

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 3-28-19

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on March 14, 2019 and called to order by President Susan Kresge, at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Joshua Ziatyk, 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, Bob Serfass, Russell Gould, Len Peeters, Dan Wunder, Kenneth Cocuzzo, Treasurer, Laura Jecker. Absent: Delbert Zacharias.

Administrative staff in attendance: David Piperato, Superintendent, Joshua Ziatyk, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Stacy Stair, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, Marcia Taylor, Accountant, Lee Lesisko, Director of Technology, Alfred J. Kise, Director of Pupil Services, William Gasper, Director of Operations, Travis Serfass, Director of Buildings & Grounds.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Matt Triolo, High School Principal.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Ms. Kresge announced that an executive session was held on March 14, 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.

Pleasant Valley School District Police Program Presentation: Chief Scott Campbell and Assistant Chief Lynn Courtright provided a PowerPoint presentation on the PVSD Police Department which was formed in 2007 and recognized by the Pennsylvania State Police as a fully functioning police department in 2013. The Department has five full-time and one part-time police officer. The Department's mission statement is "...to provide a safe and secure environment for the students and staff of the Pleasant Valley School District to nurture and facilitate learning and achievement free from the threat of violence or safety concerns." Areas highlighted in the presentation included community policing concept in schools; training requirements; types of events that disrupt the educational day for all students; statistics on school shooting incidents since 1970-present which shows that students are safer in school than anywhere else; and plans that are in place for the Department's response in dealing with disruptive issues. Other areas highlighted were charts outlining criminal and traffic incidents and service related responses from August 2018 to February 2019. All safety measures were outlined including multi-agency planning and drills, crisis response teams comprised of faculty, staff, and administrators, communication practices, and safety initiatives. Ms. Courtright stated that the Department's commitment is real and everyone works as a team for the betterment and health and welfare of the students. An opportunity for questions by the Board was given. Ms. Jecker thanked Mr. Campbell and Ms. Courtright for all they do to keep our schools safe. Ms. Kresge asked for any specific needs of the Department and Mr. Campbell and Ms. Courtright expressed the need for more coverage and cameras as well as the necessity for an updated radio system which could possibly be applied for through a grant. Ms. Yozwiak stated that she is impressed with the number of hours of training and education that the police officers have. Mr. Piperato thanked Mr. Campbell and Ms. Courtright and expressed the value placed upon them for all they do to keep us safe every day.

President Kresge announced the meeting procedures which were attached to the agenda. She welcomed those present and provided the opportunity for Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on agenda items and asked that comments be kept to a 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 February 28, 2019.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Cocuzzo

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

Approval of #3.B. Accounts Payable – Manual checks February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019

Approval of #3.C. Accounts Payable – Manual checks PSDLAF February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019

Approval of #3.D. Accounts Payable – March 14, 2019

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #3.E. Financial Statements, as attached:

Approval of #3.F. Trial Balance/Financial Statement February 2019

Approval of #3.G. Asset Cost Summary February 2019

Approval of #3.H. Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures and Revenues February 2019.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.I. - The Accounts Payable approved at the February 28, 2019 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

Other: Mr. Peeters recommended that a recorder for the Buildings & Grounds meetings be hired as previously discussed. Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald offered clarification of this position stating that this person will fill the requirements of the Sunshine Act. The minutes so recorded shall be attached to the agenda of the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting as a committee meeting report.

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to hire a recording secretary to attend the Buildings & Grounds meetings and provide minutes which will be attached to the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting agenda.

President Kresge offered the opportunity to Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on this added agenda item. There being none, the following action was taken:

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Mr. Gould raised the issue of graduates who are now non-residents being allowed to speak at Board meetings. He referred to a prior meeting where a graduate of Pleasant Valley who is now not a resident in the Pleasant Valley School District, was not allowed to express his opinions on a certain topic. Discussion was held and Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald stated that this issue should be sent back to the Policy Committee for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Donna Yozwiak – Ms. Yozwiak reported on the meeting held on March 4, 2019:

1. The Generator Project was approved with a contract awarded to Wind Gap Electrical for \$172,000.
2. The bid was approved from Myco Mechanical for the HVAC Controls and Equipment Replacement Project for \$1,967,000.
3. In DECA Competition in Hershey Alexander Hahn received a First Place medal for Entrepreneurship.
4. Ten PV students took medals in the SkillsUSA competition. They include, Amanda Szelgia, 3rd place, Basic Health Care Skills; Dan Murray, 3rd place Extemporaneous Speaking; Alissa Feliciano, 3rd place, Job Interview; Marc Tacoronte, 3rd place, TeamWorks; Ademarie Carlo, 2nd place, Esthetics Model; Nicole Kuehner, 2nd place, Job Interview; Sam Rudolf, 1st place, Crime Scene Investigation; Noah McCloughan, 1st place, Industrial Motor Control; Justine Johnson, 1st place, Medical

