

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Brodheads ville, PA 18322  
Minutes of the June 24, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

**Board Approved 7-15-2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on June 24, 2021 and called to order by President Donna Yozwiak at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Delbert Zacharias followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium, Route 209, Brodheads ville, 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, Norm Burger, Sue Kresge, Teresa Greggo, Dan Wunder, Delbert Zacharias. Absent: Todd Kresge.

**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, Lori Hagerman, Curriculum Supervisor, Lynn Courtright, Chief of Security, Chuck Tomori, Director of Technology.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Matt Triolo, Josephine Fields, 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 June 24, 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 for duration of one hour.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:** None.

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

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jecker to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on June 10, 2021; approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting held on June 14, 2021; and to approve the Board Meeting Agenda of June 24, 2021.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #2.B. – The Minutes of the Operational Workshop meeting held on June 14, 2021 was provided for informational purposes.

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

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #3.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #3.B. – Accounts Payable June 24, 2021.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #3.B. Check No.  
00231243: Mrs. Yozwiak 7-0-1 CARRIED  
(Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #3.C. - The Accounts Payable approved at the June 10, 2021 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Colonial IU20: Mr. Daniel Wunder** – No report.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – No report.

**Education Committee: Ms. Susan Kresge** – No report.

**Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters** – Mr. Peeters reported on the meeting held on June 14, 2021 which was held virtually. He stated that a presentation was given by a company that could loan the District funds for delinquent taxes which would be available if the Board chooses in the future. In addition, an update on the budget was discussed and Mr. Peeters provided the opportunity for Board members to comment regarding the budget. Mrs. Jecker voiced several concerns and feels that the Board did not get enough information in order to make a decision. She expressed concern about taxes rising for seniors and others due to the reassessment and decisions should be made looking at the future as well. She would support a 2%-2½% increase. Mr. Burger expressed that he is somewhat encouraged about the number of students returning to the District. He spoke about legislation and expressed concerns about a pending law suit relative to fair funding and if not successful expressed concerns about the impact. He said that looking forward at other expenses with facilities, he does not feel we can go lower than an increase of 3%. Mrs. Kresge voiced her concerns about the use of the fund balance and funds needed to balance the budget. She spoke about projects that need to be done and with students returning said that she would be comfortable at 3%. Ms. Greggo stated that she will await more information and cannot commit to a firm number and would support an increase as decided as a team. Mrs. Yozwiak referred to a report received by Dr. Howard outlining the percentage of students returning to Pleasant Valley which looks promising. She spoke about the fund balance, contingency fund, and the impact of the unknown state budget with regard to surplus funds. Mrs. Yozwiak said that she would support a 2.5%-3% increase. Mr. Wunder addressed government funding and students returning to Pleasant Valley and stated he would support a 2.5%-3% increase. Mr. Peeters stated that he cannot support a 4.1% increase which would put a burden on taxpayers but could support a 2% increase. Mrs. Kresge addressed the average assessed value of a home and the Board has been provided with the impact of 4.1% down to 0%. She said that the impact on taxpayers with a 3% increase would be \$96.00.

**Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo** – No report.

**Policy Committee: Mrs. Donna Yozwiak** – An informational report was included within the agenda. Mrs. Yozwiak stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that there are currently 204 students enrolled in PV Summer School and in the past the charge was \$200 per credit. She stated that because of ESSER funding, Summer School is being provided free of charge.

**SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Rae Lin Howard**

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

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Final Reading of the following policies:

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

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

**ADDENDUM: SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. Rae Lin Howard**

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

1. Policy 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
2. Policy 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
3. Policy 229 Student Fundraising
4. Policy 707 Use of School Facilities
5. Policy 915 School-Affiliated Organizations

**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. – 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:	Golf
	Advisor:	Steve Krechel
	Dates:	June 25, 2021 – August 15, 2021

Day(s):	Monday – Friday
Times:	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Building:	PVES
Received in HR Office:	June 8, 2021

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

1.	Name:	David Diehl
	Position:	School Police Officer
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	June 8, 2021
2.	Name:	Lindsay McKenna
	Position:	Speech & Language Therapist
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One-half (½)
	Dates:	May 24, 2021
3.	Name:	Sandra Seda
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	June 4, 2021

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Emily Bumbulsky	Speech & Language Therapist	PVES	June 14, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

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

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Intramural Advisor:

1.	Club/Activity:	Weightlifting/Football
	Advisor:	Blaec Saeger
	Dates:	June 25, 2021 – July 30, 2021
	Day(s):	Mondays & Thursdays
	Times:	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	June 17, 2021

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

1.	Name:	Richard Ochs
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	March 23, 2021 (½), March 29, 2021 (1), May 10, 2021 (½) and May 14, 2021 (1)

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

1.	Name:	Allen Kistler
	Position:	Courier
	Building:	District
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	June 14, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard –**

Mrs. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #10.A. – Curriculum Resource Approval and Renewal:

- Ed Puzzle Renewal, paid through Title IV.
- Mathseeds Quote – Pleasant Valley Kindergarten, paid through Title I.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #11.A. – Informational: PIMS July 1 Child Accounting

Agenda item #11.B. – Informational: RISC Reporting

Agenda item #11.C. – Informational: Special Education Table 8A, Report of Children with Disabilities Evaluated July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Ms. Harris stated that a COVID-19 vaccination clinic was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> where 140 individuals were vaccinated and she thanked all nurses, administrators, and staff involved. She said that another clinic will be scheduled in August.

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Bill Gasper –** Mr. Gasper provided information on the PP&L Grant Right of Way project which he said would be on the next Board agenda for approval. In addition, he provided information on the road project to lay a pipeline which will cause single lane traffic on Route 209 on June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 :00PM-6:00 AM.

**BUILDING REPORTS –**

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

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale**

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

Approval of Agenda item #14.B. – Cafeteria Fund: Cafeteria Accounts Payable for June 24, 2021.

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

1. PSBA - BoardDocs Yearly Renewal - Total Cost: \$9,000.00 Term: 07/01/21 – 06/30/22
2. PA Treatment and Healing Agreement for Services for 2021-2022 School Year. Cost: Not to exceed \$95/day
3. LV Center for Independent Living - ASL Interpreter not to exceed \$170.00 hourly rate plus travel. Term: 07/01/21 – 06/30/22
4. Family ID Subscription Agreement - Total Cost \$2,369.50 Term: 07/01/21 – 06/30/22
5. Education Plus, LLC - Emergency Connectivity Fund Consulting Cost: \$1,500.00
6. Trane - Pleasant Valley Elementary School Trane Chiller Service Agreement - Total Cost: \$10,256.85/prepay 3 years in advance to receive discount. Term: 07/01/21 – 06/30/24
7. Trane - Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Trane Chiller Service Agreement - Total Cost: \$13,411.25/prepay 3 years in advance to receive discount. Term: 07/01/21 – 06/30/24
8. Trane - Pleasant Valley High School Trane Chiller Service Agreement - Total Cost: \$12,321.36/prepay 3 years in advance to receive discount. Term: 07/01/21 – 06/30/24

Approval of Agenda item #14.D. – Hourly Charges 2021-2022: The following rates to be charged to groups requesting services for building/equipment use requests during the 2021-2022 year:

- School Police - \$43.00 per hour
- School Security - \$40.00 per hour
- Custodial Services - \$58.00 per hour
- Cafeteria Services - \$45.00 per hour
- Monitor - \$30.00 per hour

Hourly rates for 2021-2022:

- Stage Manager - \$30.00
- Event Manager - \$30.00
- Stadium Manager - \$30.00

Approval of Agenda item #14.E. – Student Placement for Student #060321JP – Abraxas Leadership Development Program, effective June 3, 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #14.F. – Settlement Agreement and Release APV060321.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #14.G. – Informational: District Investment Report – May 31, 2021

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

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Addendum item #15.A. - Business Management Addendum Items:

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

1. PVHS - Class of 2023 - Coin Drop at Shoprite on July 11, 2021

2. PVHS - Class of 2023 - Coin Drop at Shoprite on July 24, 2021
3. PVHS - FBLA - Coin Drop at Shoprite on July 10, July 24, August 7 and August 14, 2021

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Wunder questioned conversation about the budget being contingent in part on the number of students returning to PV and the need for us to be ready. He expressed concern about the technology department needing help and questioned the status of hiring and the timing of such hiring for that department. Dr. Howard will discuss with Dr. Brennan.

Mrs. Kresge commended Mr. Triolo and all involved for a great graduation.

Mrs. Jecker referred to the upcoming recommendations concerning mask wearing from the Governor's office and questioned if our Health and Safety Plan will reflect those changes.

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

Mr. John Hines, Polk Township, requested clarification on masks and social distancing.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that it is our expectation that the state, whether PDE and/or the Department of Health, will issue recommendations, not mandates. He said that the CDC has recommended 3 feet apart social distancing which would allow for full class sizes for next year. He said that we will conduct business as usual and only modify the Health and Safety Plan if mandates are put into place. Mrs. Jecker questioned if the mask recommendation is lifted would summer school students have the options as well.

Mrs. Yozwiak stated that a Special Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM via Zoom for the purpose of budget approval among other topics.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Assistant Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Special Meeting scheduled for June 29, 2021 Via Zoom at 7:00 PM  
Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
July 15, 2021 @ 7:00 PM