:           | 2020-present: Pleasant Valley School District: Substitute<br>2019-2020: Pleasant Valley School District: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher<br>2019: Pleasant Valley School District: Substitute<br>2014-2018: Lower Kuskokwim School District: Elementary Teacher |
|    | Replace:              | Nancy Ryan  |
|    | Effective Date:       | May 19, 2021 – remainder of the 2020/2021 school year   |

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – Change to Current Assignment:

|    |                       |   |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1. | Name:                 | Stephanie Gursky  |
|    | Education Level:      | BS: Elementary and Early Childhood Education  |
|    | Undergraduate School: | The Pennsylvania State University   |
|    | Certificate:          | Instructional I: Elementary K-4   |
|    | Experience:           | 2020-present: Pleasant Valley School District: Substitute<br>2019-2020: Pleasant Valley School District: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher<br>2019: Pleasant Valley School District: Substitute<br>2014-2018: Lower Kuskokwim School District: Elementary Teacher |
|    | Replace:              | Nancy Ryan  |
|    | Effective Date:       | May 19, 2021 – remainder of the 2020/2021 school year   |

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Hiring of PV Cub Summer Academy Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork): Substitute Teacher (\$92.00 per day) - This will be as needed as already a Paraprofessional for PV Cub Summer Academy: Sharon Rogerson.

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – 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.

|    | Name            | Sport            | Position   | Level | Salary     |
|----|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------|------------|
| 1. | Corin Owerhohle | Field Hockey     | Head Coach | 3     | \$6,350.00 |
| 2. | removed         |                  |            |       |            |
| 3. | Blaec Saeger    | Football         | Head Coach | 1     | \$7,450.00 |
| 4. | Steve Krechel   | Golf             | Head Coach | 6     | \$5,250.00 |
| 5. | Mark Allison    | Girls Tennis     | Head Coach | 6     | \$5,250.00 |
| 6. | Dawn Hahn       | Cheerleading     | Head Coach | 1     | \$6,100.00 |
| 7. | John Gesiskie   | Girls Volleyball | Head Coach | 6     | \$6,950.00 |
| 8. | Tara Hyland     | Girls Soccer     | Head Coach | 1     | \$6,100.00 |

Approval of Agenda item #8.F. – 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>Position</b>    | <b>Salary</b> |
|----|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Dan Beck         | Fall Event Manager | \$610.41      |
| 2. | Augie Kresge     | Fall Event Manager | \$610.41      |
| 3. | Chris Curtis     | Fall Event Manager | \$610.41      |
| 4. | Karl Rentzheimer | Event Supervisor   | \$5,400.00    |

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Athletic Volunteers:

|    | <b>Name</b> | <b>Sport</b> |
|----|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | Malik Krcic | Boys Soccer  |
| 2. | Cole Clapp  | Boys Soccer  |

Approval of Agenda item #8.H. – Intramural Advisor:

If the intramural runs at least 9 weeks and a total of 54 hours, one stipend of \$1,240.00 will be distributed. In the event the intramural does not meet the 54-hour requirement, payment will be distributed using the hourly intramural rate of \$21.00 per hour per the Supplemental Contract.

|    |                        |   |
|----|------------------------|---|
| 1. | Club/Activity:         | Girls Soccer                                    |
|    | Advisor:               | Tara Hyland                                     |
|    | Dates:                 | June 1, 2021 – August 13, 2021                  |
|    | Day(s):                | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday                     |
|    | Times:                 | M/W/TH 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM & TH 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM |
|    | Building:              | PVHS & PVMS                                     |
|    | Received in HR Office: | May 19, 2021                                    |

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

|    |                 |   |
|----|-----------------|---|
| 1. | Name:           | Eileen Arnold   |
|    | Position:       | Paraprofessional Associate  |
|    | Building:       | PVMS  |
|    | Number of Days: | Seven (7)   |
|    | Dates:          | April 26, 2021; April 27, 2021; May 3, 2021; May 4, 2021; May 10, 2021; May 11, 2021 and May 19, 2021 |
| 2. | Name:           | Jane Foust  |
|    | Position:       | Paraprofessional Associate  |
|    | Building:       | PVES  |
|    | Number of Days: | Two (2)   |
|    | Dates:          | May 10, 2021 and May 11, 2021   |
| 3. | Name:           | Curt Gower  |
|    | Position:       | Custodian   |
|    | Building:       | PVIS  |
|    | Number of Days: | Twelve (12)   |
|    | Dates:          | May 13, 2021 – May 30, 2021   |
| 4. | Name:           | Anna Manwiller  |
|    | Position:       | Paraprofessional Associate  |
|    | Building:       | PVES  |
|    | Number of Days: | Twelve (12)   |
|    | Dates:          | May 19, 2021 – June 4, 2021   |

