

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the March 28, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

**Board Approved 4-11-2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on March 28, 2019 and called to order by President Susan Kresge, at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Travis Serfass, 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, 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, Susan Mowrer Benda, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, 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, Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor, Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Matt Triolo, David Sodl, Sabrina Albright, Roger Pomposello, Bob Hines, Josephine Fields, Todd Breiner.

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

**Student Government Representative:** Mr. Aaron Hammond

**Notification of Executive Session:** Ms. Kresge announced that an executive session was held on March 28, 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 Elementary School Presentation:** Mr. Pomposello and Ms. Albright provided a PowerPoint presentation showing all the wonderful things that the diversity members have been working on. The video also included the parents who are involved in the ESOL program thanking the administration and Board for the opportunity. Also provided was a pamphlet outlining the Pleasant Valley K-12 ELD Program.

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:**

Ms. Teresa Greggo, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns regarding the creation of an Act 93 position for Director of Athletics and Activities included on this evening's agenda. She stated that the current athletic director position is a bargaining unit position and the creation of an Act 93 position needs to go through the correct process. Ms. Greggo questioned the need for such a position, in particular during the summer months, how this position will benefit the students, as well as the financial burden on taxpayers. She urged the Board to carefully think about their vote in adding this position knowing all the possible ramifications.

Ms. Sandy Bartashunas, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns regarding the current position of Athletic Director being held by PVEA and the correct process to be followed in creating an Act 93 position. She expressed concern about the possible legal ramifications of this action and the financial burden on taxpayers.

Ms. Storm Fernandez, Polk Township, expressed her concerns about the cheerleading program and coaches for the program. She shared how bullying and exclusion has impacted the team including one male team member and family members due to actions of the coach and asked the Board to consider these issues when voting for a coach.

Ms. Liz Fernandez, Polk Township, spoke about an issue concerning sexual discrimination against her son. She expressed her disappointment that no action has been taken thus far. Ms. Jecker stated that she received her packet and followed the chain of command.

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

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on March 14, 2019.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Cocuzzo**

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

Approval of #3.A. Accounts Payable March 28, 2019.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Check No. 00223889: Mr. Serfass; Abstained on Check No. 00223928: Mr. Wunder 7-0-2 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.B. - The Accounts Payable approved at the March 14, 2019 Board of Education meeting was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Board for attending the Governance Workshop last Saturday where a number of topics were covered including good governance and law. He stated that he would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

**Other:** Mr. Piperato took this opportunity to address some issues concerning the turf field replacement approval that took place at the last Board meeting. He referred to the presentation given by Mr. Peeters, Ms. Jecker, and Ms. Yozwiak regarding the potential dangers of crumb rubber infill on turf fields. He expressed concern that the interpretation by some would indicate that we are recommending something harmful to our students. Mr. Piperato expressed concern about not receiving advance notice of the presentation and not receiving a copy when requested. In addition, he expressed concern about being prevented from seeing the research conducted and concluded that the community was intentionally misled about the dangers of crumb rubber. Mr. Piperato said that there are studies done that have debunked the theory that crumb rubber causes cancer and expanded on that research. He expressed that it is incumbent upon him as Superintendent and advisor to the Board, to provide honest, transparent, and reliable information to all of our stakeholders and hopes we can focus on the positive developments in our District.

Lengthy discussion followed by Mr. Peeters defending lack of transparency and his claims that after the vote approving this item, his copy of the presentation was destroyed. He expressed that based on his research, he is not willing to risk putting students in danger. Mr. Gould addressed the timetable for which this issue has been brought before the Board and was discussed at length before the vote. He expressed his concern about lack of transparency by not providing the presentation before or after the vote although it was given to the press. Mr. Wunder expressed concern about comments on social media criticizing the Board's decision on the turf field and requested a copy of the presentation and research done by Mr. Peeters, Ms. Yozwiak, and Ms. Jecker. Ms. Jecker commented about the process she followed with regard to the presentation. Mr. Cocuzzo spoke about the need for transparency and the need to follow protocol and feels it was disingenuous that the presentation was not given in advance to the administration and/or full Board as well as the community. Mr. Serfass also commented about the need for transparency.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Kresge provided a statement concerning the feasibility study on the high school currently being conducted by KCBA, an architectural firm. She stated that the study is a work in progress and the Board awaits its completion. Ms. Kresge further stated that no decisions have been made regarding the future of the high school and that the feasibility study is designed to present all options to the Board regardless of cost or likelihood. In addition, Ms. Kresge stated that no Board member has expressed interest in building a new high school and although that option may be included in the feasibility study, it is not