- Terminology and Faith Worden, 1st place Restaurant Service. All First place winners will continue on to State Competition.
5. MCTI has been invited to participate in the Perkins State Planning Committee. With new Perkins regulations, MCTI will have a voice in how Perkins is designed and executed in PA. I will be serving on that committee and will travel to State College next week to begin work with the MCTI team.
 6. In an update on the Comprehensive Career and Technical School model, Senator Mario Scavello is working to include \$4 million in the state budget to assist districts in paying for the comprehensive school. As of now money is not in the budget.
 7. All MCTI 9th graders completed the Safe2Say Something training.
 8. Outstanding Students for the Second Marking Period include, Brian Rogers, 9th grade English; William Chechel, Carpentry; Samara Pruden, Cosmetology; Nathan Bozeman-Johnson, Criminal Justice; Jacob Carroll, Culinary Arts I; Brendan Yip, Culinary Arts II; Dominick Meli, Diesel Technology; Isiah Accilien, Electronics; Christal Awe, Health Professions I; Nicholas Bobynskyj, Outdoor Power Equipment; and John Bongiovanni, Precision Machining.
 9. MCTI changed its calendar to reflect a snow makeup day on the Thursday before Easter. School now will be in session on Thursday, April 18th.
 10. PV has 207 students enrolled at MCTI. This is 95% of our quota.

Colonial IU #20: Mr. Daniel Wunder – No report.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge – No report.

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Susan Kresge – No report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Peeters – No report.

Athletic Committee: Mr. Gould – No report.

Property Committee: Mr. Kenneth Cocuzzo – Mr. Cocuzzo made a statement regarding the Committee's endorsement of the bid award to replace the stadium turf field at \$860,551.00 and an alternate to resurface at a cost of \$78,593.00 for a total cost of \$939,144.00. Mr. Cocuzzo stated that the Committee reviewed tentative plans for either a new high school or a renovation of the existing high school and he reviewed the estimated costs for both plans. He also stated that no decision between the alternatives was made and is expecting the completed feasibility study from KCB in May. Mr. Cocuzzo expressed his personal opinion not that of the Committee, supporting the renovation concept which would allow the inclusion of the high school's new secured front entrance slated to start in mid-June and would allow us to repurpose space for better instruction and maintenance.

Policy Committee: Ms. Donna Yozwiak – Ms. Yozwiak reported on the meeting held on March 14, 2019:

1. Dr. John Burrus presented an updated tracking sheet that he created for policy revision.
2. The Committee discussed how our work adds direction to the school district's Five-Year Plan.
3. The committee finalized the new Policy 719 Unmanned Aircraft. This will be presented to the board for the first reading on March 28.
4. A lengthy discussion was held on Policy 229 Fund Raising in an attempt to become more aware as a board about the goals of more than 200 fundraisers in the district. The committee will complete more research before revising this policy.
5. At this evening's meeting seven policies are provided to the board for a second reading: Policy 237 Electronic Devices, Policy 247 Hazing, Policy 808 Food Services, Policy 810 Transportation, Policy 810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers, Policy 810.3 School Vehicle Drivers and Policy 818 Contracted Services Personnel.

Ms. Yozwiak stated that the next Policy Committee Meeting is set for Monday, March 25, 2019.

President Kresge questioned Policy 237 as to further review of the policy. Ms. Yozwiak stated that it is sufficient to meet our needs at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Mr. David Piperato

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #6.:

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Homebound Instruction:

Pleasant Valley High School

Student No.	Reason
HB021419JA-H	Medical, retroactive to 2/14/19

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.B. – The following policies were attached to the agenda and provided for a second reading:

- Policy #237 Electronic Devices
- Policy #247 Hazing
- Policy #808 Food Services
- Policy #810 Transportation
- Policy #810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers
- Policy #810.3 School Vehicle Drivers
- Policy #818 Contracted Services Personnel

Agenda item #6.C. – The enrollment report for March 2019 was attached to agenda for informational purposes.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve agenda item #7.A. (#7.B. through #7.L.) – Personnel Items as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Addition to Current Assignment:

