

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322  
Minutes of the October 24, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 11-7-19

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on October 24, 2019 and called to order by President Susan Kresge, at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent David Piperato, followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Administrative Offices, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

**Roll Call – School Board Recorder:** Ms. Debra Duff

**School Board members in attendance:** Susan Kresge, President, Donna Yozwiak, Vice President, Russell Gould, Len Peeters, Dan Wunder, Kenneth Cocuzzo, Laura Jecker, Treasurer, Delbert Zacharias, Bob Serfass.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** David Piperato, Superintendent, Joshua Ziatyk, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Marcia Taylor, Accountant, Lee Lesisko, Director of Technology, Alfred J. Kise, Director of Pupil Services, Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, William Gasper, Director of Operations, Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Matt Triolo, Bob Hines, Dave Sodl, Kelli George, Jason Van Voorhis, Todd Breiner, Kendall Askins, Roger Pomposello, Angela Borealo, Sabrina Albright.

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

**Senior Class Officer in attendance:** Ms. Rebecca Makrides

**Notification of Executive Session:** Ms. Kresge announced that an executive session was held on October 24, 2019 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.

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve the October 24, 2019 Board Meeting Agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**PRESENTATION – Pleasant Valley High School Band Director – Mr. Jim DeVivo**

Mr. DeVivo thanked the Board for all their support they have provided to the Marching Band. He introduced Drum Majors, Sarah Fulper and Kyli Ramsay who expressed their appreciation for the support given to the Marching Band and highlighted the awards received this year. Ms. Fulper and Ms. Ramsay demonstrated their drum major salute for those present. Ms. Yozwiak questioned the number of PV students were members of the Marching Band and Mr. DeVivo said this year they have 72.

President Kresge announced the meeting procedures which were attached to the agenda. She provided the opportunity for Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on agenda items reminding all of the three-minute time limit.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:** None.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT: Ms. Susan Famularo, Board Secretary**

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on October 10, 2019.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

The Buildings & Grounds Minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2019 were attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

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

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #3.  
#3.A – Accounts Payable – October 24, 2019, as attached.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.B. - The Accounts Payable approved at the October 10, 2019 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: Ms. Donna Yozwiak** – No report.

**Colonial IU #20: Mr. Daniel Wunder** – Mr. Wunder reported on the meeting held on October 23, 2019. In addition to routine business conducted, of note to Pleasant Valley, Mr. Wunder reported that the Board continued action in support of resolving IU20 transportation problems by further extending some lease agreements for more buses and vans as well as personnel issues. In addition, the Board authorized the application of a Safety and Security Grant through the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency. Mr. Wunder also reported that Dr. Wolfel, the Executive Director, Mr. James McDonald, and Dr. Ron Prator, joined the executive director of IU21 and members of their administration in presenting testimony before the Special Education Funding Formula Commission in Harrisburg. Mr. Wunder stated that if anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the testimony to let him know. A copy of *The Twenty* newsletter was provided.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Kresge** – Ms. Kresge stated that she received a Legislative Alert from PSBA to contact senators and urge them to vote no on Senate Bill 334 which greatly restricts school districts the ability to seek appeals of under-assessed properties only allowing appeals to be sought under very limited circumstances. She noted that she has not received any updates thus far.

**Curriculum Committee: Ms. Kresge** – No report.

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

**Athletic Committee: Mr. Gould** – No report.

**Property Committee: Mr. Kenneth Cocuzzo** – No report.  
Ms. Jecker raised questions on retention ponds which Mr. Gasper addressed.

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

**Senior Class Office President: Ms. Rebecca Makrides** – Ms. Makrides highlighted activities and events which took place in the month of October including the AP Literature, AP Government, and Journalism classes' trip to Washington DC; Mr. Haverstock's AP Statistics class invitation and admissions meeting at Kutztown University; FBLA participation in the Regional Leadership Workshop; the annual college fair hosted by the National Honor Society; announcement of the homecoming king and queen at the homecoming game and upcoming Fall Ball; attendance by Mr. Robbins' AP Government class at the Senator for a Day event at NCC-Monroe with Senator Mario Scavello; the "Zombie Run" held by the class of 2022 to raise money for their class; the Student Government second annual Halloween Community Night event. In addition, the orange dress down day event was held for bullying prevention month; information on improvement to the school climate; the creation of "Give and Take" by Ms. Phillips' gifted class; and a new procedure in the cafeteria.