being seriously considered by the Board or administration. She stated that decisions will be made to best serve our students while being fiscally responsible. Ms. Kresge also outlined topics that were covered at the Governance Workshop held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, Ms. Kresge posed a question to Solicitor Fitzgerald with regard to Board members requesting information from the administration which would include the reason for the inquiry. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that it would not be unfair and would help to know the context of the request. He also stated that under the Right-to-Know law, one does not need to give a reason for such request. However, although not a legal requirement, it would be helpful as best practices of the District to provide the reason for the request. Brief discussion was held.

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

**Colonial IU #20: Mr. Daniel Wunder** – Mr. Wunder provided a report of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors which was held on March 27, 2019. In addition to routine business, Mr. Wunder highlighted two positive presentations – one showcasing faculty, staff, and students in the Wilson High School that promoted inclusion and ability awareness; and the second one was a student being identified as a Student of the Month for growth in the Robotics class he attends highlighting his emotional growth in the program and the school. In addition, Mr. Wunder stated that of note to Pleasant Valley, the IU Board received audit findings of Palmer and Company that the financial and accounting practices were found in order and subject to praise. Also, the IU is working with Dr. Burrus on providing Title IX training for administration and staff. Mr. Wunder stated that he expects to attend the 2019 Excellence in Education Awards and Merit Scholar Recognition Ceremony to be held on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Event Center at Blue in Bethlehem.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge** – Ms. Kresge reported from the PSBA Legislative Report and stated that April 29<sup>th</sup> is Advocacy Day at the Capitol in support of public education. Topics covered will be state budget increases for education, reform for cyber charter tuition payments and needed funding as well as updates to the PlanCon Program for school construction reimbursement. Board members can register on the PSBA website and there is no cost to attend. Ms. Kresge also referred to the Public Education Excellence Fair and Student Showcases which was started a number of years ago. She encouraged administrators to present an opportunity to students to bring items highlighting Pleasant Valley.

**Curriculum Committee: Ms. Susan Kresge** – Ms. Kresge reported on the meeting held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- Updates were provided on Full-day kindergarten, PLTW, Career & Tech Ed. and STREAM at PVE, PVI, and PVMS.
- Department Chair position descriptions were discussed and are on the agenda this evening for approval.
- The Curriculum Department has been working with KCBA Architectural Firm with regard to the high school feasibility study.
- Social Studies update on Act 35, the Civics requirements to become effective in 2021 which our curriculum already meets the standards. The administration will be meeting in the future with Sally Flaherty, a PDE Liaison.
- Dr. Mowrer Benda shared the John's Crazy Sock design for our special Olympians and their buddies.
- The Monroe Career Pathways Coalition will be having a workshop/discussion on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Northampton Community College-Monroe Campus for the purpose of acquainting participants with the Coalition's vision, mission, and work to date. RSVP to [dstraub@sburg.org](mailto:dstraub@sburg.org) by 4:00 PM on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Kresge informed all that the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Property Committee: Mr. Kenneth Cocuzzo** – No report.

**Policy Committee: Ms. Donna Yozwiak** – Ms. Yozwiak reported on the meeting held on March 25, 2019:

1. The Policy Committee currently has three new policies under review: Policy 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices; Policy 103.1 Chapter 15/Section 504; and Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices.
2. Policies currently under discussion for future review include, Policies 222 and 323 Tobacco; Policy 229 Student Fundraising; Policy 707 Use of School Facilities; Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events and a new policy on Naloxone.
3. Upcoming policies for discussion include Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings and a policy for Transgender bathroom use.
4. Seven policies are listed on the agenda for approval this evening under item 6.B.
5. The next public Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Student Government Representative: Mr. Aaron Hammond** – Mr. Hammond reported on events and activities:

- Science Olympiad students participated in the EPC Competition on March 1<sup>st</sup> at NCC and won three medals.
- MiniThon was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and their theme was Harry Potter and the search for the cure. They raised \$12,096.60 exceeding their goal.
- Night of Unity was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> showing diverse sections of Pleasant Valley.
- Science Olympiad students competed at Penn State Wilkes-Barre on March 10<sup>th</sup> winning one medal.
- Students competed at Model United Nations at Lehigh University on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Envirothon team volunteered to practice with the PVI Junior Envirothon team on the Wildlife Station.
- The production of Seussical the Musical was an amazing show this past weekend.

**SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Mr. David Piperato**

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #6:

Approval of Agenda item #6.A. – Expulsions:

1. Request approval of Agreement for Expulsion for Student #E031119JR-H.
2. Request approval of Agreement for Expulsion for Student #E031219NF-H.
3. Request approval of Agreement for Expulsion for Student #E031819JK-H.
4. Request approval of Agreement for Expulsion for Student #E032019JB-H.

Approval of Agenda item #6.B. – Policies as was attached:

- 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

Approval of Agenda item #6.C. – 2019-2020 One Page Calendar as attached.

Mr. Piperato referred to the calendar for next school year and stated that after discussion and in cooperation with PVEA, instead of having full day data days in the fall and spring, half day staff development days will be used. Students will arrive at regular time, dismissed early, and teachers will use the rest of the day for professional development.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to approve agenda item #7.A.– Personnel Items as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Support Staff Substitute:

	Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
1.	Donna Eilber	Secretary	\$11.47 per hour	TBD

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

	Name	Position	Salary	Start Date
1.	Jennifer Carr	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	April 1, 2019
2.	Laura DePompo	Substitute Custodian	\$10.38 per hour	April 1, 2019

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Sharon Baker	Teacher	PVES	Two and one-half (2½ )	February 28, 2019 (1), March 7, 2019 (½) and March 12, 2019 (1)
2.	Melanie Bankus	Teacher	PVMS	Sixty (60)	February 11, 2019 – May 15, 2019
3.	Rachel Below	School Counselor	PVIS	Fifty-eight (58)	March 13, 2019 – the conclusion of the 2018/2019 school year (revised)
4.	Karen Deppen	Health Room Technician	PVES	One (1)	March 19, 2019
5.	Patrick Luchowski	Teacher	PVIS	Seven (7)	March 14, 2019 – March 22, 2019
6.	Thomas O’Leary	Custodian	PVHS	Two (2)	March 10, 2019 and March 21, 2019
7.	Mary Ellen Perloni	Paraprofessional Associate	PVIS	Five (5)	February 25, 2019 – March 1, 2019
8.	Nadine Scheller	Paraprofessional Associate	PVHS	Seven and one-half (7½)	Full Days: December 21, 2018, January 4, 11, 15, 23 and February 28, 2019 Half Days: January 17, March 6 and March 11, 2019

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Corinne Acevedo	Monitor	PVES	One (1)	February 21, 2019
2.	Jennifer Carr	Monitor	PVMS	Five (5)	April 8, 2019 – April 12, 2019
3.	Jessica Coffman	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	March 18, 2019
4.	Therea DiNunzi	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	March 11, 2019
5.	Georgia Fernicola	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	Five (5)	April 10, 2019 and April 23, 2019 – April 26, 2019
6.	Joann Gantt	Monitor	PVIS	Two (2)	March 11, 2019 and March 13, 2019
7.	Diana Graziano	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	Six (6)	November 5, 2018, December 6, 2018, December 20, 2018, January 14, 2019, January 25, 2019 and March 19, 2019
8.	Samantha Hardy	Monitor	PVES	Two (2)	October 31, 2018 and December 17, 2018
9.	Wendy Heller	Monitor	PVES	Three (3)	November 21, 2018, January 14, 2019 and February 5, 2019
10.	Maria Martins	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	One (1)	March 11, 2019
11.	Marie McGinley	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	Seven (7)	May 6, 2019 – May 10, 2019 and May

					23, 2019 – May 24, 2019
12.	Izabela Moscicki	Food Service Employee (PT)	PVHS	One (1)	February 21, 2019
13.	Jeneen Reitano	Secretary	PVIS	Two (2)	March 18, 2019 – March 19, 2019
14.	Angela Rivera	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	One (1)	January 15, 2019
15.	Judith Sanbeg	Food Service Employee (FT)	PVIS	Ten (10)	April 1, 2019 – April 12, 2019
16.	Danielle Staples	Teacher	PVES	Two (2)	February 21, 2019 – February 22, 2019