	Name	Position	Salary	Start Date
1.	Miranda Marot to	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 Per Hour	March 18, 2019

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

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Deborah Anderson	Paraprofessional Associate	PVIS	Eighteen and One-half (½)	Full Days: November 13-15 & 19-21, 2018; January 9, 23 & 29, 2019; February 4-8 & 25, 2019 Half Days: November 27, 2018; December 7, 12, 14 & 19, 2018; January 2 & 16, 2019
2.	Karen Deppen	Health Room Technician	PVES	One (1)	February 19, 2019
3.	Gregory Duff	Paraprofessional Associate	PVHS	Twelve (12)	February 11, 2019, February 13, 2019 – March 1, 2019
4.	Denise Linkhorst	Teacher	PVES	One (1)	March 12, 2019
5.	Troy Margeson	Teacher	PVIS	Four (4)	February 26, 2019 – March 1, 2019
6.	Renee Tough	Teacher	PVES	One (1)	February 19, 2019
7.	Diane Charles	Teacher	PVES	Five (5)	March 4, 2019 – March 11, 2019
8.	Theresa Meckes	Food Service Employee	PVMS	Twenty-nine (29)	February 21, 2019 – April 1, 2019
9.	Gary Snyder	Security Officer	District	Sixty (60)	February 15, 2019 – May 9, 2019

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Leaves Without Pay:

	Name	Position	Building	Number of Days	Dates
1.	Carol Bastos	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVIS	One (1)	February 22, 2019
2.	Christina Fiorito-McGowan	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	Two (2)	February 11, 2019 and February 22, 2019
3.	Joann Gantt	Monitor	PVIS	One (1)	February 21, 2019
4.	Shantel Gatton	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	Four (4)	April 12, 2019 – April 17, 2019
5.	Samantha Hardy	Monitor	PVES	One (1)	February 1, 2019
6.	Jillian Janotti	Secretary	PVMS	One-half (½)	February 26, 2019

7.	Aileen Lorah	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	Three (3)	February 7, 2019. February 25, 2019 and February 28, 2019
8.	Susan Marcin	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	Four (4)	March 5, 2019 – March 8, 2019
9.	Lyn Ower mohle	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVMS	Six (6)	April 8, 2019 – April 15, 2019
10.	Angela Rivera	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	One (1)	February 14, 2019
11.	Joan Toolan	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVMS	One (1)	February 25, 2019
12.	Heather Zingales	Secretary	PVMS	One-half (½)	March 6, 2019
13.	Amy Eckert	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	March 5, 2019
14.	Robert Madsen	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVHS	Thirteen (13)	February 11, 2019 – February 28, 2019
15.	Miranda Marotto	Food Service Employee (PT)	PVES	One (1)	March 1, 2019
16.	Jodi Swanson	Monitor	PVIS	Seven (7)	January 25, 2019, February 14, 2019, February 25, 2019 – March 1, 2019
17.	Dolores Walsh	Monitor	PVHS	One (1)	February 28, 2019

Approval of Agenda item #7.E. – Resignation:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Camden Klein	Assistant Stage Manager	N/A	February 28, 2019

Approval of Agenda item #7.F. – Supplemental Contracts:

	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Hope Smith	Track & Field	Varsity Assistant	L5	\$5,025.00
2.	Kaitlin Freeman	Track & Field	Jr. High Assistant	L2	\$3,475.00
3.	Kyle Bonser	Track & Field	Jr. High Assistant	L1	\$3,375.00
4.	Rick Rimple	Track & Field	Jr. High Assistant	L6	\$3,825.00
5.	Tierney Myers	Softball	Jr. High Assistant	L6	\$3,825.00
6.	Andrew Krock	Softball	Jr. High Assistant	L1	\$3,375.00
7.	Justin Micklos	Baseball	Jr. High Assistant	L2	\$3,475.00
8.	Chris Enderes	Baseball	Jr. High Assistant	L2	\$3,475.00
9.	Jordan Caffrey	Softball	JV Assistant	L1	\$4,525.00

Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Athletic Volunteers:

	Name	Sport
1.	Laura Ammermann	Boys Tennis
2.	Matt Pierce	Baseball
3.	Dan Beck	Baseball

Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – Hiring of Professional Staff Substitutes:

