

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the June 10, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

**Board Approved 6-24-2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on June 10, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:12 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Rae Lin Howard followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium, Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

President Yozwiak acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Lee Lesisko as Superintendent and stated that he was grateful to have the opportunity to serve the District and wishes all the best. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that no action is on the agenda this evening to address furloughs and on a personal note, Mrs. Yozwiak stated that she is concerned and not convinced about cutting teaching staff. Mr. Peeters stated that he is against furloughing staff due to insufficient data and unknowns going into the 2021-2022 school year. He suggests addressing the issue next year when we have more data.

**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. Absent: Delbert Zacharias, Dan Wunder.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** 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, Nelia Marcheski, ACCESS Coordinator, Deena Boyne, Acting District Services Coordinator, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Lynn Courtright, Chief of Police.

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

**Notification of Executive Session:** President Yozwiak announced that an executive session was held on June 1, 2021 for personnel matters, June 3, 2021 for personnel matters and legal issues and June 10, 2021 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; Negotiations; and Legal Issues.

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 with the duration of one hour.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:** None.

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

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on May 27, 2021; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of June 10, 2021.

VOICE VOTE: CARRIED

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

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable; Agenda item #3.E. – Financial Statements for May 2021, as attached:  
Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Manual Checks May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.C. – Manual Checks May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021– PSDLAF.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.D. – Accounts Payable – June 10, 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement May 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.G. – Asset Cost Summary May 2021.  
Approval of Agenda item #3.H. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues May 2021.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the May 27, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

At 7:22 PM, President Yozwiak announced that a recess will be taken to address technical issues. The meeting reconvened at 7:26 PM.

Agenda item #4.B. Other –

Mrs. Jecker stated that she volunteered at Senior Day on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the West End Fairgrounds and thanked all involved. In addition, she addressed several previously asked questions with regard to the budget as well as additional questions regarding cuts and increases. Mrs. Jecker stressed the importance of making cuts and to make sure we are not hiring more administrative positions or adding programs. She also addressed transportation and asked First Student to consider giving Pleasant Valley a three-year contract in order to continue with their service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – No report.

**Colonial IU20:** No report.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – Ms. Greggo stated that her report is informational and included on the agenda.

**Education Committee: Mrs. Susan Kresge** – Mrs. Kresge stated that her report is informational and included in the agenda. In addition, Mrs. Kresge stated that she spoke to Director Virga who clarified that the air time for MCTI is provided through the Pocono Visitors Bureau. She also addressed bringing back the District newsletter.

**Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters** – Mr. Peeters said that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday at 5:00 PM.

**Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – Ms. Greggo stated that her report is informational and included on the agenda.

**Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – No report.

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to eliminate the position of Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services.

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kresge to table the motion to eliminate the position of Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services until all Board members are present.

ROLL CALL: 3-4 NOT CARRIED  
Voting No: Mr. Peeters, Mrs. Jecker, Mr.  
Kresge, Mrs. Yozwiak

Prior to voting on the underlying motion, an opportunity was given for public comment: Bob Serfass, Polk Township, expressed his opinions about the initial creation of the position and consequences of elections.

Mrs. Kresge spoke about the creation of the position and stated that her belief is that we should have the incoming Acting Superintendent investigate what occurred.

Mrs. Jecker stated that it is not about the person but it is about an administrative position which by eliminating it would help with the budget.

Mrs. Greggo expressed that we should wait until we have more information.

Solicitor, Mr. Fitzgerald suggested deferring to executive session. At 7:40 PM, Mrs. Yozwiak called for a recess and the Board departed to hold an executive session for the purpose of personnel issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 PM.

Mr. Kresge retracted his motion to eliminate the position of Supervisor of Transportation and Administrative Services and it was seconded by Mrs. Jecker.

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to discontinue the administration review of furloughing staff for 2020-2021 and authorize the administration to review staffing needs during the course of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year and provide the Board with an initial report on or about January 2022.

An opportunity was given for public comment:

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, requested clarification on the motion concerning furloughing staff. Mr. Peeters said that the administration will re-evaluate staffing and provide the Board with data by January of 2022.

Mrs. Kresge said that this is the right thing to do as there are too many unknowns including concerns about academic recovery. She said that the students need teachers in the classroom.