**Approval of Agenda item #7.F – Retirement Incentive PVEA 2019:**

The following individuals have met the requirements for the 2019 PVEA retirement incentive approved on January 24, 2019. Each individual’s retirement will take effect at the conclusion of the final day of the 2018-2019 academic school year.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>
1.	Wayne Davenport	Social Studies	PVMS
2.	Rollene Gougher	Math	PVMS
3.	Teresa Hartman	Reading	PVES
4.	Melinda Kessler	Art	PVIS
5.	CiaMarie Kneebone	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	PVES
6.	Lois Mann	Music	PVHS
7.	Theresa McDermott	Information Processing	PVMS
8.	Paul Nale	Science	PVHS
9.	Catherine Peechatka	Reading	PVES
10.	JoAnne Pohl	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	PVES
11.	Carol Shibley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	PVES
12.	David Stefani	Health & Physical Education	PVMS

**Approval of Agenda item #7.G. – Resignations:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Cherylynn Frantz	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	April 1, 2019
2.	Salvator Rosato	Security Officer	District	March 12, 2019
3.	Karen Behmke	Department Chair *	N/A	March 10, 2019

\*Stipend will be pro-rated for the remainder of the school year and equally divided between the other co-department chair people.

**Approval of Agenda item #7.H. – Supplemental Contracts:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Danielle Unger	Winter School	Graduation Project & Language Arts Remediation	½ Stipend	\$831.25
2.	Talitha Graham	Winter School	Math & Science Remediation	½ Stipend	\$831.25
3.	Debra Stewart	Winter School	Learning Support	½ Stipend	\$831.25

**Approval of Agenda item #7.I. – Position Descriptions:**

1.	Director of Athletic and Activities (this position description has been revised to include additional administrative responsibilities)
2.	Gifted Education Department Chair
3.	Health, Physical Education and Driver Education Department Chair
4.	Music Department Chair
5.	Speech and Language Department Chair
6.	STREAM Education Department Chair

**Approval of Agenda item #7.J. – Act 93 Position Creation entitled Director of Athletics and Activities.**

Prior to the roll call vote, Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald offered an explanation for Agenda item #7.J – Act 93 Position Creation. With regard to previous public comments relating to labor implications in creating this position, he explained the process from a State Labor Board

perspective. He stated that in reviewing decisions of the Labor Board, this is a position that can be removed based on the requirements of the position such as insuring Title IX compliance and investigations, 504 requirements, interviewing and investigating teachers, and evaluating coaches who are also teachers, etc. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the position is supervisory in nature which the Labor Board has found in other cases. Mr. Piperato clarified that the position does require work over the summer and the cost of this position given current salary and stipend could come in lower. Ms. Jecker questioned inclusion of department heads in the budget which Ms. Famularo clarified. Mr. Cocuzzo stated that we are not adding anything extra into the budget. Ms. Yozwiak questioned the amount of the stipend for department heads which Ms. Famularo clarified is \$2775. Ms. Yozwiak also pointed out that no amount for the athletic director position is listed.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED  
 Voting No on Agenda items #7.I. and #7.J.: Mr. Zacharias, Ms. Yozwiak, Mr. Peeters, Ms. Jecker (#7.I.1. only, and #7.J.) 5-4 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. - Discard old/unusable/out-of-date PVI library materials in accordance with Policy #108, per document as attached.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

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

**OPERATION SERVICES: Mr. William Gasper**

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

Approval of Agenda item #10.B. – 2018-2019 Facility Use Requests:

A.	Organization	PV Cubs
	Facility Requested	Middle School Football Field and Middle School Football Practice field
	Purpose	Football /Cheerleading Camp
	Dates/Times	Monday – Friday July 22, 2019 – July 26, 2019 5:30pm – 8:00pm
	Requestor	Sophia Izzo
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	PV Cubs
	Facility Requested	PVHS Stadium, restrooms, concession stands
	Purpose	Football Games
	Dates/Times	Sundays August 25, 2019 – November 24, 2019 8:00am – 5:00pm
	Requestor	Sophia Izzo
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	PV Cubs
	Facility Requested	MS Football Field / MS Football Practice Field
	Purpose	Football / Cheerleading Practice
	Dates/Times	Monday – Friday July 29, 2019 – September 20, 2019 6:00 – 8:00pm
	Requestor	Sophia Izzo
	Attendance	250
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	PV Cubs
	Facility Requested	PVHS Football Practice Field
	Purpose	Football / Cheerleading Practice