Ms. Jecker thanked the District for allowing her to attend the 2019 PSBA Leadership Conference this year. She highlighted the sessions she attended including Yes, You Can Recapture Charter School Students: Strategies for Success; Better Budgeting through Community Engagement; Stem Fest! Build Culture and Capacity Through School-wide Events Program; Sexual Harassment in the School Setting; Getting Grant Ready with PSBA Grants Supports; Charting the Course: VIP Event for Community Engagement Before Renovations; and Elements of Effective School Board Policy. Ms. Jecker stated that she will request meetings with appropriate administrators to share information gathered. In addition, she stated that information will be provided to administrators for review and consideration from several vendors who may be able to help the District. Ms. Jecker was awarded the prize of an Echo Plus for which she will be putting together a contest for a department, team, or classroom to win.

## **SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS and ADDENDUM – SUPERINTENDENT REPORT/REQUESTS: Mr. David Piperato**

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Gould to approve Agenda item #6. and Addendum item #7.:

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Policies per attached:

- Policy #004 Membership
- Policy #204 Attendance

- Policy #808 Food Service

Approval of Addendum item #7.A. – Superintendent’s Goals for 2019-2020:  
2019-2020 Superintendent Goals

1. Academic growth and success/student achievement
  - a. Examine Science, Math, and ELA curriculum to determine alignment with Standards
  - b. Conduct a Gap Analysis to determine redundancies and areas of need
  - c. Organize and spiral curriculum to better provide students with relevant information as it related to state assessed content
2. Implement a comprehensive Positive Public Relations Communication System
  - a. Issue quarterly district-wide newsletter to highlight strengths, positive progress, new initiatives and to celebrate successes
  - b. Superintendent will host building level parent meetings for the purpose of public engagement
  - c. Building principals will distribute a quarterly newsletter and will utilize various social media platforms to improve communication and enhance the district’s brand
3. Continue to work of the Profile of a Graduate
  - a. Each building will communicate and emphasize the eight competencies of the Profile of a Graduate to all district stakeholders
  - b. Building and curriculum office administrators will work collaboratively with teachers to determine methods for including the eight competencies in every day instruction, to be implemented in the 2020-21 school year
  - c. Align POG with our current Chapter 339 and Pathways efforts across the district
4. Conduct a study of grade configurations and its impacts on achievement
  - a. Review current research regarding age-appropriate instruction and alignment from K-12
  - b. Determine if a need exists to realign grades in the Pleasant Valley School District
  - c. Identify challenges the district will face if realignment is recommended, including budget, facilities, staffing, and transportation

ROLL CALL: 9-0 (Agenda item #6.A.)  
 CARRIED; 5-4 (Addendum item #7.A.)  
 CARRIED  
 Voting No on Addendum item #7.A.: Ms. Jecker, Mr. Zacharias, Mr. Peeters, Ms. Yozwiak

Ms. Jecker stated that she voted no on Addendum item #7.A. due to her desire for more details.

Agenda item #6.B. – The following policy was provided for a second reading:

- Policy #241 Early Admission to College

Addendum item #7.B. – The following policies were provided for a first reading:

- Policy #201 Admission of Students
- Policy #209 Health Examinations/Screenings

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus**

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Hiring of College Students as Professional Staff Day-to-Day Substitutes (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Stephanie Amador
	College Attending:	East Stroudsburg University
	Salary:	\$110.00 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

	Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
1.	Lauralee Serfass	Food Service Employee Monitor Paraprofessional Associate Secretary	\$10.14 per hour \$9.15 per hour \$82.50 per diem \$11.47 per hour	TBD

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Colleen Dinan	Field Hockey Head Coach	N/A	October 9, 2019
2.	Tara Hyland	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	October 25, 2019

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – Addition to Educational Leave Without Pay:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1.	Angela Rivera	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	November 18, 2019	PVESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article IX, 4.C.

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.	Michelle Lamboy	Teacher	PVIS	Twenty-two (22)	October 7, 2019 – November 5, 2019
2.	Phyllis Weiss	Custodian	PVES	Sixty (60)	November 14, 2019 – February 16, 2019

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Leave Without Pay:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Peggyann Corriveau	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	Two (2)	October 22, 2019 - October 23, 2019
2.	Theresa DiNunzi	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	September 13, 2019
3.	Robert Ferguson	Security (PT)	District	One (1)	October 11, 2019
4.	Evelyn Garced	Monitor	PVMS	Four (4)	October 17, 2019 – October 22, 2019
5.	Nikki Haden-Coar	Monitor	PVES	One (1)	October 4, 2019
6.	Allison Hoak	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	One (1)	October 9, 2019
7.	Patricia Urban	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	Nineteen (19)	October 1, 2019 – October 25, 2019

Approval of Agenda item #8.H. – Child Rearing Leave Update: Andrea Moore: request to adjust child rearing leave by withdrawing the following dates: October 23, 2019 – November 20, 2019 (Board approved February 28, 2019).