1.	Name:	Janine Brown
	Education Level:	BS: Social Service BS: Nursing
	Undergraduate School:	Juniata College Cedar Crest College
	Certificate:	School Nurse
	Experience:	2017-present: Northampton School District, Substitute School Nurse
	Salary:	\$110 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
2.	Name:	Amanda DeFelice
	Education Level:	BS: Early Childhood Education
	Undergraduate School:	Bloomsburg University
	Certificate:	Grades PK-4
	Experience:	2018-2019: Easton Area School District, Long-Term Substitute 2018: Whitehall-Coplay School District, Paraprofessional Associate
	Salary:	\$110 per diem

	Effective Date:	TBD
3.	Name:	Judith Parada
	Education Level:	AS: Nursing
	Undergraduate School:	County College of Morris
	Certificate:	Registered Nurse
	Experience:	2007-present: St. Lukes, Warren Campus, Emergency Room Staff Nurse
	Salary:	\$110 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD
4.	Name:	Samantha Mathews
	Education Level:	BS: Early Childhood Education
	Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Certificate:	Grades PK-4
	Experience:	2016-present: Community Services for Children, Lead Teacher 2013-2016: Pleasant Valley School District, Paraprofessional Associate
	Salary:	\$110 per diem
	Effective Date:	TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.I. – Hiring of Support Staff:

	Name	Position	Building	Salary	Effective Date	Replace
1.	Maryanne Bridy	Monitor	PVMS	\$10.24 per hour	TBD	Leanne Menear
2.	Holly Van Patten	Administrative Secretary	District	\$30,638 (prorated)	TBD	Deena Boyne (transferred)

Approval of Agenda item #7.J. – Hiring of Support Staff Substitutes:

	Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
1.	Maryanne Bridy	Monitor	\$10.24 per hour (current employee)	TBD
2.	Gladys Odrtiz	Paraprofessional Associate	\$82.50 per diem	TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.K. – Leaves of Absence

	Name	Position	Building	Dates
1.	Angela Pachuta	Teacher	PVIS	March 11, 2019 – the end of 2018-2019 school year

Approval of Agenda item #7.L. – Long Term Substitute:

1.	Name:	Shannon Steckel
	Position:	4 th Grade Teacher
	Education Level:	BS: Elementary Education
	Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University
	Certificate:	Elementary K-6
	Experience:	2014-present: Pleasant Valley School District, Substitute
	Salary:	Step 1, BS: \$43,054 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	March 15, 2019
	In for:	Angela Pachuta

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Joshua Ziatyk

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #8:
Approval of Agenda item #8.A. – PVHS Universal summer reading text for all students – “One Read” – I Will Always Write Back Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #8.B. – The February Curriculum Update – The Activities Report for the weeks February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

PUPIL SERVICES: Mr. Alfred J. Kise – No report.

OPERATION SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Gould to approve Agenda Item #10.A. – Operation Services Items, as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #10.B. – Facility Use Requests:

1.	Organization	PVYA Lacrosse Family Fun Day
	Facility Requested	Stadium, Stadium Field, Concession Stand, Restrooms
	Purpose	Family Fun Day Activities and Lacrosse Games
	Dates/Times	Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:00am-6:00pm
	Requestor	Kristen Pierri
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
2.	Organization	Levels Dance Studio Recital
	Facility Requested	PVHS New Auditorium, lobby, concession stand, ticket booth
	Purpose	Dance Recital
	Dates/Times	Rehearsal - Thursday, May 16, 2019 – (4:00pm - 8:00pm) Recital - Saturday, May 18, 2019 – (1:00pm-4:00pm)
	Requestor	Alyssa Noll
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 4- All Appropriate Fees Apply

Approval of Agenda item #10.C. – 2018-2019 Field Trip Requests:

1.	Organization/Grade	Science Club / 12
	Teacher(s) Involved	Witinski/Mackes
	Destination	Cedar Crest College
	Purpose	Compete in Biology Olympics
	Date(s)	4/12/19
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes (1)
	Cost per Student	N/A
	Cost for District	N/A

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #10.D. – District Events March 15, 2019 through March 28, 2019 were provided for informational purposes.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #11.A. Business Management Items (#11.B. through #11.H.):

Approval of Agenda item #11.B. – Cafeteria Fund as was attached:

- Cafeteria Accounts Payable for March 14, 2019 – Total amount \$7,204.80
- Cafeteria Fund Asset Cost Summary – February 2019

Approval of Agenda item #11.C. – The following contracts:

1. CSI. Cost: \$1,380.00. Fire Alarm Service Support Agreement for Polk Elementary.
2. Benmore Enterprises, Michael & Roberta Straka. Cost \$450.00. Two (2) assemblies for 3rd grade, Rocks and Minerals. Programs to be held at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.
3. John's Crazy Socks. Cost: \$10.00/per pair. This will benefit Special Olympics.