Approval of Agenda item #8.J. – Leaves Without Pay:

|    |                 |                       |
|----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Name:           | David Diehl           |
|    | Position:       | School Police Officer |
|    | Building:       | District              |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)               |
|    | Dates:          | May 11, 2021          |

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|----|-----------------|--|
| 2. | Name:           | Andrea Moore   |
|    | Position:       | Secretary  |
|    | Building:       | PVIS   |
|    | Number of Days: | One and one-half (1½)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 6, 2021 (½) and May 7, 2021 (1)  |
| 3. | Name:           | Izabella Moscicki  |
|    | Position:       | Food Service Employee  |
|    | Building:       | PVHS   |
|    | Number of Days: | Eight (8)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 3, 2021 – May 12, 2021   |
| 4. | Name:           | Barbara Partyka  |
|    | Position:       | Food Service Employee  |
|    | Building:       | PVES   |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 10, 2021   |
| 5. | Name:           | Rhonda Sawyer  |
|    | Position:       | Teacher  |
|    | Building:       | PVMS   |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 11, 2021   |
| 6. | Name:           | Dolores Symancek   |
|    | Position:       | Monitor  |
|    | Building:       | PVHS   |
|    | Number of Days: | One hundred forty-nine (149)   |
|    | Dates:          | August 31, 2020, September 1, 2020, September 3, 2020, October 20, 2020 – June 4, 2021 |
| 7. | Name:           | Dolores Walsh  |
|    | Position:       | Monitor  |
|    | Building:       | PVHS   |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 11, 2021   |
| 8. | Name:           | Alison Zacharias   |
|    | Position:       | Custodian  |
|    | Building:       | PVIS   |
|    | Number of Days: | Two (2)  |
|    | Dates:          | April 28, 2021 – April 29, 2021  |

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #8.F.4.: Mr. Zacharias, Mrs. Yozwiak 7-2 CARRIED; Abstained on Agenda item #8.F.2.: Mr. Kresge 8-0-1 CARRIED; Abstained on Agenda item #8.J.8.: Mr. Zacharias 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention forms attached)

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

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

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Employment Contract for Business Manager Michael A. Simonetta beginning on or about July 1, 2021 for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2024, including additional contract changes as previously discussed.

Approval of Addendum item #9.C. – Retirements:

|    | Name                     | Position | Building | Effective Date               |
|----|--------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Drew Dangler             | Teacher  | PVHS     | end of 2020/2021 school year |
| 2. | Karl Rentzheimer         | Teacher  | PVHS     | end of 2020/2021 school year |
| 3. | Alysia Sabatine-Phillips | Teacher  | PVHS     | end of 2020/2021 school year |
| 4. | Nadine Snyder            | Teacher  | PVIS     | end of 2020/2021 school year |

|    |              |         |      |                              |
|----|--------------|---------|------|------------------------------|
| 5. | James Percey | Teacher | PVHS | end of 2020/2021 school year |
|----|--------------|---------|------|------------------------------|

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Hiring of Summer Computer Technicians:

|    | <b>Name</b>    | <b>Salary</b>    | <b>Effective Date</b> |
|----|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Patrick Soares | \$11.47 per hour | June 1, 2021          |
| 2. | Gavin Winders  | \$11.47 per hour | June 1, 2021          |

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Recall from Layoffs of Paraprofessional Associates (PT):

|    |                 |                   |
|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Name:           | Bonnie Drinkwater |
|    | Building:       | PVIS              |
|    | Effective Date: | August 24, 2021   |
|    | Replace:        | Nancy Heckman     |
| 2. | Name:           | Valerie Kaye      |
|    | Building:       | PVHS              |
|    | Effective Date: | August 24, 2021   |
|    | Replace:        | Lisa Dixon        |