Approval of Agenda item #8.I. – Intramural Advisors:

1.	Club/Activity:	Snowboard and Ski Club
	Advisor:	Mark Rehrig
	Dates:	September 18, 2019 – March 30, 2020
	Day(s):	Wednesday
	Times:	3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS

Approval of Agenda item #8.J. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Douglas Rappa	Boys Basketball	Junior High Assistant	L4	\$3,850.00
2.	Stephen Kalbach	Boys Basketball	Freshman Assistant	L2	\$4,900.00
3.	Mackenzie Caffrey	Softball	JV Assistant	L1	\$4,550.00
4.	Eric Batstone	Lacrosse	Varsity Assistant	L5	\$5,050.00
5.	Scott Castone	Baseball	JV Assistant	L4	\$4,950.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.K. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Alex Wunder	Scorebook / Score Keeper	JV: \$30.00 per event Jr. High: \$25.00 per event
2.	Nick Hutta	Scorebook / Score Keeper	Varsity: \$40.00 per event JV: \$30.00 per event
3.	Michelle Piontkowski	Track & Cross Country Judge and Timer	\$35.00 per event

Approval of Agenda item #8.L. – Supplemental Contracts: Non-Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Miranda Ford	World Language Department Chairperson (1 <sup>st</sup> semester)	7-12	\$1,137.50 (split stipend)

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #8.K.1.: Mr. Wunder 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

**ADDENDUM: HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus**

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

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Position Creation: Russell C. Hughes, Monroe County Spelling Championship Coordinator at a rate of \$600.00.

Approval of Addendum item #9.C. – Sabbatical Update: Amanda Menghini: request to adjust sabbatical leave by withdrawing the second semester, returning on or about January 16, 2020 (board approved June 13, 2019).

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching (pending receipt of required paperwork):

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Jamie Hyde	Event Manager	\$610.41(Split Stipend)

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Daniel Mulligan	Musical Director	PVHS	\$2,887.50
2.	Marcie Mulligan	Assistant Musical Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
3.	Liam Mulligan	Assistant Musical Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
4.	Brent Lewis	Guitar Club Advisor	PVHS	\$700.00

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Karen Deppen	Health Room Technician	PVES	Five (5)	October 7, 2019, October 8, 2019, October 15, 2019, October 16, 2019 and October 23, 2019
2.	Jane Foust	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	Twelve (12)	September 16, 2019 – September 25, 2019 and October 9, 2019 – October 14, 2019
3.	Shannon Mackes	Teacher	PVHS	Twenty-nine (29)	October 30, 2019 – December 11, 2019

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Nikki Haden-Coar	Monitor	PVES	Three (3)	October 2, 2019, October 3, 2019 and October 7, 2018

Approval of Addendum item #9.H. – Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Caitlin Simpson
	Position:	Math Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Education Level:	BS: Mathematics
	Undergraduate	East Stroudsburg University

School:	
Certificate:	Instructional I: Mathematics 7-12
Experience:	2019-present: Jim Thorpe Area School District, Math Teacher 2019-present: East Stroudsburg University, Upward Bound Instructor Tutor 2018-2019: Pleasant Valley School District, Substitute Teacher
Salary:	B, Step 1: \$44,063 (prorated)
Replace:	Lori Bettencourt
Effective Date:	TBD

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Joshua Ziatyk**

Agenda item #10.: Mr. Ziatyk thanked Ms. Aspen Smith of the Times News for her article regarding our Run, Hide, Fight protocol. Also, Mr. Ziatyk stated that in applying for a police officers' grant, Pleasant Valley was one out of 16 school districts who were awarded money for that grant. He thanked Chief Courtright and all others involved for helping to write the grant.

Mr. Ziatyk stated that we are applying for the Act 44 grant comprised of two pieces – meritorious and competitive. He requested that a formal letter of support by the Board be included.

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Gould to approve a letter of support for the Act 44 Competitive Grant.