	Dates/Times	Monday – Friday September 16, 2019 – November 22, 2019 6:00 – 8:00pm
	Requestor	Sophia Izzo
	Attendance	250
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	West End Park & Open Spaces
	Facility Requested	Middle School Tennis Courts
	Purpose	Tennis Lessons
	Dates/Times	5/14/19-8/1/19 Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
	Requestor	Bernie Kozen
	Attendance	35
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	West End Little League - Softball
	Facility Requested	PVI – Softball Field
	Purpose	Softball Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	April 1, 2019 – June 28, 2019
	Requestor	Annette Walsh
	Attendance	44
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	Tumble with Denise
	Facility Requested	PVI Gymnasium
	Purpose	Stunting and Tumbling Practice
	Dates/Times	March 29, 2019 – April 19, 2019 Friday's 4:30-5:30pm
	Requestor	Erin Denmon
	Attendance	5
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	PV Cubs
	Facility Requested	PVHS Old Auditorium Lobby
	Purpose	Football / Cheerleading Registration
	Dates/Times	April 9, 2019 Tuesday 5:30 – 8:00pm
	Requestor	Sophia Izzo
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
I.	Organization	Salem St. Paul Church
	Facility Requested	PVMS Cafeteria Refrigerator
	Purpose	Storage of filling
	Dates/Times	August 7, 2019 – August 22, 2019 24 hour storage in refrigerator units
	Requestor	Tim Hinton
	Attendance	2
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #10.C. – Informational: Cafeteria Participation Report.

Agenda item #10.D. – Informational: District Events – March 28, 2019 through April 11, 2019.



**BUILDING REPORTS** (Agenda item #11)

**Pleasant Valley Elementary School** – Mr. Pomposello provided an informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, he highlighted other events including the clothing swap, Pi Day, and camp night. He said that PSSAs have been received. Mr. Pomposello wished all retirees on the agenda this evening good luck in their retirement.

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate School** – Mr. Breiner provided an informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, he highlighted other events including Pencil Power, Safe 2 Say, R.C. Hughes Spelling Bee with Hannah Kennedy finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the German Outreach Program for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Pleasant Valley Middle School** – Ms. Fields provided an informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, she stated that in continuing to remember Schyler Hermann, a dress down day was held on March 20<sup>th</sup> led by the Student Government Association.

**Pleasant Valley High School** – Mr. Triolo provided an informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, he stated that MCTI is now included in our yearbook for this year. Mr. Triolo informed all about Financial Aid Night. He also said that the Schyler Hermann memorial game has been rescheduled for May.

Mr. Piperato thanked the building principals for their leadership and making, in some cases, tough decisions.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo**

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Agenda item #12.A. Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.B. – Cafeteria Fund as was attached:

- Cafeteria Accounts Payable for March 28, 2019 – Total amount \$33,324.87

Approval of Agenda item #12.C. – Recommendation for payment from the 2018 Bond Fund, per attached – \$4,550.41

Approval of Agenda item #12.D. – Recommendation for payment from Capital Reserve, per attached - \$2,233.85.

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – Contracts:

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: Not to exceed \$19,609.50. Pleasant Valley Intermediate School - Therapeutic Emotional Support Program. Effective February 7, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Fundraiser for FBLA at the Pleasant Valley High School. Spaghetti Dinner. Support Leukemia Foundation. Effective date 3/6/19.
3. Fundraiser for FBLA at the Pleasant Valley High School. 3x3 Basketball game. Support Leukemia Foundation. Effective date 2/27/19.
4. Fundraiser for FBLA at the Pleasant Valley High School. Trivia night. Support Leukemia Foundation. Effective date 2/21/19.
5. Fundraiser for SGA at the Pleasant Valley Middle School. Jester Run III. Items to be sold, T-shirts, MiniTHON items. Effective April 6, 2019.
6. Frankie Carll Productions. Cost: \$795.00. Enterprise photo Booth #1 for 5 hours for Prom 2020 being held at The Palace Center, April 25, 2020.
7. Frankie Carll Productions. Cost: \$795.00. Enterprise photo Booth #2 for 5 hours for Prom 2020 being held at The Palace Center, April 25, 2020.
8. Frankie Carll Productions. Cost: \$775.00. Music Machine DJs for 5 hours including dance floor lighting for Prom 2020 being held at The Palace Center.
9. Frontline Education. Cost: \$24,502.27. Absence & Substitute Management, unlimited usage for internal employees. Effective 7/1/19 to 6/30/20.
10. E-rate funding Point to Point cable connection. For E-rate funding year 2019. (1) HS to PVE - Project cost: monthly for 60 months: \$1,039.95, PVSD will pay \$311.98. PenTeleData will provide discounted bills. Remaining funding will be covered under the E-rate program. (2) HS to Polk - Project cost: monthly for 60 months: \$689.95, PVSD will pay \$689.95 per month. This facility is not E-rate eligible and is used only for HVAC controls. \*\*Effective March 27, 2019
11. EMC Development Company, Inc. d/b/a Electric Market Connection. Capacity Rewards Agreement, PVSD will be paid on a semi-annual basis for permanently reducing their load. This is offered by PJM to incentivize customers, reducing the need for additional generating capacity on the electric grid. Net result is a payment