Approval of Addendum item #9.F. – Supplemental Contracts: Non-athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

|    | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Academic Remediation</b> | <b>Subject(s)</b> | <b>Level</b>          | <b>Salary</b> |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Danielle Brandes | Summer School               | English           | 90 hr/3 credit course | \$5,062.50    |
| 2. | Talitha Graham   | Summer School               | Science & Math    | 90 hr/3 credit course | \$5,062.50    |
| 3. | Lisa Kandl       | Summer School               | Special Education | 90 hr/3 credit course | \$5,062.50    |
| 4. | James Ward       | Summer School               | History           | 90 hr/3 credit course | \$5,062.50    |

Approval of Addendum item #9.G. – Leaves Without Pay:

|    |                 |   |
|----|-----------------|---|
| 1. | Name:           | Diane Caretta   |
|    | Position:       | Monitor   |
|    | Building:       | PVHS  |
|    | Number of Days: | Five (5)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 10, 2021 – May 12, 2021 and May 17, 2021 – May 18, 2021 |
| 2. | Name:           | Jillian Hansen  |
|    | Position:       | School Counselor  |
|    | Building:       | PVES  |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)   |
|    | Dates:          | May 6, 2021   |
| 3. | Name:           | Mary Ellen Perloni  |
|    | Position:       | Paraprofessional Associate                                  |
|    | Building:       | PVIS  |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)   |
|    | Dates:          | April 30, 2021  |
| 4. | Name:           | Sandra Seda   |
|    | Position:       | Paraprofessional Associate                                  |
|    | Building:       | PVES  |
|    | Number of Days: | One (1)   |
|    | Dates:          | May 14, 2021  |
| 5. | Name:           | Danielle Staples  |
|    | Position:       | Learning Support  |
|    | Building:       | PVES  |
|    | Number of Days: | One-half (1/2)  |
|    | Dates:          | May 14, 2021  |

Approval of Addendum item #9.H. – Resignations:

|    | Name            | Position                         | Building | Effective Date |
|----|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| 1. | Marta Mendez    | Substitute Food Service Employee | N/A      | May 21, 2021   |
| 2. | Jacquelyn Dumas | Custodian                        | PVHS     | May 12, 2021   |

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda –**  
No Report.

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

Agenda item #11.A. – Informational: Pleasant Valley Social Work Services Resource Guide. Ms. Harris thanked JoAnna Richardson, LCSW, for her dedication to PV in creating this resource guide which is available in all buildings.

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

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Operational items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.C. – Facility Usage Requests:

|    |                    |   |
|----|--------------------|---|
| A. | Organization       | PV Cubs Football Registration   |
|    | Facility Requested | PVMS Front Parking Lot  |
|    | Purpose            | Football and Cheerleading Registration  |
|    | Dates/Times        | Wednesday - 6/2/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>Thursday - 6/3/2021 - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  |
|    | Requestor          | Kristen Pierri  |
|    | Attendance         | 150   |
|    | Tuition            | N/A   |
|    | Fee by District    | Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply   |
|    |                    |   |
| B. | Organization       | PV Cubs Football & Cheerleading   |
|    | Facility Requested | PVMS football field and football practice field   |
|    | Purpose            | Football and Cheerleading Practices   |
|    | Dates/Times        | July 26, 2021 - September 13, 2021<br>Monday - Friday<br>5:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>7/26/2021, 7/27/2021, 7/28/2021, 7/29/2021, 7/30/2021,<br>8/2/2021, 8/3/2021, 8/4/2021, 8/5/2021, 8/6/2021,<br>8/9/2021, 8/10/2021, 8/11/2021, 8/12/2021, 8/13/2021,<br>8/16/2021, 8/17/2021, 8/18/2021, 8/19/2021, 8/20/2021,<br>8/23/2021, 8/24/2021, 8/25/2021, 8/26/2021, 8/27/2021,<br>8/30/2021, 8/31/2021, 9/1/2021, 9/2/2021, 9/3/2021,<br>9/6/2021, 9/7/2021, 9/8/2021, 9/9/2021, 9/10/2021,<br>9/13/2021  |
|    | Requestor          | Kristen Pierri  |
|    | Attendance         | 250   |
|    | Tuition            | N/A   |
|    | Fee by District    | Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply   |
|    |                    |   |
| C. | Organization       | PV Cubs Football & Cheerleading   |
|    | Facility Requested | PVHS football practice field  |
|    | Purpose            | Football and Cheerleading Practices   |
|    | Dates/Times        | September 13, 2021 - December 13, 2021<br>Monday - Friday<br>5:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>9/13/2021, 9/14/2021, 9/15/2021, 9/16/2021, 9/17/2021,<br>9/20/2021, 9/21/2021, 9/22/2021, 9/23/2021, 9/24/2021,<br>9/27/2021, 9/28/2021, 9/29/2021, 9/30/2021, 10/1/2021,<br>10/4/2021, 10/5/2021, 10/6/2021, 10/7/2021, 10/8/2021,<br>10/11/2021, 10/12/2021, 10/13/2021, 10/14/2021,<br>10/15/2021, 10/18/2021, 10/19/2021, 10/20/2021,<br>10/21/2021, 10/22/2021, 10/25/2021, 10/26/2021,<br>10/27/2021, 10/28/2021, 10/29/2021, 11/1/2021, 11/2/2021,<br>11/3/2021, 11/4/2021, 11/5/2021, 11/8/2021, 11/9/2021,<br>11/10/2021, 11/11/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/15/2021, |