President Kresge offered the Pleasant Valley citizens an opportunity to comment on this issue due to it being an added agenda item. There was no one wishing to comment.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Ms. Yozwiak questioned the maximum amount of grant money we can receive which Mr. Ziatyk addressed stating that he will keep the Board updated. Ms. Yozwiak also questioned the amount of the grant for school police which Mr. Ziatyk stated was approximately \$37,000.

**ADDENDUM – CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Joshua Ziatyk**

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Addendum item #11.A. – Curriculum/Staff Development items:

Approval of Addendum item #11.B. – Field Trip:

1.	Organization/Grade	PVIS 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	Teacher(s) Involved	Kendal Askins
	Destination	Franklin Institute
	Purpose	Expose students to STEM experiences that correlate with science curriculum
	Date(s)	11/05/2019
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes
	Cost per Student	\$0
	Cost for District	None

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

**PUPIL SERVICES: Mr. Alfred J. Kise**

Agenda item #12.A. – Mr. Kise stated that we received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the transition program to be used for secondary transition.

**OPERATION SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper**

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Operational Items:

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. – Long Term Substantial Volunteer:

	Volunteer Name	Building
1.	Lauralee Serfass	PVIS
2.	Stephanie Green	PVES

Approval of Agenda item #13.C. – Facility Use Requests:

1.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVE Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Games

	Dates/Times	January 4, 2020 – March 29, 2020 Saturdays and Sundays 12:15 pm - 9:15 pm 1/4/2020, 1/5/2020, 1/11/2020, 1/12/2020, 1/18/2020, 1/19/2020, 1/25/2020, 1/26/2020, 2/1/2020, 2/2/2020, 2/8/2020, 2/9/2020, 2/15/2020, 2/16/2020, 2/22/2020, 2/23/2020, 2/29/2020, 3/1/2020, 3/7/2020, 3/8/2020, 3/14/2020, 3/15/2020, 3/21/2020, 3/22/2020, 3/28/2020, 3/29/2020
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	50
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
2.	Organization	PV Cubs Cheerleading
	Facility Requested	PVI Auxiliary Gym
	Purpose	Youth Cheerleading Practice
	Dates/Times	October 24, 2019 – December 11, 2019 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 10/24/2019, 10/29/2019, 10/30/2019, 10/31/2019, 11/5/2019, 11/6/2019, 11/7/2019, 11/12/2019, 11/13/2019, 11/14/2019, 11/19/2019, 11/20/2019, 11/21/2019, 11/26/2019, 11/27/2019, 12/03/2019, 12/04/2019, 12/05/2019, 12/10/2019, 12/11/2019
	Requestor	Sophia Izzo
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
3.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVHS, PVMS, PVIS, PVES Gymnasiums
	Purpose	Practices and Games for Basketball, Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	November 4, 2019 - March 30, 2020 Monday - Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	20-100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
4.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVMS New and Old Gymnasiums
	Purpose	Practices and Games for Basketball, Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	November 9, 2019 – March 21, 2020 Saturday's 11:45 am – 8:15 pm 11/9/2019, 11/16/2019, 11/23/2019, 11/30/2019, 12/7/2019, 12/14/2019, 12/21/2019, 12/28/2019, 1/4/2020, 1/11/2020, 1/18/2020, 1/25/2020, 2/1/2020, 2/8/2020, 2/15/2020, 2/22/2020, 2/29/2020, 3/7/2020, 3/14/2020, 3/21/2020
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	20-100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
5.	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	PVMS New and Old Gymnasiums
	Purpose	Practices and Games for Basketball, Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	November 10, 2019 – March 22, 2020 Sunday's 11:45 am – 6:15 pm 11/10/2019, 11/17/2019, 11/24/2019, 12/1/2019, 12/8/2019, 12/15/2019, 12/22/2019, 12/29/2019, 1/5/2020, 1/12/2020, 1/19/2020, 1/26/2020, 2/2/2020, 2/9/2020, 2/16/2020, 2/23/2020, 3/1/2020, 3/8/2020, 3/15/2020, 3/22/2020
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	20-100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply

Agenda item #13.D. – Informational – Cafeteria Participation Report, per attached.

Agenda item #13.E. – Informational - District Events October 25, 2019 – November 7, 2019.

**ADDENDUM: OPERATION SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper**

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Addendum #14.A. – Operational Addendum items:

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – Student Participation: Pleasant Valley High School Student, Emma Burlew, to participate in individual events with the Stroudsburg High School swim team for the 2019-2020 swimming season, subject to any necessary approvals by the student subject to obtaining all the necessary clearances under School Board Policy.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Gasper provided information and discussed furniture bids for the Polk School. Discussion was held and the following action was taken:

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve the Polk School furniture bid to Dave’s Office Installations – Quote #3 in the amount of \$10,700.