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

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

**SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant to the Superintendent**

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

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

Agenda item #6.B. – Informational: The Enrollment Report was provided for June 2021.

Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant to the Superintendent, provided a statement expressing the need for better communication with the community. She stated that a number of mediums will be provided with information as well as gathering input from the community and that the first meeting will be Tuesday. Advertisements will be placed in the West End Happenings, the Pocono Record, and The Times News as well as a new District level Facebook and a tab on the District website providing continual updates regarding the opening of school. Monthly meetings will be held welcoming the community to provide input regarding ESSER funding planning and the opening of schools. In addition, Dr. Howard said that summer school begins on Monday for identified students at the middle and high schools and the Cub Academy for students in grades K-6 will begin on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are underway for the reopening of school in the fall including implementation of a Technology plan K-12 and instructional models for a 5 day per week brick and mortar option, a cyber option and the FlexEd model at the middle school. Dr. Howard outlined the process for bringing students back to Pleasant Valley in order to make final preparations for next school year and urged families to respond to the next survey and that the registration portal will be open Monday.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Jessica Tomon**

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

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Recall from Layoffs of Professional Associate (PT):

1.	Name:	Kelly Chiumento
	Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 24, 2021
	Replace:	Susan Marcin

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

1.	Name:	Kenneth Lursen
	Current Position:	FT Security Officer – 12 months
	New Position:	FT Security Officer – 10 months
	Effective Date:	June 11, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Hiring of PV Cub Summer Academy Staff:

1. Paraprofessional Associate (\$72.00 per day)
  - a. Winterford Ohland
2. Substitute Teacher (\$92.00 per day)
  - a. Zoe Attinello
  - b. Amber Brown
3. Nurse (\$55.00 per hour)
  - a. Rachel Borger
  - b. Janine Brown
  - c. Dawn Kieffer

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – Resignations from PV Cub Summer Academy:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
1.	Ashley Gutzeit	Teacher
2.	AnnaMarie Fedorchak	Paraprofessional Associate

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

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:	Tennis
	Advisor:	Mark Allison
	Advisor:	Laura Ammermann
	Dates:	June 15, 2021 – July 22, 2021
	Day(s):	Tuesday and Thursday
	Times:	2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
	Building:	Tennis Courts

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

1.	Name:	Christopher Becker
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Date(s):	May 26, 2021
2.	Name:	Jane Foust
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Date(s):	May 24, 2021
3.	Name:	Keith Kuehner
	Position:	Maintenance Technician
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	Fifty-two (52)
	Date(s):	June 9, 2021 – August 23, 2021
4.	Name:	Mary Ellen Perloni
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Date(s):	October 7, 2020; October 9, 2020; October 12, 2020 and October 16, 2020
5.	Name:	Betty VanHorn
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Eight and one-half (8½)
	Date(s):	May 18, 2021 (½) – May 31, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Kathleen Browne
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Twelve (12)
	Dates:	May 18, 2021 – June 3, 2021
2.	Name:	Nikki Haden-Coar
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	May 24, 2021

3.	Name:	Dolores Walsh
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	May 20, 2021 and May 24, 2021
4.	Name:	MiChelle Palmer
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	May 13, 2021; May 17, 2021 and June 3, 2021
5.	Name:	Brenda Russell
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	May 20, 2021 and May 21, 2021
6.	Name:	Dianne Caretta
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	May 24, 2021 – May 27, 2021
7.	Name:	Laura Duncan
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	May 18, 2021
8.	Name:	Randi Slamiak
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	May 21, 2021; May 25, 2021; May 27, 2021; May 28, 2021 and June 2, 2021
9.	Name:	Barbara Partyka
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	May 24, 2021
10.	Name:	Victoria Weaver
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	May 20, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.I. – Rescind Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Mary Ellen Perloni
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Date(s) Rescinding:	December 18, 2020; February 23, 2021; March 16, 2021 and April 30, 2021
	Board Approved	January 28, 2021; March 25, 2021; April 8, 2021 and May 27, 2021

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Diane Stewart	Monitor	PVHS	June 3, 2021

Approval of Agenda item #7.K. – Compensation Extension:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Tammy Smale	Assistant Business Manager	\$300.00/week	July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>
1.	Laura Mason-Caiazza	Teacher	PVHS

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

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

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Addendum #8.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Tenure:

The following professional staff have served Pleasant Valley School District for three (3) years and have been rated satisfactory. By the provisions of the PA School Code, they are recommended for tenure.