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|    |                    | 11/16/2021, 11/17/2021, 11/18/2021, 11/19/2021, 11/22/2021, 11/23/2021, 11/24/2021, 11/25/2021, 11/26/2021, 11/29/2021, 11/30/2021, 12/1/2021, 12/2/2021 12/3/2021       |
|    | Requestor          | Kristen Pierri   |
|    | Attendance         | 250  |
|    | Tuition            | N/A  |
|    | Fee by District    | Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply  |
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| D. | Organization       | Salem St. Paul Lutheran Church   |
|    | Facility Requested | PVMS Freezer in Cafeteria  |
|    | Purpose            | Store Filling for the West End Fair  |
|    |                    | 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM  |
|    | Dates/Times        | 8/4/2021, 8/5/2021, 8/6/2021, 8/7/2021, 8/8/2021, 8/9/2021, 8/10/2021, 8/11/2021, 8/12/2021, 8/13/2021, 8/14/2021, 8/15/2021, 8/17/2021, 8/16/2021, 8/18/2021, 8/19/2021 |
|    | Requestor          | Tim Hinton   |
|    | Attendance         | 2  |
|    | Tuition            | N/A  |
|    | Fee by District    | Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply  |

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**BUILDING REPORTS –**

Building reports for May 2021 were attached to the Agenda for informational purposes.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale**

Approval of Agenda item #14.A. – Business Management Items:

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #14.B. – Proposed 2021-2022 Final General Fund Budget calling for a tax levy of 23.8575 mills in property tax with appropriations in the amount of \$108,376,953. (This represents a 0.9396 mill increase from last year's budget.) *Note: the school district proposed final budget was advertised for public inspection on May 18, 2021.*

Prior to the roll call vote, Mrs. Jecker questioned items in the budget including increase in curriculum and instruction; what items are covered by grants; building budget cuts; transportation budget; and student activities cuts. With regard to the transportation budget, Mrs. Jecker questioned if the numbers were from the previous contract or new proposed contract and suggested the possible need for a referendum. Mr. Fitzgerald clarified the referendum question. Mrs. Jecker questioned what other large cuts have been made other than professional staff. Mrs. Kresge questioned ESSER II funds for technology and if needs will be met for the opening of school and an answer will be provided from the Technology Department; outside charter school costs; and the 2021 fund balance. Mr. Surridge addressed all questions.

ROLL CALL 7-2 CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Kresge, Mrs. Jecker

Mrs. Jecker stated that she would like to see real numbers and is not ready to vote yes on this proposed budget.

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda items #14.C. through #14.H. and Agenda item #14.J.:

Approval of Agenda item #14.C. – Cafeteria Accounts Payable for May 27, 2021 as attached.