- of \$15,457 over a 4 year period - Electric Delivery Years of 2019 to 2023. Subject to solicitor review, revision and approval.
12. Engle Hambright & Davies, Inc. (EHD). Cost: \$469.40. Student Helper Accident Policy 2/9/19 - 2/9/20.
  13. The Communication Solutions Group, Inc. Cost: Not to exceed \$5,000.00 (excluding postage, printing and mail prep). Letter of Agreement. PROJECT: Concept, design and writing of a printed and electronic annual report. Completed document: 8 pages.
  14. Leukemia Fundraiser for Pleasant Valley High School. Sell lemonade February 19, 2019 to March 1, 2019.
  15. Blue Mountain Farms Fundraiser for FBLA - State Project. Selling hanging baskets 4/4/19 to 5/2/19.

Approval of Agenda item #12.F. – MCTI retaining the excess revenue from the 2017-2018 final audit - in the amount of \$784,163. These funds will be transferred to MCTI capital reserve fund for future capital projects. The PVSD share is \$219,283.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED  
Voting No on Agenda item #12.E.13.:  
Mr. Peeters, Ms. Jecker 7-2 CARRIED

Agenda item #12.G. – Informational: District Investment Report February 28, 2019, per attached.

**SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – Mr. Fitzgerald spoke about news out of Harrisburg about the momentum on charter school bills relating to the cyber option bringing students back to districts which could be a significant cost savings for school districts by having an internal cyber school.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Cocuzzo spoke about the prospect of not having specific committees of the Board but instead to have a committee with the whole Board in order to gain more trust and transparency within the Board. He stated that this would be a way of unifying the Board and provide the community a better understanding about decisions being made.

Mr. Wunder talked about the Pencil Power for Parents initiative and commended all involved. He also spoke about the Profile of a Graduate committee for which he was asked to join and expressed his pleasure in seeing so many people involved. In addition, Mr. Wunder spoke about the many positive initiatives that are taking place, commended the new administrators for their energy, and gives credit to Mr. Piperato for doing what he said he was going to do in moving this District forward in a positive direction.

Ms. Yozwiak thanked Mr. Ziatyk for meeting with Board members and expressed her gratitude that he has joined the administrative team.

Mr. Gould expressed his views on transparency and also expressed that he is disturbed about negative comments made in the community by certain Board members about other Board members and the Superintendent. Mr. Wunder stated that he heard the same disturbing comments. He invited any prospective candidate to meet with him to share the good things happening in the District.

Ms. Kresge stated that in the interest of transparency, she referred to an anonymous letter received intending to disparage her reputation. She said that the letter contained lies and believes it is a tactic to influence the election.

Mr. Cocuzzo referred to all good things accomplished by Mr. Piperato in moving the District forward. He expressed his support for Mr. Piperato and as an independent, stated that we owe him a debt of gratitude for doing what he said he would do.

Mr. Piperato thanked all for their kind words. He stated that he understands that some individuals want to see him leave the District, but asked all to think about the teachers and students in the District and what change means at top levels, the longevity of a superintendent and how it impacts the teachers and students of the district. He has asked to put vendettas aside and think about those who will be impacted. Mr. Piperato stated that he has put systems, structures and an administration team in place that he stands by and feels we can rise above the negativity.

Mr. Serfass expressed his support for Mr. Piperato and stated that he is above average. He expressed his views about the negative social media comments being made.

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

Mr. Vincent Fernandez expressed his opinions on the cheerleading program including the coaches, and shared his experience with not getting on the varsity cheerleading team due to sexual discrimination. He expressed his disappointment that even though he was the mascot, he did not receive a varsity letter after devoting his time and talent to the program and does not want this to happen to anyone else.

Mr. Seth Fernandez expressed his disappointment in the way his brother Vincent was treated after his dedication to the Cheerleading program and the District and that the matter has not been addressed. Mr. Piperato spoke about the situation and that it was his responsibility. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested having a discussion with the family in private.

Ms. Kresge and others thanked Mr. Ziatyk for a successful dinner theater.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Gould to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: April 11, 2019 @ 7:00 PM