1. Angela Frantz
2. Kelly McMaster

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

1.	Name:	India Johnson
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Date(s):	April 28, 2021 – April 29, 2021
2.	Name:	Maureen O’Connor
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Date(s):	May 3, 2021; May 10, 2021; May 14, 2021; May 17, 2021 and May 28, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.D. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Sandy Bojko
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	May 28, 2021
2.	Name:	Desiree Kresge
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	May 24, 2021

Approval of Addendum item #8.E. – Termination of Employee #4427 due to expired clearances after multiple notices.

Approval of Addendum item #8.F. – 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.	Craig Morris	Girls Volleyball	Jr. High Assistant	6	\$3,850.00
2.	Arianna Weaver	Girls Volleyball	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,400.00
3.	Drew Dymond	Girls Volleyball	JV Assistant	1	\$4,550.00
4.	Kathleen Gesiskie	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Assistant	6	\$5,150.00
5.	Laura Ammermann	Girls Tennis	JV Assistant	4	\$3,850.00
6.	Jillian Janotti	Cheerleading	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$2,112.00
7.	Megan Dahlstrom	Cheerleading	JV Assistant	1	\$2,512.00
8.	Jim Shoopack	Girls Soccer	Varsity Assistant	6	\$5,150.00
9.	Mark Kutteroff	Girls Soccer	JV Assistant	6	\$5,150.00
10.	Robert Hahn	Boys Soccer	Varsity Assistant	1	\$4,550.00
11.	Kaitlin Freeman	Boys Soccer	Jr. High Assistant	1	\$3,400.00
12.	Tim Hinton	Boys Soccer	Jr. High Assistant	6	\$3,850.00
13.	James Ward	Football	Varsity Assistant	5	\$6,050.00
14.	Brian Miller	Football	Varsity Assistant	3	\$5,750.00
15.	Kyle Bonser	Football	Varsity Assistant	1	\$5,450.00
16.	Dan Frable	Football	Varsity Assistant	6	\$6,200.00
17.	Ben Conklin	Football	Freshman Assistant	1	\$5,450.00
18.	Mark VanAuken	Marching Band	Assistant Director	1	\$4,462.50
19.	Erica Gravell	Marching Band	Assistant	1	\$3,012.50
20.	Deven Venegas	Marching Band	Assistant	1	\$3,012.50
21.	Willow Krechel	Marching Band	Assistant	1	\$3,012.50

Approval of Addendum item #8.G. – 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.	Donna Morris	Girls Volleyball	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
2.	Augie Kresge	Girls Volleyball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
3.	Augie Kresge	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
4.	Arianna Weaver	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Line Judge	\$35.00
5.	Katie Frankunas	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Line Judge	\$35.00
6.	Chris Jarrow	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Line Judge	\$35.00
7.	Dana West	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Message Board	\$40.00
8.	Katie Frankunas	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Scorebook/ Scorekeeper	\$40.00

9.	Melissa Bruckman	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Scorebook/ Scorekeeper	\$40.00
10.	Lorrie Anderson	Girls Volleyball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
11.	Lorrie Anderson	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
12.	Melissa Bruckman	Girls Volleyball	JV Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$30.00
13.	Katie Frankunas	Girls Volleyball	JV Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$30.00
14.	Augie Kresge	Field Hockey	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
15.	Dana West	Field Hockey	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
16.	Holli Capricuso Register	Field Hockey	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
17.	Augie Kresge	Field Hockey	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
18.	Dana West	Field Hockey	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
19.	Holli Capricuso Register	Field Hockey	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
20.	Dana West	Girls Soccer	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
21.	Dana West	Girls Soccer	Varsity Announcer/ Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
22.	Tim Hinton	Girls Soccer	Varsity Announcer/ Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
23.	Holli Capricuso Register	Girls Soccer	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
24.	Tim Hinton	Girls Soccer	Varsity Scorebook/Scorekeeper	\$40.00
25.	Dana West	Boys Soccer	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
26.	Dana West	Boys Soccer	Varsity Announcer/ Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
27.	Augie Kresge	Boys Soccer	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
28.	Augie Kresge	Boys Soccer	Varsity Announcer/ Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
29.	Dana West	Football	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
30.	Tim Hinton	Football	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
31.	Dana West	Football	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
32.	Tim Hinton	Football	Jr. High Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00
33.	Dana West	Football	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
34.	Tim Hinton	Football	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00
35.	Tim Hinton	Football	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
36.	Tim Hinton	Football	Varsity Secondary Clock Operator	\$40.00
37.	Dana West	Football	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00
38.	Holli Capricuso Register	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00
39.	Karen Voulo	Football	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
40.	Jackie Tortora	Football	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
41.	Elaine Cucci	Football	Varsity Ticket Staff	\$36.00
42.	Holly Devivo	Marching Band	Equipment Manager	\$1,625.00