Approval of Agenda item #14.D. – The following contracts:

1. Vector Solutions SafeSchool Training Annual Subscription – \$5,5150.00 Contract Effective 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022
2. Frontline Education. Cost: \$26,936.63. Absence & Substitute Management, unlimited usage for internal employees. Effective 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022.
3. Letter of Agreement between Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. and the Pleasant Valley School District for Drug and Alcohol Primary Prevention and SAP/Intervention Services for school year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$35,000. This agreement will provide Pleasant Valley School District five (5) days of services weekly over a period of 38 weeks.
4. PowerSchool - Performance Tracker - Total Cost with One time discount \$8,274.57 Effective 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022

5. Software4School - Student Voting Software - Total Cost \$399.00 Effective 2021-2022 School Year.
6. PowerSchool - eSchoolPlus - Record Retention for one year. Total Cost with One Time Discount \$74,524.68. Effective 09/01/2021 to 08/31/2022
7. St. Luke's Service Agreement - Behavioral Health Services in each of the four (4) Pleasant Valley Schools. No cost to the district effective 08/01/2021 to 07/31/2022
8. Penn Foundation - Services for an Employee Assistance Program. Total Cost 10,562.50 (ESSR I Funding) Effective- 06/01/2021 to 6/30/2022 Pending solicitor review and revisions.

Approval of Agenda item #14.E. – Anthracite Coal Bid 2021-2022 school year: Centralia Coal Sales \$179.95 per ton; quantity: 300 ton; estimated total cost \$53,985.00, pending completion of performance bond.

Approval of Agenda item #14.F. – Legal Services for 2021-2022:

1. Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP for the 2021-2022 school year at an hourly rate not to exceed \$195.00.
2. Bollinger Law Firm LLC for the 2021-2022 school year at an hourly rate not to exceed \$225.00.
3. King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul LLC for the 2020-2021 school year at an hourly rate not to exceed \$185.00.

Approval of Agenda item #14.G. – Insurance Summary and Recommendation for 2021-2022:

CM Regent:

- Property - \$150,521
- Automobile - \$23,394
- School Leaders Legal Liability - \$46,695
- General Liability - \$37,614
- Umbrella - \$22,022

Total CM Regent - \$280,246

United States Fire Insurance Company (AG/CM Regent)

- Student Accident Insurance - \$68,428
- Volunteer Coach Accident - \$350

Total United States Fire Insurance Company (AG/CM Regent) - \$68,778

Travelers Insurance

- Crime and Computer Fraud - \$8,200

Hartford Steam Boiler

- Equipment Breakdown - \$11,052

Ace American Insurance Company (CRC Swett)

- Digital Technology Liability - \$15,710

Lloyds of London

- Deadly Weapon Protection - \$16,165

Ironshore (Liberty Mutual)

- Pollution Liability Coverage - \$29,641

Approval of Agenda item #14.H. – Workman’s Compensation Insurance with School District Insurance Consortium for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$374,493.00 for the Central Fund Contribution and \$78,841.00 for the school districts' Self Insured Retention, less Loyalty, Premium Performance and Certified Safety Committee Discounts \$68,000.00. Total cost \$385,334.00

Approval of Agenda item #14.J. – Settlement Agreement and Release PB051221.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #14.I. – Student Transportation - Award Student Transportation bid to First Student, Inc. for five (5) year term (7/1/2021 to 6/30/2026) at the following pricing:

- 2021-2022 - \$7,431,845
- 2022-2023 - \$8,238,219
- 2023-2024 - \$8,592,476
- 2024-2025 - \$8,962,022
- 2025-2026 - \$9,347,379

Pending contract and solicitor review and revisions.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mrs. Jecker expressed concern that the Board did not have the opportunity to interview each company and RFPs were sent too late. She questioned whether First Student was asked about a one year extension and feels the increase is too high and that the district is being taken advantage of due to timing. Mr. Burger spoke about the process starting too late and that potential competitors not having the opportunity to present a plan. He stated that the process was flawed and not financially beneficial to the district. Mr. Palmieri addressed questions and lengthy discussion was held concerning the process being started too late, comparisons of the two companies with regard to experience and keeping current bus drivers, among other things. Mr. Kresge questioned opportunities given to Martz and Mrs. Yozwiak expressed her views about Martz as compared to First Student. Mr. Burger clarified issues in connection with hiring current bus drivers and pay rate. Mrs. Kresge stated that she agrees with the process not being done in a timely manner and also questioned combining PVE and PVI runs; how many buses are needed and costs. In addition, Mrs. Kresge requested details about the proposal by First Student. Mr. Palmieri addressed this matter. Mr. Gasper addressed the bid process and responses from potential companies in addition to negotiations with First Student in connection with a one year extension. Further discussion was held and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the administration can reach out to First Student that numbers are unacceptable and then revisit the issue at a future date.

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to table Agenda item #14.I. pending First Student being present to answer questions of the Board.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Discussion was held regarding the time and place for meeting with the transportation companies. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that companies be notified that the Board has requested more detail concerning costs and to provide a general presentation to the Board and public as to how they can service the district over the next five years.

Agenda item #14.K. – District Investment Report – April 30, 2021

**ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale**

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve Agenda item #15.A. - Business Addendum:

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

1. IntegraOne - Barracuda Message Archiver Appliance 650 Subscription Renewal - Total Cost: \$8,466.43 Term: 7/18/2021 to 7/19/2022
2. Bayada Home Health Care, INC - To provide PV Cub Academy with an onsite nurse on a substitute basis at a rate of \$55.00/hour (ESSR I Funding). Effective 7/6/2021 to 7/29/2021.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Kresge questioned Agenda item #15.B.2. regarding the costs for an onsite nurse and possibly offering the same rate per hour for an in-house nurse. Mrs. Tomon addressed the availability issues. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the Board can approve the Bayada contract and offer in-house employees the same rate pay.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mrs. Kresge expressed concern about lack of communication between administration and board and requested clarification about policy that communication must go through the board president. She also questioned plans for bringing students back for the fall.

Mr. Burger requested an update on responses from parents about plans for the fall and questioned the survey and subsequent follow-up letter.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that PDE has a process in which the district needs to prepare their plan for the 2021-2022 school year and is accepting those plans by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Jecker requested testing documentation as well as plans for students with learning loss.

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

Bob Serfass, Polk Township, expressed concern about agenda preparation, the budget presentation and tax increase of 4.1%, charter costs, and the transportation contract.

Billy Bruckman, Eldred Township, expressed his opinions on furloughing teachers and spoke about his experiences with Mr. Hahn as his teacher.

Drew Dymond, Ross Township, PSEA, expressed concern about the future of the district stating that other districts are hiring and we are furloughing.

Heather Bates-Impellizeri, Ross Township, expressed concern about furloughing teachers and learning loss impacts.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed concern about the process in furloughing staff in the past and at present.

Kelly Patrice, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about the process followed in furloughing staff.

Neil Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion about the budget presentation, transportation costs, leadership, and furloughing staff.

Michelle Byrnes, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion that decisions be made for the good of the students, expressed gratitude to teachers, and expressed concern about the process for furloughing staff.

Alexandra Gibb, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about bringing cyber students back to PV and expressed concern about the future of the district, furloughing teachers and the morale for teachers left behind.

Jenna Rudolf, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about lack of action in developing an in-house cyber school program to be taught by PV teachers and expressed her opinions about furloughing staff.

Leia Leuthardt, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions about mask wearing by students.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about transportation issues including costs as compared to other districts.

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, expressed that nurses and HRTs are equal; expressed that concerns should be about the students; and spoke against furloughing teachers.

Robert Mullin, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinions about lack of consistency, furloughing staff, the budget presentation, and tax increases.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed concern about the process for furloughing staff as to timing.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his concerns about transparency and communication as well as his opinion about citizens' advisory committees. He questioned plans for next year.

Jennifer Rendalko, Ross Township, referred to the awards received by students crediting the teachers.

Bob Serfass, Polk Township, requested the letter sent to parents about bringing students back to PV in the fall and questioned incentives for students to return. He expressed concern about actions taken by the board.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, spoke about student-teacher ratios as well as awards received by students giving credit to teachers as well as students.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about communication with the community and suggested that Zoom meetings be made available to the community.

Jessica Place, Eldred Township, expressed concern about communication and expressed her support for the teachers. She suggested offering help to the district through committees.

Dr. Lesisko stated that at the next Policy Committee meeting we will be looking at Policy 905 Community Advisory Committees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
June 10, 2021 @ 7:00 PM