President Kresge offered Pleasant Valley citizens the opportunity to comment on this item due to it being an added agenda item. There was no one wishing to comment.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Gasper provided information and discussed the potential purchase of a utility vehicle. Mr. Gasper recommended purchasing a gas vehicle as opposed to a diesel vehicle and discussion was held. Further discussion was held on the uses, need and pricing of this vehicle, among other things, and the following action was taken:

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve the gas unit - John Deere Gator XUV835M (Model Year 2019); John Deere Hydraulic Straight Blade for an equipment total of \$18,849.80.

President Kresge offered Pleasant Valley citizens the opportunity to comment on this item due to it being an added agenda item. There was no one wishing to comment.

ROLL CALL 4-5 NOT CARRIED  
Voting No: Mr. Wunder, Mr. Serfass, Mr. Gould, Mr. Cocuzzo, Ms. Kresge

Ms. Kresge stated that she voted no due to the fact that she prefers a diesel vehicle as opposed to a gas vehicle.

Mr. Gasper opened up discussion about the PennDOT round about. Lengthy discussion was held on this issue including, among other things, what our responsibilities would be relating to maintenance of the lighting. Mr. Gasper also requested that the Board think about making a decision regarding the high school renovation project and brief discussion was held.

**SOLICITOR – MR. MARK FITZGERALD:** Solicitor Mr. Mark Fitzgerald reviewed the requirements for the position of Acting Superintendent, which is by law called “acting,” not “interim.” Mr. Fitzgerald proposed the following motion for the Board’s consideration: To appoint Dr. Charlene Brennan as Acting Superintendent and Superintendent Search Consultant at a per diem rate of \$700.00 subject to and conditioned upon terms and conditions developed and agreed to by the parties in an employment contract, for a time period to begin on or after November 4, 2019 with a termination date to be addressed in the employment contract.

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Cocuzzo to approve Dr. Charlene Brennan as Acting Superintendent and Superintendent Search Consultant as proposed above by Mr. Fitzgerald.

Ms. Kresge offered the opportunity for Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on this item due to it being an added agenda item. There was no one wishing to comment.

Lengthy discussion took place with concerns expressed by Ms. Jecker, Mr. Peeters, and Ms. Yozwiak about this hiring including the per diem rate, not being given proper notice, and not having the opportunity to interview other candidates. Mr. Cocuzzo expressed his opinions in favor of hiring Dr. Brennan, with Mr. Wunder concurring, that it would provide an ethical playing field for outsiders and insiders who would want to apply for a superintendent’s

position. Further discussion was held about the procedures followed, as clarified by Ms. Kresge and Mr. Cocuzzo expressed his opinion about the fundamental differences between Board members. Mr. Peeters expressed his concern about spending and his role as a Board member. The following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 5-4 CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Zacharias, Mr. Peeters, Ms. Jecker, Ms. Yozwiak

**BUILDING REPORTS:**

**Pleasant Valley Elementary School:** Mr. Pomposello provided an informational report attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Pomposello highlighted the Lego Wall, Bully Prevention Month where positive messages were displayed throughout the building, the Bear Walk which raised over \$13,000, and the success of the Run, Hide, Fight assemblies.

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate School** – Mr. Breiner provided an informational report attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Breiner highlighted the Run, Hide, Fight event, Bully Prevention Month, and the Mix It Up At Lunch Day event. Also, Mr. Breiner stated that PVI was awarded the Champion Creatively Alive Children grant and he and Ms. Askins provided information on the creation and implementation of a CREATE Lab.

**Pleasant Valley Middle School** – Mr. Van Voorhis provided an informational report attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Van Voorhis highlighted the MCTI presentation to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, the Fall Festival, positive activities to promote school spirit, and the trip by the Diversity Club to Stroudsburg High School to discuss Aevium.

**Pleasant Valley High School** – Mr. Triolo provided an informational report attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Triolo provided information about the summer reading procedure. He thanked Mr. Piperato for his trust and leadership and wished him well.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo**

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #16.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #16.B. – Cafeteria Fund per attached.

Cafeteria Accounts Payable for October 24, 2019 – Total amount \$29,702.00.

Approval of Agenda item #16.C. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund as per attached - \$183.00.

Approval of Agenda item #16.D. – Payment from Capital Reserve as per attached - \$1,518.50:

Approval of Agenda item #16.E. – Contracts:

1. The Meadows Psychiatric Center - Educational services offered for students enrolled during the 2019-2020 school year - \$67.00 per day per student
2. CDW ADOBE SITE LICENSE EDU ENT K12 SHD 100+ L4 MOS-12 per COSTARS contract # 006-064 \$2,600.00
3. Dr. Mary Ellen DeFranco Cost: \$225/per hour to provide required medical review of Individualized Education Programs (IEP) for students who are eligible for the School-Based ACCESS Program.
4. Bethany M. Lengel, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner. Cost: Ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) for each ACCESS Service Description slip. This is required for Medical ACCESS Reimbursement.

Approval of Agenda item #16.F. – Fundraisers:

1. PVHS - Improv Club/Shakey Player's - Night of Improv on 11/7/2019 from the PVHS Old Auditorium - Donations to be collected at the door.
2. PVHS - Class of 2022 – December Craft Night - A painting/vinyl class to paint mason jar tissue holders and dispensers on 12/3/2019.

Approval of Agenda item #16.G. – Student Placements:

1. Student #100819NB - George Junior Republic/Grove City Area School District - Effective 10/08/19.
2. Student #082919RDM - KidsPeace Educational Services - Effective 08/29/19.

Approval of Agenda item #16.H. – Equipment Purchase for PVE Cafeteria:

Purchase two reach in refrigerators at a total cost not to exceed \$8,000 which includes shipping, unloading and set up to replace reach in refrigerators at Pleasant Valley Elementary. Price includes delivery, unloading and set up, as well as providing equipment under State contract # 440011918.

Approval of Agenda item #16.I. – Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Grant - \$30,000.00 for service agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.

Approval of Agenda item #16.J. – Rescind the approval of agenda item #14.D.4. dated August 22, 2019 – Koch 33 Ford, not to exceed \$36,500 – New Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD Security Vehicle.

Approval of Agenda item #16.K. – Purchase of New Security Vehicle:  
Koch 33 Ford Co-Stars Contract # 13-084, not to exceed \$33,000.00 - New 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD Gas Security Vehicle, price includes 2014 Police Interceptor trade-in from rescinded vehicle purchase request on August 22, 2019.

Approval of Agenda item #16.L. – Purchase of New Security Vehicle:  
Koch 33 Ford Co-Stars Contract # 13-084, not to exceed \$35,000.00 - New 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD Hybrid Security Vehicle, price includes the trade-in of 2015 Ford Interceptor.

Approval of Agenda item #16.M. – Award Spring Athletic Supplies & Equipment Bid:  
Spring Athletic Supplies & Equipment Bid 2019 - 2020 School Year:

AAE - \$285.00  
BSN Sports - \$16,423.05  
Kollegstown Sports - \$1,062.00  
Longstreth Sporting Goods - \$458.80  
MFAC, LLC - \$512.90  
Pyramid School Products - \$3,530.24  
Riddell - \$1,335.26  
Scholastic Sports Sales, Ltd. - \$1,973.40  
Triple Crown Sports - \$2,441.40  
Total 2019-2020 Spring Athletic Supplies & Equipment Bid- \$28,022.05  
A copy of the bid tabulation by sport by company was attached.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #16.N. – Informational: District Investment Report, per attached.

**ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo**

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to approve Addendum item #17.A. – Addendum – Business Management items:  
Approval of Addendum item #17.B. – Acceptance of the vendor(s) for fuel oil for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by NMPCJPB.

Approval of Addendum item #17.C. – Fundraisers:

1. PVHS – Scrivener Mini-Thon 11/27/2019 School Wide Dress down Day (Gold/Yellow/Orange).
2. PVHS - Scrivener Mini-Thon 10/25/2019 – Bail Mr. Triolo out of “Jail” at High School Football Game.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Gould thanked Superintendent Piperato expressing his appreciation for all that he has accomplished for the District.

Mr. Wunder thanked Superintendent Piperato for his integrity and leadership and for building a foundation for the future of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Serfass thanked Superintendent Piperato for everything he has accomplished and is proud to have worked with him. He wished him all the best.

Ms. Kresge, on behalf of Pleasant Valley, thanked Superintendent Piperato for everything he has accomplished and presented him with a gift in appreciation of all he has done for the District.

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

Ms. Alice Ginder, Polk Township, thanked Superintendent Piperato and expressed her appreciation for everything that he has done for the District.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: November 7, 2019 @ 7:00 PM