Approval of Addendum item #8.H. – Athletic Volunteers:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
1.	Paul Naser	Football
2.	John O'Neil	Football

Approval of Addendum item #8.I. – Retirement Agreement with Dr. Lee Lesisko effective June 10, 2021.



Approval of Addendum item #8.J. – Acting Administration Staff: Dr. Charlene Brennan as Acting Superintendent along with her employment contract. Appointment is contingent upon official approval of PSERs. Start date is to be determined.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED  
Voting No on Agenda item #8.F.10.: Mrs. Jecker 6-1 CARRIED; Abstained on Agenda item #8.G.2.,3.,14.,17.,27.,28: Mr. Kresge 6-0-1 CARRIED; Abstained on Agenda item #8.D.2.: Mrs. Kresge 6-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention forms attached)

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard/Dr. Susan Mowrer Benda –** Dr. Mowrer Benda provided information regarding the Reopening of Pleasant Valley Schools in August 2021 including instructional options, instructional enhancements and expansions. She reviewed federal funds received designated to support a safe and effective return to instruction in the fall. She said that the first Community Round Table regarding the spending plan for these funds will be held Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. Dr. Mowrer Benda also said that action is underway to provide a consistent district infrastructure capable of handling a 1:1 technology implementation without turbulence and that information can be found on the District website which will be created in the next two weeks. She provided information on the use of Schoology and SeeSaw with the implementation of 1:1 technology. In addition, Dr. Mowrer Benda provided information on the science curriculum second and final phase; implementation of Ready Math; and summer school.

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Curriculum/Staff Development Items:  
Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Updated Health & Safety Plan that will expire August 29, 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #9.C. – 2021-2022 PDE Emergency Instructional Time Template.

Approval of Agenda item #9.D. – Transfer Agreement to move the final year of the 3-year Imagine Learning Final Contract to Pleasant Valley High School at no additional cost to the District.

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Jecker questioned if masks will be required at the Cub summer camp and stated that the Governor is lifting the mask wearing guideline at the end of the month. Dr. Mowrer Benda stated that as of now masks will be required with social distancing.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Julie Harris –** Ms. Harris stated that she was privileged to attend the Kalamari graduation for two intern students who did very well.

Agenda item #10.A. – SLUHN YESS! School-Based Therapy Program. Ms. Harris introduced Ms. Jody McCloud Missmer and Jennie Serfass from St. Luke’s University Health Network to provide a PowerPoint presentation on the new Mental Health Program K-12 previously approved by the Board. Ms. Missmer, Network Administrator for Behavioral Health, reviewed the overall program services offered by St. Luke’s to students and staff. She reviewed accessibility to services, the referral process and scheduling. Mrs. Yozwiak thanked Ms. Missmer and for the continued support of St. Luke’s providing services to our students.

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

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

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

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

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for June 10, 2021
2. Cafeteria Fund – Asset Cost Summary May 2021

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

1. IntegraONE Trend Micro Virus Protection. Total Cost: \$21,660.00 Terms: 8/21/2021 – 8/22/2022

2. Intergovernmental Agreement - Pleasant Valley School District and Luzerne Intermediate Unit # 18 Total Estimated Cost: \$25,321.00 Terms: 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
3. WTI Technologies - Pleasant Valley Elementary School Roof Restoration Project (AEPA/KPN Contract # KPN-A-202012-04). Project Investment: \$1,664,757.88
4. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 and Pleasant Valley School District. Alternate and Regular Education Transportation Contract for School Year 2021-2022. The cost of said service is projected to be \$2.88 per mile, for each student transported. The cost will increase or decrease depending on variations in number of students and miles transported throughout 2021-2022.
5. TreeRing - Basic yearbook services to provide a printed softcover yearbook at \$15.00 per yearbook, for Pleasant Valley Elementary, Pleasant Valley Intermediate and Pleasant Valley Middle Schools. Contract is effective for 2021-2022 school year.