Approval of Agenda item #11.D. – Independent Contractor, Marie Gurgick, to provide services for Direct/Speech/Language Therapy and data collection with students at Pleasant Valley Elementary School at a cost of Sixty (60) Dollars per hour.

Approval of Agenda item #11.E. – Monroe Career and Technical Institute 2019-2020 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$9,673,773 with Pleasant Valley’s share of the budget to be \$2,342,767.

Approval of Agenda item #11.F. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund in the amount of \$450.00 as was attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.G. – Payment from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$4,668.22 as was attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.H. – Fall Athletic Supplies and Equipment Bid Awards per bid tabulation as was attached:

- BSN Sports - \$2,623.60
- Henry Schein - \$168.16
- Longstreth Sporting Goods - \$791.98
- Pyramid School Products - \$436.27
- Sportsman's - \$4,834.00
- Triple Crown Sports - \$1,080.50
- Total 2019-2020 Fall Athletic Supplies & Equipment Bid \$9,934.51

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Approval of Agenda item #11.I. – Awarding of bid to replace the stadium turf field and associated drainage improvements. President Kresge asked Mr. Gasper, Director of Operations, to explain this item. Mr. Gasper reviewed the bids received and stated that the bid from FieldTurf USA, Inc. was the lowest bid received. He explained the process with the addition of the alternate for D-Zone resurfacing. Lengthy discussion was held.

Ms. Famularo amended Agenda item #11.I as follows: Award bid to FieldTurf USA, Inc. to replace the stadium turf field and associated drainage improvements – Base Bid only in the amount of \$860,551.00 and to remove the alternate to resurface D-Zone.

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cocuzzo to approve the bid award to replace the stadium turf field and associated drainage improvements to FieldTurf USA, Inc., base bid only in the amount of \$860,551.00.

President Kresge offered Pleasant Valley citizens to comment on this item only due to its modification. No Pleasant Valley citizens wished to comment. An opportunity was then given to the Board members to comment.

Mr. Gould provided a timeline concerning the turf field replacement which began in November of 2017 and he outlined all discussion and procedures that have taken place to date at Athletic, Property and B&G meetings. He expressed his frustration as to why concerns were not brought before the Board in a timely manner and suggests that we listen to the experts.

Mr. Serfass stated that his position has not changed that the replacement of the turf field needs to be done.

Ms. Jecker, Mr. Peeters, and Ms. Yozwiak provided a presentation with regard to the turf field. After much research, data regarding dangers of crumb rubber and the possible health risks involved were outlined. Ms. Yozwiak stated that she is not against replacing the turf, but suggested the possible use of organic compounds rather than one that contains crumb rubber. Ms. Jecker, Mr. Peeters and Ms. Yozwiak provided names of individuals and agencies that they were in contact with regarding the possible risks of using crumb rubber relating to its link to cancer. Lengthy discussion followed including but not limited to, costs of using alternative materials, and maintenance of the field.

Mr. Piperato read a letter received from FieldTurf USA, Inc. wherein standards for different products were noted. In addition, it was stated that FieldTurf USA, Inc. certifies that the materials to be used have passed all governmental agencies standards and that if in the future, it is determined differently, FieldTurf USA, Inc. will replace the turf at no cost to the District. Mr. Gasper shared that the research through the Consumer Product and Safety Commission and the EPA showed that there is no direct link to cancer and the use of crumb rubber.

Mr. Wunder stated that he would never put any student in danger and reviewed his research which showed different views on crumb rubber and its possible link to cancer.

Mr. Serfass shared his views and who he spoke to about concerns of the use of grass as opposed to turf.

Mr. Peeters stated that he is not against replacing the turf field but is concerned about the use of crumb rubber.

Mr. Cocuzzo cautioned all about sources providing information and stated that there is no concrete evidence linking the use of crumb rubber and cancer. He expressed that the turf field definitely needs to be replaced and that he would not put any student in danger.

ROLL CALL: 5-3 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #11.J. – Informational:

- Student Activity Accounts as per attachment:
Beginning Balance February 1, 2019: \$322,006.07
Receipts: \$30,661.44
Expenditures: \$32,101.03
Ending Balance February 28, 2019: \$320,566.48

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS: None.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS (non-agenda items): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: March 28, 2019 @ 7:00 PM