Approval of Agenda item #12.D. – Memorandum of Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Salem St. Paul Church.

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – The following School District Depositories:

1. Bank of New York Mellon
2. East Stroudsburg Savings Association
3. First Northern Bank and Trust
4. M&T Bank
5. PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
6. PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
7. PNC Bank

Approval of Agenda item #12.F. – Bonding Figures:

In accordance with PA School Code requirements, each year the Board of Education must review bonding figures and have them recorded in the minutes. The following are the positions affected and corresponding bond amounts:

- District Employees
- Board Treasurer - \$20,000
- Business Manager - \$100,000
- Superintendent - \$25,000
- Blanket Policy (all other employees) - \$20,000

Approval of Agenda item #12.G. – Service Proposal - Intensive Positive Training, LCC Service Proposal NP060121 not to exceed \$8,250.00.

Approval of Agenda item #12.H. – Student Placements:

- Student #021121JL - Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Effective 02/11/2021
- Student #050721MCO - School District of Springfield Township - Effective 5/7/2021

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to approve Agenda item #12.I. – Student Transportation – To award Student Transportation bid to First Student, Inc. for a 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

Approval of the motion herein is subject to entering into a service contract with First Student and is further subject to final review and approval of the terms by the Solicitors office.

Prior to roll call, Mrs. Kresge questioned the routing efficiency analysis done in November of 2020 and if those items have been included in the current proposal. Mr. Gallagher of First Student was present and stated that First Student bid on 91 routes which did not include any reduction in the routes. He addressed questions regarding the routing analysis and fixed costs and reviewed costs associated with the increase. Lengthy discussion was held between Board members and Mr. Gallagher as well as Attorney Fitzgerald including costs and the Act I Index, efficiency in reduction of routes, the term of the contract, replacing buses, and timelines, among other things. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the motion should include authorization to move forward to finalize the contract and enter into negotiations.

ROLL CALL: 4-3 NOT CARRIED  
 Voting No: Mr. Kresge, Mr. Burger, Mrs. Jecker

Agenda item #12.J. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts:  
Student Activity Accounts  
Beginning Balance: May 1, 2021: \$215,103.76  
Receipts: \$19,573.43  
Expenditures: (\$19,856.88)  
Ending Balance: May 31, 2021: \$214,820.31

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kresge to approve Business Management Addendum item #13.A.:

Approval of Addendum item #13.B. – The following contract:

1. Blue Ridge Communications - Televised and Live Streaming of the Pleasant Valley School District 2021 Graduation on 6/11/2021 - Total Cost: \$2,000.00.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:** None.

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

Jessica Place, Eldred Township, expressed her thanks for starting a committee for the community and thanked St. Luke's for their support.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, requested clarification on the vote for student transportation which Mr. Fitzgerald addressed.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about costs for transportation and thanked the Board for reconsidering and reevaluating the issue.

Robert Mullin, Chestnuthill Township, reiterated his previous comments and expressed concern about the budget requesting that a reevaluation be done.

Maryellen Altman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about spending, replacing the superintendent and concern about the budget relating to other objects.

Bob Serfass, Polk Township, expressed concerns about the transportation contract, costs of new and used buses and urged transparency.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the transportation contract relating to the percentage increase over five years and wants full transparency.

Rachel Frable, Polk Township, expressed thanks for reevaluating the furloughing of staff. She addressed mental health issues in the District not just for students but for teachers.

Mrs. Yozwiak welcomed Dr. Charlene Brennan as Acting Superintendent. She stated that the 61<sup>st</sup> graduation ceremony will be held outdoors tomorrow June 11<sup>th</sup> with 357 candidates (rain date is Saturday morning or Sunday morning). She stated that the Board of Education will hold the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM, Operations Meeting at 6:00 PM and a Special Meeting on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM via Zoom regarding transportation. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is June 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
June 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM